

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018

PENNY SOCIAL IN TWO WEEKS!

Friday, November 30th, doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by St. John's Family Life Committee to benefit youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in November 2019. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a 'specials' table. Pizza slices/drinks will be for sale.

- Donations of used holiday décor, children's toys, and household items are much appreciated and may be dropped off in the parish hall (in the corner by the door to enter the church) through Nov. 30.
- Donations of new items, gift certificates, and themed baskets are greatly needed and can be dropped off on Thursday evening, Nov. 29, from 6:30 -8 p.m. and Friday, all day, Nov. 30.
- Parishioners who would like to help set up are invited to come on Friday, November 30, anytime, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Students who have attended NCYC in the past are invited to help set up tables on Thursday evening, Nov. 29, at 6:30. Students who are interested in attending the 2019 NCYC conference are asked to attend, as well, as our first fundraiser for the conference. This will be a great student opportunity to learn about NCYC.

Please call Maureen Davidson, at 607.293.7901, if you have any questions.

BISHOP OFFERS DEBT FORGIVENESS

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger has informed St. Peter's Church that the church will be forgiven of past indebtedness in the amount of \$61,502.11. This amount represents past debt that is more than three years old.

ST. PETER RECTORY BATHROOM

The renovation of the second floor bathroom located in the Rectory has been completed. Thanks to Joe Cantwell and Beveridge Plumbing & Heating for their excellent workmanship. Thank you for your patience.



St. John coffee hour today.

Human Development Collection

Support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across our country. Plus 25% of funds collected remains in our Diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK

Please bring items to Mass at Holy Family or drop at the Food Bank directly: jelly, graham crackers, spaghetti, peanut butter; boxes of mashed potatoes, and stuffing.

AND THEN THERE WERE 5 AND 1...

5 workbooks remaining at St. Peter; 1 at St. John.

Understanding the Mass

Liturgy of the Eucharist: *Eucharistic Prayer*

Our Eucharistic Prayer is the central action of our Eucharistic celebration. At its deepest core it is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for God's mighty deeds of salvation. It also makes present for us the body and blood of the Lord and His saving actions. This prayer not only transforms the bread and wine into our Eucharist, but it also transforms us into a visible sign of Christ in our world.

Our Eucharistic Prayer is spoken by the presider, who addresses God in the name of Christ, but we join with the presider both through our silent reverence and our three bold acclamations: first the "*Holy, Holy, Holy,*" then the memorial acclamation after the consecration of the bread and wine, & finally the great "*Amen,*" which concludes this prayer. Steve Mueller

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Bud Ozar

The Gospel teaches us Uncertainty is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage & parenting are full of uncertainty; the people we love grow and change.

DELHI THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 22 noon to 3 at the Delhi Fire Hall. Freewill offerings & reservations appreciated. Delivery to shut-ins available only with advance notice: 746.2191. Please deliver items to firehouse 3-7 pm on 21st; turkey/gravy by 11 am on Thanksgiving.

Grateful for each hand we hold

Gathered round this table.

From far and near we travel home,

Blessed that we are able.

Grateful for this sheltered place

With light in every window,

Saying welcome, welcome, share this feast

Come in away from sorrow.

Father, mother, daughter, son,

Neighbor, friend, and friendless;

All together everyone in the gift

Of loving-kindness.

Grateful for what's understood,

And all that is forgiven;

We try so hard to be good,

To lead a life worth living.

Father, mother, daughter, son,

Neighbor, friend, and friendless;

All together everyone let

Grateful days be endless.

Grateful for each hand we hold

Gathered round this table.

~ Mary Chapin Carpenter

Hope in Tribulation

The Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which Jesus describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "*since the beginning of God's creation.*" It amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, nations and kingdoms will break down. Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart. Next, the family will be torn apart from within, and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted. Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence.

We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in the Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever. Dr. Scott Hahn

MARRIAGE MOMENTS Susan Vogt

With Thanksgiving coming up, review whose job it is to cook, to decorate, to entertain guests ... Remember the Martha and Mary story (Luke 10:41)? Want to try anything different this year?

CHRISTMAS 'DECK THE HALLS'

Saint Peter's Environmental Ministry assists in preparing the Church for the Christmas season. What needs to be done can be broken down to three steps: 1) planning/ordering what is needed, 2) actual decorating, and 3) removal/storage for next year.

If you would like to volunteer for part of the preparation or all of it, please call Laraine Putman at 538.9569 or email her at CLPut@twc.com for more information.

PARENTING POINTERS Susan Vogt

Where there is forgiveness Hebrews 28:15

Where indeed is there forgiveness today? Is there anyone you or your child need to forgive to make peace in the family or with your neighbor (or your enemy) before the season of peace can begin?