

# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

St. John Coffee Hour today.

### Annual Delhi Thanksgiving Dinner

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is November 23, from 12-3 pm at the Delhi Fire Hall. Delivery to shut-ins available with advance notice, please call 746.3858. Check sign-up sheet to see what items need to be donated. Volunteers still needed.

### “Conversation, Questions, & Answers”

On Tuesday, December 12, at 7 pm in Father Willis Hall the Knights of Columbus will sponsor “Conversation, Questions, and Answers” with Father Golding. Some topics to be discussed: the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation and an overview of Catholicism. Light refreshments will be provided.

Next Knights Meeting: 12/4, 6 pm at St. Peter.

### Thanksgiving Worship Services on the 19<sup>th</sup>

Join the local church communities to give thanks to our benevolent Lord for all His blessings this evening:

St. John Episcopal Church, Delhi at 4 pm  
Christ Episcopal Church, Walton at 6:45 pm

### St. Peter Advent Reconciliations

St. Peter’s Communal Reconciliation will be held Tuesday, December 5, at 7 pm, and Individual Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, December 7, at 7 pm.

### *~ Advent Mass Schedule ~*

First Friday:	8 am ~ St. Peter 9:30 am ~ St. John
Tuesdays:	8 am ~ St. Peter 9:30 am ~ St. John
Wednesdays:	8 am ~ St. Peter 9:30 am ~ St. John
Thursdays:	8 am ~ St. Peter 9:30 am ~ St. John

### Family Perspective Bud Ozar

In the Gospel the man entrusted his servants with his money, so God has ‘entrusted’ our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

### Delhi Food Bank

Please bring a needed item or two when you attend Mass (or drop at United Ministry on Mondays or Thursdays 1-3 pm): powdered milk, condiments, canned meats, biscuit mix, dried herbs/seasonings, spaghetti sauce, tuna, cereal.

### Life-Giving Gift Ideas for Christmas

CRS: Want a creative gift idea which will have a long-lasting impact? Catholic Relief Services has gift ideas that have the power to change lives of people facing hunger and poverty, and will show your loved ones just how much you care!

Just a few gifts available: \$25 provides health exams for 12 children; \$60 buys two pigs to help increase farmers’ earnings; \$80 buys one lamb or kid which aids farm families diets and income; \$165 buys a survivors kit for girls rescued from trafficking providing a month’s supply of food, medicine, bedding, clothing, etc.

Pick your gifts online at [gifts.crs.org](http://gifts.crs.org) and dedicate a special card for your gift recipients notifying them of your life-giving gift!

Samaritan’s Purse: For life-transforming gifts which spread the hope of the Gospel, Samaritan’s Purse has 42 gifts of hope. Some ways to touch people’s lives around the world: \$25 (to share the \$2,500 cost) to repair an entire home of a persecuted Christian; \$75 to save the lives and improve the health of mothers and their babies (\$9 to feed a hungry baby for a week); \$25 (share the \$250 cost) to provide treatment for children with crippling birth defects or injuries; \$100 provides emergency medical care after a catastrophic event. Also gifts for our military personnel as well as gifts your kids can give: [samaritanspurse.org/catalog](http://samaritanspurse.org/catalog).

### Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Even with natural talent, it takes work to develop it. Help your child identify one talent this week, and one way they can improve it. Often this includes the “P” word -- Practice.

### Marriage Encounter Weekends

I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.

Enjoy restful time together by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The upcoming weekends are: January 19-21 in South Kings-town, Rhode Island and February 2-4 in Manchester, Connecticut. For information, call 518.279.3243 and speak to Ed or Rhonda or visit [wwmenyalb.org](http://wwmenyalb.org).

### Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

When one finds a worthy wife [husband] their value is far beyond pearls [money]. Proverb 31:10

Although this scripture traditionally refers to wives, it works equally well for husbands. Pause for a moment and ponder the worth of your beloved.

### *Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169*

**December 1-3:** Advent Silent Men and Women’s Retreat: *“Too Blessed or Too Stressed.”* We’ll focus on the passage from Matthew in which Jesus invites all who labor and are heavy burdened to come to Him so that He can give us rest and replace our burdens with the yoke of Christ. Come reflect on the forces that push and drive our choices and priorities and examine what we may be able to lay down, and not only lose nothing, but gain freedom and peace. And finally, to discern what burdens, crosses, or yokes we are being asked to carry by Christ. Director: Fr. Raymond Dlugos, OSA \$205

**December 8 & 9:** Yoga for Men & Women. Enjoy a holiday break for yoga and guided meditation for the mind, spirit, and body. Sonya Boesse \$100 includes overnight accommodation.

**December 31:** A New Year’s evening of reflection: *Behold! I Make All Things New!* How to cope with change when all things seem constantly new; how can all things be made New when Christ is the same yesterday and today? Fr. Daniel P. Dwyer, OFM \$25 (or \$50 with overnight and breakfast).

### Reflections

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns. What matters isn’t the time or the season, but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us. This is at the heart of Jesus’ parable in the Gospel. Jesus is the Master and having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time.

By our baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His “possessions,” a share in His divine life (2 Peter 1:4). He has given us talents and responsibilities, according to the measure of our faith (Romans 12:3, 8). We are to be like the worthy wife in the First Reading, and the faithful man we sing of in the Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the “fear of the Lord” -- in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom (Acts 9:31; Proverbs 1:7). This is not the “fear” of the useless servant in the parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to.

He has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers (1 Corinthians 3:9) using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace (1 Peter 4:10). In this, we each have a different part to play. Though the good servants in the parable were given different numbers of talents, each “doubled” what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness -- greater responsibilities and a share of the Master’s joy.

So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we’ve been given to do all for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31) that we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

### Christmas Light Show

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine will hold a drive through Christmas Light Show: *“Light the Knight”* December 1/2, 8/9, and 15/16 from 6 to 9 pm. Hosted by Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons High School, revel in the wonderful light display, warm up in the Visitor Center with cocoa and cookies, your kids can participate in free arts and crafts, and do some of your Christmas shopping in the gift shop. Donation: \$5 per car.