

# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 2018

*Please pray for the souls of Barbara Miller  
and Mildred Iorio.*

*May they rest in the peace of our Lord.*

## **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 Next Saturday**

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.

## **EMMAUS MINISTRY**

A one-day spiritual retreat is being offered on November 17 9:30 am to 7 pm at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Schenectady for parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age no matter how long ago. Jesus comforts us, and we comfort each other in this very special ministry. All are welcome. \$25/individuals; \$40/couples (scholarships available); pre-registration required: emfgp.org or 518.370.3136, ext. 239.

## **Taizé Prayer**

Taizé Prayer begins at First Presbyterian Church on Clinton Street in Delhi on October 18 at 7 pm.

## **Understanding the Mass**

### *Communion with Christ*

The sacrament of the Eucharist is one of the three sacraments of initiation. As such, it celebrates the fullness of our initiation into communion with the body of Christ both in the Eucharistic ritual and in the Christian community. Being in communion with Christ is the desire and the ongoing reality that distinguishes us as Christians for we believe that Jesus is alive and in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Each form of Christ's presence leads to a distinctive type of communion or relationship with Christ.

He is present with us in the priest who presides, in the assembled community who gather (invites us into communion in the community of God's people), in the Word that is proclaimed (invites us into communion through communication), in the consecrated bread and wine that we receive (invites us into communion with His body and blood as our spiritual food and drink), and in all others to whom we are sent on mission (invites us into communion in the communal mission that carries on the saving work of Jesus to the waiting world).

Steve Mueller

## **COMMUNITY FOOD BANK HARVEST**

Come to a free event on Sunday, October 14, celebrating support of the Delhi Food Pantry. Activities include: CANstruction sculpture challenge\*, music, snacks, conversation about local food insecurity, & "Chopped"-style cooking competition. Help sponsor the Pantry for as little as \$3.50, the price of a can of soup.

\* entry form in St. Peter's entranceway.

## **RETRouvaille**

Are you hurting in your marriage?

**IF:** --your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving, or uncaring; --your relationship has grown cold and distant; --you are thinking of separation or divorce, or --you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. Couples have said Retrouvaille was the lifeline that helped their marriage and their families. All faiths welcome

The Southern Tier Retrouvaille Community is sponsoring an upcoming weekend, October 26 to 28, in Owego. For more information, please call Larry and Miss at 800.470.2230.

## **GENERATIONAL HEALING WEEKEND**

Rosa Mystica in Edmeston will be holding a Generational Healing Weekend October 26-28 at their House of Prayer. Experience healing, prayer, and hope. Commuter package with five meals and conference materials -- \$125. Pilgrim package with accommodations, meals, and materials-- \$250. Call 516.624.9033 to make your reservation.

## **PARENTING POINTERS** Susan Vogt

During this Respect Life Month pick the life issue that you feel most strongly about (preventing abortion, supporting new mothers, helping those whose lives are mired in poverty, caring for the frail elderly, working for gun control, eliminating the death penalty, bullying, . . .) Explain to your child why this is an important issue to you.

## **MARRIAGE MOMENTS** Susan Vogt

"It is not good for the man to be alone." Genesis 2:18

Indeed, it is not good for anyone to be alone. In marriage you are blessed to have chosen a helpmate to share your spiritual journey toward home. Make some time to be alone together today.

## **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

The Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman in 1531 when the indigenous people of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory. She sent him to the bishop with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her tender, loving care. When St. Juan Diego opened his cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous people.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and the ill are assisted in taking their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and are loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life -- every person is *cherished*. We are called to be messengers of God's love and help build a culture that respects all human life. Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.

## **DISCERNMENT IN OUR DIOCESE**

Do you think God may be calling you to the religious life - - a life of love and service through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience? Would you like to learn more about such a life?

There are approximately 18 communities of religious sisters who live and serve in our Diocese, and all 18 are in need of vocation. If you would like to learn more about the religious life, please contact Sister Laurie-Marie at lauriemarie.parisi@rcda.org or call her at 518.453.6690 to obtain more information.