

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2017

All Saints

Masses for Wednesday the first:
8 am and 6 pm at St. Peter
9:30 am and 7:15 pm at St. John

All Souls

Masses for Thursday the second:
8 am at St. Peter and 9:30 am at St. John

Penny Social Friday

Donations of gently used items (no clothing) are needed or this year's Social. Also, please consider putting together a basket with a friend or family member. Donations of gift cards for our specials table or non-perishable food items for our food basket raffle would also be greatly appreciated.

Items may be dropped off Monday thru Friday between 10 am and 4 pm. Please call Jim O'Dell at the office to let him know when you would like to stop in and if you need help unloading.

Annual Delhi Thanksgiving Dinner

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is on November 23, from 12-3 pm at the Delhi Fire Hall. All are welcome, and freewill offerings accepted. Reservations (please call 746.3858) are appreciated but not required. Delivery to shut-ins is available with advance notice by calling 746.3858.

St. Peter has been asked to provide the following (sign-up in entranceway):

- one cooked turkey with gravy (delivered to firehouse by 11 am Thanksgiving)
- 1 dozen cookies
- four gallons of cider
- five pounds of butter
- five apple pies

Please deliver cookies, cider, butter, and pies to firehouse from 3 to 7 pm on Wednesday the 22nd. Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving, clean-up, delivering meals to shut-ins, and driving folks to and fro (sign-up in entranceway).

🕒 Daylight Savings Next Sunday

Free Entombment at St. Agnes

St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands offers free entombment of cremated remains at the All Souls Committal Mass Service on All Souls Day

If you have the cremated remains of a loved one that you would like to entomb, please contact us, 518.463.0134 or info@rcdacemetries.org.

'Challenges' Meeting

The Knights of Columbus is a group of active church members from our three churches. We are currently attempting to assist in addressing current and future challenges that are facing our combined communities. Next meeting: St. Peter, 6 pm, Nov 6.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Anyone can be "saint" in front of strangers, but the daily acts of patience, acceptance, forgiveness, listening, and dying to oneself within the family are religious acts. Family life is the turf of sanctity.

Delhi Food Bank

Requested items: canned fruit and vegetables; mac 'n cheese, rice, pasta; peanut butter, jelly; Jell-O, pudding; flour, sugar. Thank you.

Bake Sale

A fundraiser Bake Sale will be held after St. John the Baptist Masses on November 4 and 5 to help Emmaline Freeman attend a Real Desert Retreat in Death Valley, California this December 16-21 through her Jesuit University.

Please stop by and talk to Emmi about this during the bake sale! Thank you in advance.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

You know your beloved's best and worst qualities. Focus on their saintliness today and write a paragraph describing the saintly qualities of your spouse: i.e. sacrifices themselves for me, generosity, long-suffering, ...)

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

"You shall not oppress an alien ... nor wrong any widow or orphan."

Exodus 22:20

Does your family know any "aliens" (immigrants), widows, or orphans? Discuss how your family might help them. If you don't know any, figure out a way to meet some.

Lectio Divina

Matthew 22:34-40

Previously, to put Jesus to the test, the Sadducees had asked Him about belief in the resurrection and were firmly silenced by Jesus. Now the Pharisees come to the fore. The Pharisees and Sadducees were enemies, but they become friends in criticizing Jesus. The Pharisees come together and one of them asks for a clarification: "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?" In those days, the Jews had a huge number of norms, customs, and laws, great and small, to regulate the observance of the Ten Commandments. One point concerning two commandments of the law of God was a matter of great discussion among the Pharisees. Some said: "All the laws, great or small, have equal value because they all come from God. We cannot make distinctions in matters concerning God." Others said: "Some laws are more important than others and thus they deserve greater observance!" The Pharisees want to know where Jesus stands in this debate.

Jesus replies by quoting some words from the Bible: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind!" In Jesus' days, pious Jews recited this phrase three times a day, morning, noon and night. It was a well-known prayer among them. Jesus goes on quoting the Old Testament: "This is the greatest and first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbor as yourself." He concludes: "On these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets too". In other words, this is the way to God. There is no other. The greatest temptation of human beings is that of trying to separate these two loves, because in this way the poverty of others would not discomfort their consciences.

Order of Carmelites

Faith Formation

If you have any questions about our Faith Formation programs contact Katherine Gielskie at 607.437.7474 or katherinegielskie@live.com.

Choose one of the following activities as a way your family can further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- God asks us to love our neighbor. As a family, investigate the treatment of refugees or other immigrants in your community. What difficulties do they experience? Talk about what you can do.
- Collect and write down family stories about your ancestors who first came to this country. What do their experiences teach us about the way we should treat others?
- We show our love for God by imitating God's compassion in caring for those who are poor. Evaluate your family's concern for the poor in your community. Remind your family that you also need to be aware of the sufferings of those who are poor throughout the world. Gather together as a family, and vote on a family project to help alleviate suffering in your community or in the world.
- Together with your family, draw a large heart on a blank sheet of white paper. Cut out the heart and write the passage Matthew 22:37-39 inside. Hang the heart in a special place to remind your family of Jesus' Great Commandment each day.

Catholic Volunteer Network

Interested in making a difference in our community, the country, or the world? One source to serve those in need and work for social justice is the Catholic Volunteer Network. For more than 50 years CVN has been a leader in faith-based lay mission service for people who want to help.

Peruse the listing of thousands of prospects in the RESPONSE 2018 Guide in the office with nearly 200 one week and one year opportunities. Also check out: catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

Love is the hinge that binds
the two tablets of the law.
For we can't love God,
whom we can't see,
if we don't love our neighbor,
whom we can. Dr. Scott Hahn