

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2018

Rosary on Sundays

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

Right to Life Oratory Contest 2019

Use Your Voice to
Awaken a Sleeping World for LIFE
Sunday, March 31

First place: \$50 Second place: \$25

What: Write and present an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech about one of the following: Abortion, Euthanasia, Infanticide, or Stem Cell Research. (Students 10th grade and under may also use the topic, "Why Being Pro-life is Important to Me.")

Open to 6th grade through 12th grade. In addition to the prize money, 11th and 12th graders compete for the opportunity to advance to the state level competition in Albany in May.

When: Sunday, March 31, 12:30 pm at St John the Baptist Church, 25 Benton Ave, Walton

To register: Call or email Katherine Gielskie 607.437.7474, katherinegielskie@live.com, or sign up with your faith formation teacher.

Rules:

<https://www.nrlc.org/students/oratorycontest>

Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

On February 20 at 1 pm at the Cannon Free Library in Delhi, there will be a one hour program on the Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's. The program will cover typical age-related changes, common warning signs of Alzheimer's, how to approach someone about memory concerns, early detection and the benefits of a diagnosis (and the process), as well as resources offered by the Alzheimer's Association.

To register: 547.1650 or athayer@alz.org

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.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at His words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove Him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.

Ministry Help

Our Churches are in need of additional parishioners to join one of our ministries to assist Father by 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.

2018 Tax Statements

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

Prophet to the Nations Dr. Scott Hahn

Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In the Gospel the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins -- that He's more than just "the son of Joseph." The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colorful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass "many . . . in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God (1 Kings 17:1-16; 2 Kings 5:1-14). "None . . . not one" in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes.

His point isn't lost on His audience. They know He's likening them to the "many . . . in Israel" in the days of the prophets. That is why they try to shove Him off the cliff. As were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation -- not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope.

Prophecies, Paul tells us in the Epistle, are partial and pass away "when the perfect comes." In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear.

Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved -- to love God as our Father, as the one who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

*"Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, it is not pompous..."*

1 Corinthians 13:4

Which of these qualities is your beloved strongest in?

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

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 to experience healing, understanding & union with our true self & our Beloved. Rev. Sheehan, \$425

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

Jeremiah 1:4

Even before your child was born you had hopes for him or her. Even before you conceived, you had hopes. Even if you adopted your child, you wondered how this person would grow and change you. Ponder how God knows you and your child even more deeply than the surface knowledge you now have.

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, 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.