

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018

Reconciliation Saturday at St. John  
from 3 to 3:30 pm.

## CATHOLICISM SERIES

On Wednesday, October 10, at 7 pm in the parish hall at St. John the Baptist, the Knights of Columbus will be presenting the second DVD of Bishop Baron's series, *Catholicism*. All are welcome

## CATHOLICISM Q & A

On Wednesday, October 17, Father Golding and Dr. Freeman will have a 'Question and Answer' on Catholicism in St. John's Parish Hall at 7 pm.

## Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 13 (please arrive 11:50 am)  
Veteran's Plaza, Delaware Street, Walton

Please join us on the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima. The Rosary Rally is to beg God and Our Lady for the conversion of the United States and offering reparation for sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

## GRIEF MINISTRY

If you have suffered loss recently or a while ago, our Grief Ministry is available to help by offering solace and empathy. We provide a listening ear, compassion, and possible recommendations/direction for a positive life journey moving forward with the help of our Faith! Contact Kathy: 607.376.1633, katscr74@gmail.com.

## WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE

Would you like to make friends with other dynamic women, who you can share your thoughts and faith with? Come to St. Mary's Cornerstone 2018 to reignite your life's journey with other women for a one day retreat on Saturday, September 29 from 8:30 am to 5 pm in their Parish Center (registration forms are located on bulletin boards in the entranceways).

## Understanding the Mass

### *Living a Eucharistic Life*

The Eucharist (Greek for 'thanksgiving') or Mass has always been, and still is, the central worship experience that defines us as Christians and directs our efforts to realize God's kingdom community today. In it we celebrate Christ's presence within us as individuals and among us as His beloved community. He offers us His body and blood so that we might live anew in greater communion with God and one another.

The pattern of the Eucharistic Prayer -- take, bless, break, and share -- is also the fundamental pattern of our whole life. Like Jesus, who gives Himself to become our bread, we are called upon to give ourselves so that everyone might live more fully in relation to God and to one another. Thus we can never be content just to "go to Mass." Rather, by our "full, conscious, and active participation" in the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, which the Mass remembers and makes present, we celebrate how we have been gifted and how our lives, too, are an expression of thanksgiving.

Steve Mueller

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Bud Ozar

The words in the Gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or a cool drink to parched five year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and sacred. In our homes we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

## THANK YOU

A heartfelt 'thank you' to all who came and those that contributed goodies for Jim O'Connor's Life Celebration. God bless you all from Betsy Gielskie and families.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS Susan Vogt

"Whoever causes one  
of these little ones...to sin..." Mark 9:42

Taking advantage of a child's innocence or failing to protect children from harm is a betrayal of trust. Use your voice as a Christian couple to speak truth to power whenever it is needed. Your vocation demands that you not sit silently by.

## DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

Young women age 18 to 40: St. Scholastica Priory will be holding its fall Monastic Experience Weekend October 5 to 7. What a great opportunity to pray, eat, and work alongside the sisters. Hear the nuns' stories of their own journey into the monastery and have time for quiet reflection as well. St. Scholastica Priory at 271 North Main in Petersham, Massachusetts. Call 978.724.3213.

## PARENTING POINTERS Susan Vogt

Have you had a Family Night recently? Don't know what to do? Try a walk down Memory Lane with your kids. Dig out some photos of their birth to more recent times and reminisce together. Maybe they'd even like to see photos of you growing up, if you dare.

## Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

November 16-18: Women's Retreat, *To forgive or not forgive -- that is the question!* ~ Forgiveness is a process and a decision. Come and explore the healing dynamics of forgiveness in your life. It may lead you to greater richness and freedom, because forgiveness is at the heart of the matter. Cost: \$205 (65+: \$190) \* Pay over time available.\*

## Bishop's Appeal Tally

thebishopsappeal.org

Pledge payments -- please mail directly to the Diocese in the envelope provided with your monthly statement for accurate balances. Online make an outright gift or have automatic monthly payments taken for your pledge.

	Gifts & Pledges	# of Parish Members	Total	Deficit
St. John:	36	325	\$10,202	\$9,140
St. Peter:	36	157	11,260	3,997

## To Belong to Christ

John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit wafts where it wills, and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God, in every nation under heaven (Acts 2:5, 38). God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name, but, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the powers entrusted to the Twelve.

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we sing in the Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. As Jesus says, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (Eph 1:4). Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? We need to keep meditating on His Law and praying for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them. Dr. Scott Hahn