

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2018

## Rosa Mystica Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Father William Elder, from the Archdiocese of New York, will be leading a small group from Rosa Mystica to Medjugorje from February 16 to 24. If you would like to join them, obtain details about this pilgrimage (and easy and safe signup online), by visiting: [pilgrimages.com/ourladyqueenofpeace/medj2/](http://pilgrimages.com/ourladyqueenofpeace/medj2/).

## Rosary on Sundays

Please join the recitation of the Rosary on Sundays at 10:40 am before the 11:15 am Mass at St. John.

## Attention: All Teenagers & Their Parents

The next NCYC trip is coming up this November. The National Catholic Youth Conference occurs every two years. This is a truly amazing opportunity for the youth of our parishes to have a fun time learning and growing in their faith. This conference is targeted for high-school students, so those in 8th grade and high school this spring are welcome to join us. Please consider this great opportunity.

There will be an informational meeting coming up in February. Please look out for an announcement coming up in the bulletin regarding time and location of this meeting. If you have any questions, please call Brigid at 607.434.5874.

## 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 offer a listening ear, compassion, and possible recommendations/direction for a positive life journey moving forward with the help of our Faith! Contact Kathy: 376.1633, [katscr74@gmail.com](mailto:katscr74@gmail.com).

## New Day Dawning Dr. Scott Hahn

Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple (Ezra 6:15-17) and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls (Neh 6:15). The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That is what is going on in as Ezra reads and interprets the Law (Neh 8:8) and the people respond with a great "Amen!" Israel is rededicating itself to God and His Law (Ps 19). The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in the Gospel.

Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion (61:3-4; also 60:10); the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; Exo 19:6); and the forging of an everlasting covenant (61:8; Isa 55:3).

Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it (compare Luke 4:16-17, 21 and Neh 8:2-6, 8-10).

We witness in the Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year, and Jesus also proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God.

The people greeted Ezra "as one man," and the Epistle says: in the Spirit the new people of God - the Church - is made "one body" with Him.

*It makes no difference where we are,  
provided we rest in God's holy grace.*

St. Isaac Jogues

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Ground Hog Day is coming up on February 2. Remember the movie? ([youtube.com/watch?v=2vmmTnDJnH0](http://youtube.com/watch?v=2vmmTnDJnH0)) Is there any recurring bad memory or habit that you'd like to change in your marriage? Substitute a newer, positive one. Repeat -- over and over -- again.

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Today Jesus was "praised by all" in the Gospel except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on Him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal Expectations. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our Expectations.

## A Ministry of Immense Love

If you have a friend or loved one in need of Holy Communion or a visit, please give them a Pastoral Care Ministry pamphlet with more information, which is located in the Church vestibules. Please notify the church at 865.7394, extension 207 to request communion or a visit.

## *Dominican Retreat Center* 518.393.4169

**Feb. 1-3:** Women's Retreat: *The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.* Gal 5:6b  
Sr. Kitty Hanley, \$205

**Feb. 8-10:** Men concerned with alcoholism: *Something Simple, Nothing Fancy: A Weekend with the 12 Steps of AA.* Learn the practical and useful tools of recovery. Rev. Tom Weston, \$205

**Feb. 15-20:** Women's & Men's Centering Prayer Silent Retreat: *Heart Perception, the Grace in Yielding, Surrendering & Letting Go.* Each surrender, each act of letting go creates space for us to move ever deeper into our heart perception where we experience healing, understanding & union with our true self & our Beloved. Rev. Bill Sheehan, \$425

## Free Tax Assistance

Free Tax Counseling for the Elderly is available for low and moderate income individuals February 26 at St. John's Senior Dining Center (you must sign up at Senior Dining in Father Willis Hall).

Appointments (required) in Delhi will be at the Delaware County Office for the Aging (call 832. 5750): February 5, 12, 14, 15, 19; March 1, 8, 12, 19, 26, 28; April 2, 9, and 11. Taxes will be prepared via electronic filing & sent directly to the IRS & NYS.

List of items needed for tax assistance is in the literature rack in Church. This free service is sponsored by Delaware County Office of the Aging, the AARP Foundation, the Albany IRS office, and the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance.

## 2018 Tax Statements

If you would like a statement of your 2018 offertory for your tax returns, please call the office.

## Delhi Food Bank

Some items requested to stock the shelves: canned fruit and vegetables, mac 'n cheese, and pasta. Thank you for your continued donations.

## Ministry Help

Our Churches are in need of additional parishioners to join one of our ministries to assist Father at Mass: decorating the Churches, setting up the altar for Mass, being a lector, altar server, or choir member, money counting, as well as coffee hour volunteers.

Training is offered as well as time to follow someone in the ministry until you are ready.