

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

Lent Mass Schedule

St. Peter ~ Saturday~ 5:30 pm
Sunday~ 9:30 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, First Friday~ 8 am

Holy Family ~ Sunday~ 8 am

St. John ~ Saturday~ 4 pm
Sunday~ 11:15 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, First Friday~ 9:30 am

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:
YOU CAN WIN MONEY!!

HOW??? By participating in the 2018 New York State Right to life Oratory Contest. Use your voice to Wake a sleeping world for life.

Prepare and present a 5-7 minute speech on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, or stem cell research. The Winner of our local contest here from the Walton, Delhi, or Downsville area will win \$50. One high school student from our area can move on to the State contest and Win: Cash prizes and a trip to Washington DC to compete in the National competition for more Cash.

Our local contest will be held Sunday, April 22, at 12:15 at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Walton. If you have any questions please contact Brigid at 607.434.5874.

NEEDED:

An adorer for the 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm time period on Thursdays at St. John's Adoration Chapel. Please contact Dorothy Yaiser @ 607.829.5912 to confirm. If you cannot commit to the time, please feel free to contact Dorothy if you can sub between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Adorers needed at St. Peter's Church between 8:30 am and 6 pm. Call the office if you would like to spend quiet time with our Lord each week.

Pillars of our Faith

Welcome all! Let's join together midweek -- for a Wednesday Lenten Series to worship, learn, inspire, and rejuvenate during our Lenten Journey. Each Wednesday we emphasize the five pillars of our faith - - integral for our lives and especially for a fruitful Lent:

1. INTENSIFICATION of PRAYER
2. FASTING
3. ALMSGIVING
4. PROCLAMATION of FAITH or CREED
5. PILGRIMAGE

Format: 6 pm Mass followed by 20 minute lively PowerPoint presentation (2/28 at St. John); then 20 to 30 minute snack while we review, reconvene, and rejuvenate our Lenten goals.

Each week it is helpful to read beforehand. This Lenten Wednesday Series will closely follow our Lectionary/Scripture readings. Check the bulletin each week for readings.

This mid-week Lenten Series is intended to partner with and reinforce our actions of GIVING this Lent -- particularly through the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Rice Bowls, which have been promoted and are available in our three parishes.

First Week Readings:

Joel 2:12-28; Isaiah 58: 1-12; Exodus1: 1-22;
Psalm 51; Genesis 9:8-15; Matthew 25:31-46;
Matthew 6:7-15

Best Lent Ever

Enjoy daily Lenten inspiration by signing up for emails at BestLentEver.com/ParishSignUp. Watch videos from Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team and experience a deeper Lenten journey with a theme to focus on each day, how to live out the theme in everyday life, and a short prayer. Sign up today.

March is our month at the Walton Food Bank.

Future of Our Churches

The Knights of Columbus consist of a group of men within our local faith communities. As part our mission, we are charged with serving the needs of our local churches and congregations. Since 2016 we have had discussions relative to the needs and challenges that our church communities face. In May of 2017, we made contact with the Diocese office of Architecture and Buildings. Deacon Frank Berning, who heads the committee, officiated at the meeting. We discussed our challenges and the committee was made aware of our intent to aid in addressing those issues.

It is our duty to assist our Priest and Deacon in any way so that we will continue to be blessed with the opportunities of practicing our Catholic faith. Our aging infrastructure and changing situations need to be discussed further with the greater community. Simply put we need to have plans in place. In order to start the process of reviewing present and future needs, we will be soliciting comments from members of our combined church congregations. Watch the bulletin for further information.

Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls offer an opportunity to engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer - fasting - almsgiving as a family. The money saved using the simple meal recipes in your rice bowl can be collected during Lent. Check out their resources: crsricebowl.org

Colchester Food Bank

Please bring a needed item or two when you attend Mass: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce, and fruit.

Stations of the Cross held every Friday during Lent ~ 3 pm at Holy Family; 6 pm at St. Peter & St. John the Baptist.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer, first held here in the US in 1920, was created to recognize the critical role of prayer in mission work and to promote world peace through worldwide mission work. Be part of this year's World Day of Prayer, *All of God's Creation is Very Good*, by joining the community on Friday, March 2, at 7 pm at United Presbyterian in Walton. Gather with 170 countries around the world and be united in prayer!

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Principles for honoring your spouse:

- 1) The Golden Rule: Treat your mate the same way you want to be treated.
- 2) No Double Standards: Be as considerate to your spouse as you are to coworkers or strangers.
- 3) Honor Requests that your spouse asks you to do or not do.-Love Dare--Stephen, Alex Kendrick

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

God said to Abraham, "*because you did not withhold from me your beloved son, I will bless you.*"

Genesis 22: 16

Parenting can be hard. It comes with a lot of sacrifices. Believe that God will provide even if the way is not clear right now.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were *afraid*. In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old, and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new & let go of the old.

Long Winter Days

Stop by our libraries and pick up some good reading to help finish out this challenging winter!