

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 2018

KNIGHTS AT DELHI FAIR IN THE SQUARE

Our Knights of Columbus would love to see you at Fair in the Square. Swing by their booth on a Friday in July.

Backpack Project

Donations may be dropped off at First Presbyterian Church on Clinton Street by August 28 (a box is outside their office) or bring to St. Peter by August 26: pencils (colored & regular), crayons, markers, pens, folders, erasers, full-size generic backpacks, plastic crayon/pencil boxes, college-ruled loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, scissors, glue sticks, dental picks, juice boxes, child-size mittens, character band aids, male/female deodorant, mini shampoo bottles, toothbrushes/mini toothpaste, Chapsticks®, and other useful school items.

Checks, made out to "First Presbyterian Church," are also welcome and appreciated (*please note 'school supplies' on check memo line*).

ADORATION

During the slower pace of the summer months, spend some quiet and solitude with our Lord at one of our Adorations:

St. Peter, Tuesdays ~ St. John, Thursdays

DELHI FOOD BANK

Summer help is needed especially with school out: powdered milk, condiments, canned meats, biscuit mix, and dried herbs/seasonings. You may also drop off your food items at United Ministry on Mondays or Thursdays 1 to 3 pm. Thank you.

*The humility of prayer is better than
the might of all human preparation.*

~ Saint Thomas of Villanova

PETER'S PENCE

Please help support the Holy Father's works of compassion next weekend. The Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the means to carry out his charitable works around the world: aiding our brothers and sisters on the margin of society, victims of war, oppression, disaster, and those facing religious persecution. Join the Pope and be a witness of charity.

SUMMER READS

Come by our Church libraries, and pick a book or two from our reading selections.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS Susan Vogt

Summer is a time of rest -- sort of. Maybe you take a vacation or ease up on your work schedule. But you may still feel busy. Consider, *"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."* Can you take some quiet, restful 'couple time' this week?

THE OFFERING GOD LOVES

What God wants is our trust, our dependence, our reliance, our certainty, our surrender. God loves to be acknowledged by nothingness. In the nothingness that we offer to God, the Everything He gives appears ever more glorious. For the supreme dignity that is ours as human beings is this direct dependence upon God. Our greatness and freedom derive from this dependence.

Fr. Peter Cameron

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Bud Ozar

"The apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand, and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of a young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

Reflection on the Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-16; Psalms 23:1-6;
Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds (Ezekiel 34:23).

The crowd gathering on the green grass (Mark 6:39) in the Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (John 10:11), the king they've been waiting for (Hosea 3:1-5).

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (Numbers 27:17), and as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth. Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold, but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (John 10:16). In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and then to bring all nations into the fold.

Paul, too, in the Epistle, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel.

Psalm: through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.

Dr. Scott Hahn

Priory Retreat, Chestertown 518.494.3733

August 17-19 Family Weekend Retreat: (other dates available) Does your family need to take a break this summer? Come to the Adirondack Mountains and get away with your family. Leave the noise of the world behind and come take refuge on the mount. Join us as we gather in prayer, share in common meals, take a family-friendly guided hike, and have faith-filled adventures daily.

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

August 3-5: "Making Room for God -- Letting Go of the Clutter" ~ Explore living an uncluttered life and moving into a deeper spiritual understanding of clutter: care of self, doing good works, forgiveness, rest on the Sabbath, etc. Dir: C. Amendolia

August 3-5: Silent Weekend Directed Retreat~ Choose from three spiritual directors: Annette Brooks, Sister Christine Connolly, or Sister Susan Leslie. Similar to a week-long directed retreat, this weekend will provide an opportunity to spend time with God in silence and solitude, which will enable you to focus on your personal relationship with Him. Cost: \$205 (\$190-65+)

Rosa Mystica 800.720.9858

August 10-12: "M.A.P. to Heaven" ~ Learn about the M.A.P. we have been given by Jesus and the Church - Mass, Adoration, Prayer. Friday: Rosary, dinner, mass, and candlelight procession to Adoration, Night Prayer, and Benediction. Confession is on Saturday along with Adoration, praise and worship, a talk, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, dinner, Mass, and Nocturnal Adoration. Mass celebrated on Sunday and reflection on the weekend. Cost: \$250 (3 days/2 nights); \$125 (commuter)