

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

## Lent Reconciliations at St. John, 7 pm

Tuesday, March 20: Communal Reconciliation  
Wednesday, March 21: Individual Reconciliation

## Schedule for Holy Week

**St. Peter:** Tuesday, Wednesday~ 8 am  
Good Friday~ Stations of the Cross, 3 pm  
Easter Sunday~ 9:30 am

**Holy Family:** Good Friday~ Stations of the Cross, 3 pm  
Easter Sunday~ 8 am

**St. John:** Tuesday~ 9:30 am  
Wednesday~ 9:30 am  
Thursday~ Mass Commemorating the  
Mystical Supper of Our Lord~ 7 pm  
Good Friday~ Stations of the Cross, 3 pm;  
Veneration of the Cross &  
Communion Service~ 7 pm  
Saturday Easter Vigil~ 7 pm  
Easter Sunday~ 11:15 am

## Pillars of our Faith

Welcome all! On Wednesday, March 21, we will continue our Lenten series at St. Peter. We are looking at the five pillars of our faith - - integral for our lives and especially for a fruitful Lent: *intensification of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, proclamation of faith, and pilgrimage.*  
**Readings:** Jer 17:5-10; Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32; Micah 7:14-15; Jn 4:5-42; 2Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 95; Lk 18:9-14; Jn 9:1-41; Jn 3:14-21; Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46.

## Needed at St. John

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

## Binghamton Devils Faith & Family Nite

Friday, April 6; at 7:05 pm. Adults: \$15, kids: \$5. Free post-game photo. Reservations: 722.7367.

 St. John coffee hour today.

*Please pray for the soul of T. Ford Prime.  
May he rest in the peace of our Lord.*

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Spring officially begins on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The changing of the seasons can remind us of the changing seasons of marriage. Are you experiencing any transitions in your marriage? A new job, a move, a baby? Health or money problems? Aging? Don't fight the change. Embrace whatever it brings.

## The Bible and the Virgin Mary

The Journey Through Scripture study, *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*, will be on EWTN Mondays at 1:30 pm and Saturdays at 1:30 am. St. Paul Center is launching a revival in Catholic Scripture study, and in 12 visually stunning episodes of *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*, Matthew Leonard studies the Word of God and unveils the mystery of Our Lady in Scripture.

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Relationships come with a price tag: we must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, let go of our autonomy, and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

## Emergency Preparedness of Older Persons

The next Patient Advocates Telephone Teach-in is on Tuesday, March 20, from 10 to 11 am. Learn how to prepare for and recover in the event of a disaster.

Dial 1.712.832.8300, press 6258645, and listen to the session. The line will be opened for questions and comments after the speaker is finished with the presentation.

## Camp Veritas Early Bird Savings

Early bird rate ends April 1! July 22 to 28 at Mt. St. Mary College, Newburgh, NY and August 12 to 18 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enjoy a week long play-and-pray summer camp for 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Cost: \$450 (\$400 paid in full early bird rate due by April 1). [campveritas.com](http://campveritas.com).

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

On the 21<sup>st</sup> we honor single parents. Single parents are like a Swiss Army knife -- they have to perform many functions. If you are not a single parent, help one you know this week by shoveling snow, babysitting, providing a listening ear, etc.

## Increase Your Mileage

Is your car on its last legs (wheels)? You can help bring hope to people in need by donating your used or broken down car, truck, boat, or motorcycle. Turn it into a 'vehicle for change' via Catholic Relief Services. Find out how at **crs.com**. Maximize your tax benefit! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:  
1) Call toll free 855.990.4483, or visit: [crs.org](http://crs.org), 2) schedule your free pickup, and 3) your vehicle will be picked up, and you will receive a donation receipt.

## Dominican Retreat Conference Center

**March 16 to 18:** A Retreat for Survivors of Sexual Abuse ~ *From Death to Life*. Director: Sr. Carol Davis, OP, MA

The journey of healing takes us along many paths: from death to life from lies to truth from fragmentation to a new wholeness. It is a journey through devastation, grief, anger, and fear, a journey in which we are carried by hope and courage. We will support one another, companions on this healing journey.

**March 23 to 25:** Pick from three different retreats--

- 1.) Knitting -- A Spiritual Way: Our spirits are touched with the memory of the hands that taught us, the perience of the meditative repetition of the ex-needles, and the joyful anticipation of giving a handmade gift.
- 2.) Silent, Directed Retreat: An opportunity to spend time with God in silence and solitude focusing on your personal relationship with Him.
- 3.) Connecting with the Psalms: Spend time delving into the psalms through prayer, music, journaling, and sharing with one another experiencing the psalm as a love song from God.

Call 518.393.4169 for reservation. Cost: \$205 (\$190 65+).

## Abortion Bill ~ Your Action is Critical

Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Budget proposal would expand late-term abortions in New York State -- legalizing infanticide when a baby is born alive during an abortion as well as eliminate NY's ban on late-term abortions, empower non-doctors to perform abortions, and remove protections against unwanted or coerced abortions. The enacted state budget requires three-way negotiation and must be finalized by **April 1**.

The State Senate is our only hope so let your State Senator know that they must not allow this budget to pass. Email your state Senator--<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/iXu3RtQKRiml5hrbog6emw> or call 518.455.2800.

## The "Hour" Comes

Our readings are filled with anticipation: the days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies, the hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus -- in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand.

The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (Jeremiah 31:1, 3-4, 7-8). Jesus, too, predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (John 11:52), but He also promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites but all men and women. The New Covenant is more than a political or national restoration it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him.

In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (John 3:14-15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (Isaiah 52:3).

Troubled in His agony, Jesus didn't pray to be saved. Instead, He offered himself to the Father on the Cross-- as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gave Him dominion over heaven and earth (Acts 2:33; Phil 2:9).

Where He has gone we can follow -- if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Dr. Scott Hahn

## Dr. Scott Hahn in Huntington April 14

Join Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center at the Church of St. Patrick in Huntington, NY on Saturday, April 14, at 9 am for a dynamic morning presentation. Dr. Hahn will give two powerful talks challenging us to engage more deeply in our Catholic faith.

In our world today, not only is faith dismissed as irrelevant by those who do not actively practice, but it is taken for granted at times by many who do. Join us to learn just how important it is to know, understand, and live your Catholic faith in the world today.

Enjoy a morning of deep insight and reflection. Cost: \$15. Register today for this uplifting event at:

[stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com)