

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

ROSARY WITH FAITH FORMATION

Faith formation classes will be learning about and praying the rosary on October 21, St. Peter at 8:45 am, and St. John at 10:30 am. They would love to have parents and parishioners join them!

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM

Father Golding and Dr. Freeman will have a 'Question and Answer' session on Catholicism this Wednesday the 17th in St. John's Parish Hall at 7 pm. Come and bring your question(s).

RESPECT LIFE & ROSARY MASS

Please join the Bishop for Mass to celebrate Respect Life month, the month of the Rosary, and to commission our new respect life representatives October 21 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11 am.

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.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK HARVEST

Come to the free Harvest today the 14th 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.



St. Peter coffee hour today.

Stop by for a cuppa!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Nothing is more important than the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every year the Church observes World Mission Sunday where we offer prayers and special offerings for the missionary mission "*ad gentes*," that is, to the nations.

This year Pope Francis emphasizes the role of youth in the missionary outreach of the Church. He does this in conjunction with the special Synod on youth to be held during October. In his words to the world's youth, the Pope emphasizes their enthusiasm and their role not only in the future but also in the present. That enthusiasm, Pope Francis says, is an inspiration to all of us who have labored in the vineyard for many years. It is baptism, the Pope tells us, that commissions us to be proclaimers of the Gospel. Such proclamation is not only for priests and religious, but for all who have been immersed into the life of Jesus and who point to the Gospel as the primary reference for their lives.

The special collection that is taken up on World Mission Sunday is crucial to addressing the needs of the missionary outreach of the Church; an outreach the Holy Father calls, "*ad gentes*." Your generous hearts will help to place at the disposal of the Holy Father the resources he needs to train indigenous priests and religious for ministry in their local Churches, open schools and health clinics which express the Lord's care and concern for all people, and provide for the needs of local catechists and mission animators as they provide the day-to-day ministry that keeps the Church alive in their villages. I thank you for whatever you are able to do to assist in the missionary outreach of our Church.

I pray that the Lord of the harvest bless you for your prayers and generosity as you live out your baptismal call to be co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† Edward B. Scharfenberger

Bishop of Albany

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. PETER BOOK GROUP

If you like to read and share good books with others, please come by and join St. Peter's monthly book group. They meet first Wednesdays at 2 pm at Hilda's Place. Call the office for directions. Next meeting is November 7.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Bud Ozar

Having possessions is an illusion. Jesus told the young man in the Gospel to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He could not let go! In families our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach, and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS Susan Vogt

It is natural to want stuff - food, clothing, shelter are necessities. Fashionable clothes, eating out, and electronics are not evil. BUT, how do you reconcile these desires with "*How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!*" Mark 10:23 How much is enough? Decide at least one thing to give away today.

RETRouvaille

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 as it had become a lifeline that helped other couples' marriages and their families. All faiths welcome

The Southern Tier Retrouvaille Community is sponsoring a weekend, October 26-28, in Owego. For more info, call Larry and Miss, 800.470.2230.

PARENTING POINTERS Susan Vogt

Children make mistakes. That is natural. Of course you forgive them. For example, they may promise to never drink and drive again. Believe them. But this doesn't mean you enable a teen by being blind to reality. Forgive but verify.

Delhi Taizé Prayer October 18

Taizé Prayer, a service of song, silence, and contemplation, begins again this month at First Presbyterian Church on Clinton Street at 7 pm.

St. Mary's Church in Oneonta will begin their Taizé Prayer Tuesday, October 23, at 7 pm. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at 5:30 pm.

Understanding the Mass

Introductory Rites I: *Gathering as Christ's Body*

Long before people enter the church, the Gathering Rite begins as people prepare to come to church and celebrate the Eucharist. The gathering assembly -- women, men, children, adults, rich and poor, young and old, black, white Hispanic, and Asian -- exemplify the unity and diversity of the Body of Christ.

The word *liturgy* means "the people's work." The Rite involves several actions, which remind us of our membership in the community and focus attention on our common task of worship.

The entrance procession of the ministers and the gathering song begin our liturgy. The song unifies all who are gathered and sets the tone for the celebration.

The greeting by the presiding priest begins with the Sign of the Cross that marks us as baptized people. Then the presider offers a few words to help us focus our attention on the important theme/feeling highlighted in the liturgy.

Steve Mueller

*Let Your works be seen by Your servants
and Your glory by their children:
and may the gracious care of the
Lord our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!*