

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2016

Workbooks Are In

The lector workbooks for the upcoming liturgical year are in the Church sacristies.

Coffee Hours

Today at St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday at St. Peter

Bakers/Buyers Needed

Danishes, donuts, etc. are needed for our upcoming coffee hours -- bought or baked! Leave your goods in the kitchen the morning of the coffee hour on your way into Mass.

Penny Social Baskets

Themed baskets are needed to raffle at the Penny Social on Friday, November 4, in Father Willis Hall. Suggestions: *movie night, baking, Italian dinner, tea time, junk food.*

The Social is in **2** weeks so drop your items in the office Monday-Friday between 10:30 & 3:30.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

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The Priory Retreat, Chestertown 518.494.3733

Come. Be Still. Listen.... November 11-13

As it gets closer to the holidays you may feel called to take time for your own growth and reflection to refocus on your inner calling and purpose. Surrender to the beauty of the Priory grounds and the grace of God to rejuvenate your soul through quiet reflection. Choose to stay for a quiet afternoon or the entire weekend. Meals, accommodations, and spiritual direction provided if you wish to spend a day, afternoon, or weekend.

Cost: \$65/single, \$80/double; meals: \$5 - \$15.

St. Peter's Environment Ministry

The Ministry is looking for volunteers to join and take part in decorating the Church for Christmas (as well as during the year). If you are interested, please come to the Christmas planning meeting Saturday, November 5, at 10 pm in the Rectory conference room.

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Ministry Schedule January-June 2017

Please submit your updates for the upcoming schedule by **November 15**.

St. John and Holy Family

Nancy Greene, 865.6879

Doreen Oles, 865.6724

St. Peter:

Debbie, 746.2503

* Looking to have a more active role at Mass? Help is needed in all the various ministries at our three Churches. Please speak to Father or call one of the numbers above.

2016 Bishop's Appeal Update

thebishopsappeal.org

Pledges accepted until March of 2017.

The Churches will receive credit for pledges and gifts you send directly to Albany in response to the recent Diocesan mailing as well as online gifts and pledges.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Listen to Jesus in the Gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.

Today is World Mission Sunday

In announcing his decision to declare a Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said, "Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy." Supporting the churches throughout the world with your prayers and generous gifts is indeed a merciful witness of this mission.

The collection will help missionaries offer the poor practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious, and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Extend your merciful witness to the world through your gift.

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion, or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to Your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear Your Word, live Your love, and keep in the ways of Your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and His Apostles and guide us to Your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Bible Journey

Today at St. John the Baptist, 4 pm.

Week Nine

One-- Lev 19:1-20:21; Mk 8:11-38; Ps 42:1-11; Prov 10:17
Two-- Lev 20:22-22:16; Mk 9:1-29; Ps 43:1-5; Prov 10:18
Three-- Lev 22:17-23:44; Mk 9:30-10:12; Ps 44:1-8; Prov 10:19
Four-- Lev 24:1-1-25:46; Mk 10:13-31; Ps 44:9-26; Prov 10:20-21
Five-- Lev 25:47-27:13; Mk 10:32-52; Ps 45:1-17; Prov 10:22
Six-- Lev 27:14-Num 1:54; Mk 11:1-26; Ps 46:1-11; Prov 10:23
Seven--Num 2:1-3:51; Mk 11:27-12:17; Ps 47:1-9; Prov 10:24-25

Week Ten

One-- Num 4:1-5:31; Mk 12:18-37; Ps 48:1-14; Prov 10:26
Two-- Num 6:1-7:89; Mk 12:38-13:13; Ps 49:1-20; Prov 10:27-28
Three-- Num 8:1-9:23; Mk 13:14-37; Ps 50:1-23; Prov 10:29-30
Four-- Num 10:1-11:23; Mk 14:1-21; Ps 51:1-19; Prov 10:31-32
Five-- Num 11:24-13:33; Mk 14:22-52; Ps 52:1-9; Prov 11:1-3
Six-- Num 14:1-15:16; Mk 14:53-72; Ps 53:1-6; Prov 11:4
Seven--Num 15:17-16:40; Mk 15:1-7; Ps 54:1-7; Prov 11:5-6

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

When it is hard to forgive a spouse who has 'done you wrong' (or voters who you believe are wrong) try praying this way: "Oh Lord, let me forgive those who sin differently than I do." Now is the time for healing, not for self-righteousness.

Marriage Encounter

FALL is here so why not Fall in Love all over again by experiencing the November 4 to 6 Marriage Encounter weekend. Make time (and priority) for time away -- just the two of you.

For more information, please call Ed or Rhonda at 518.279.3243 today.