

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

~ Advent Mass Schedule ~

Mondays:	7 pm ~ St. John
Tuesdays:	8 am ~ St. Peter 9:30 am & 7 pm ~ St. John
Wednesdays:	8 am ~ St. Peter 9:30 am ~ St. John
Thursdays:	8 am ~ St. Peter 9:30 am ~ St. John

St. Peter Advent Reconciliations

St. Peter's Communal Reconciliation will be held Wednesday the 6th at 7 pm, and Individual Reconciliation will be on Thursday, December 7, at 7 pm.

Book Club Meets on the 7th

St. Peter's Book Club will meet Wednesday, December 7, at 2 pm, at Hilda's Place. We will be reading a trilogy entitled The Hawk and the Dove, by Penelope Wilcock. Please join us!

Cartons for the Franciscans

Please save your empty egg cartons and place them in the container provided in Father Willis Hall (next to March for Life bottle & can collection). The secular Franciscans need them for their food bank and would greatly appreciate them. This is an ongoing collection so don't throw those egg cartons out! Thank you.

Table of the Lord

If you cannot attend Church, watch Mass from your home each week. The Diocese has a live broadcast on its website, rcda.org, at 9:30 am. Those with cable can watch Mass on EWTN. [The Diocese will work with individuals to find solutions for those who cannot access online or on cable.]

Parenting Pointers Susan Voigt

Your Thanksgiving meal is probably over, but you may have leftovers. May it prompt you to reflect on your abundance. Consult your family about one way during this Advent that you can use extras around your home -- food, toys, tools, etc. -- to ease the lives of those who do not have as much.

Caregiver Support

If you are a caregiver for someone who has Alzheimer's, The United Ministry of Delhi has a support group which meets the second Monday of the month at 2 pm.

The group is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers as well as help participants develop methods and skills to solve problems. Caregivers are also encouraged to maintain their own health as well. Please call 547.1650 for additional information.

Advent

Advent~ (latin) *adventus*: "arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance.

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of God into our world and our lives. Celebrating Advent focuses on themes of promise and fulfillment, darkness and light, hope and joy in anticipation of God's presence with us.

Advent is celebrated not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming as a baby, but also for His presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in anticipation of His final coming at the end of time.

O'Connor Hospital Holiday Parade

The 18th Annual O'Connor Hospital Holiday Parade will be held next Saturday, December 3, at 11 am. There will be free refreshments, Ross Park Zoo for kids and the opportunity to have a family picture with Santa & Mrs. Claus!

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus advises us in the Gospel: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being 'fearful;' fear cripples! Instead 'pray for the strength' to be courageous.

Enfleshing Mercy in Our Lives

On December 3 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Dr. Janet Ruffing, a Sister of Mercy from California, will explore how we both receive and offer compassion to others primarily within pastoral relationships. Central to enfleshing mercy in our lives is our contemplative experience of God's mercy flowing toward us & through us. \$50

Place: CSJ Hospitality Center, Latham
Includes: hearty soup buffet, salad, dessert
Register: 518.783.3500

Star of Bethlehem Movie

The Star of Bethlehem movie will be shown at the Kopernik Observatory and Science Center, 698 Underwood Road, Vestal, on Friday, December 9 and 16. This fascinating documentary unlocks the mystery of the Star of Bethlehem by relating scientific knowledge about astronomy and historical clues from the bible. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the movie begins at 7 pm. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 seniors/students, [\$16 family max], includes telescope viewing after movie (if clear). Check out kopernik.com.

Faith Formation

Facebook: Search "St John's and St Peter's Faith Formation" group on Facebook and join for reminders, updates, schedule changes, and other relevant content.

Marriage Moments Susan Voigt

Feast then famine. It's a paradox of USA and Christian church calendars that the feast of Thanksgiving is quickly followed by Advent ~ a season of waiting and preparation. Our culture hurries Christmas by trying to get us to fill Advent with buying and busyness. Don't let yourself be robbed of this holy time of reflection. **Simplify.**

Bible Journey

Sunday, December 4, at St. John, 5 pm.

Week 13

- 1-- Deut 5:1-6:25; Luke 7:11-35; Ps 68:19-35; Prov 11:29-31
- 2-- Deut 7:1-8:20; Luke 7:36-8:3; Ps 69:1-18; Prov 12:1
- 3-- Deut 9:1-10:22; Luke 8:4-21; Ps 69:19-36; Prov 12:2-3
- 4-- Deut 11:1-12:32; Luke 8:22-39; Ps 70:1-5; Prov 12:4
- 5-- Deut 13:1-15:23; Luke 8:40-9:6; Ps 71:1-24; Prov 12:5-7
- 6-- Deut 16:1-17:20; Luke 9:7-27; Ps 72:1-20; Prov 12:8-9
- 7-- Deut 18:1-20:20; Luke 9:28-50; Ps 73:1-28; Prov 12:10

Week 14

- 1-- Deut 21:1-22:30; Luke 9:51-10:12; Ps 74:1-23; Prov 12:11
- 2-- Deut 23:1-25:29; Luke 10:13-37; Ps 75:1-10; Prov 12:12-14
- 3-- Deut 26:1-27:26; Luke 10:38-11:13; Ps 76:1-12; Prov 12:15-17
- 4-- Deut 28:1-68; Luke 11:14-36; Ps 77:1-20; Prov 12:18
- 5-- Deut 29:1-30:20; Luke 11:37-12:7; Ps 78:1-31; Prov 12:19-20
- 6-- Deut 31:1-32:27; Luke 12:8-34; Ps 78:32-55; Prov 12:21-23
- 7-- Deut 32:28-52; Luke 12:35-59; Ps 78:56-64; Prov 12:24

You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You.

*Come, Lord, stir us up & call us back.
Kindle & seize us. Be our fire & our sweetness.
Let us love. Let us run. ~ St. Augustine*