

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism' Series

Dr. Freeman and the Knights of Columbus are showing Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism' Series Wednesdays, 7pm in St. John's Father Willis Hall.

FREE TV

Free television available for pick up at St. Peter. Interested? Call 746.3083 to make arrangements.

Catholic Charities Pasta Dinner

Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties is having a pasta dinner on Thursday, April 11, from 5-7:30 pm at the Quality Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn) in Oneonta. One hundred percent of ticket sales will go to benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities in the three counties they serve.

Tickets for the "All You Can Eat" dinner are \$10 for Adults, Kids (5-12) \$5, under 5 are free. Gluten free pasta is available upon request.) Tickets can be purchased from Alice Kane, 865.6289, or Teresa O'Leary, 865.5345, or purchased at the door the evening of the event.

Catholic Charities serves all individuals regardless of race, religious affiliation, or life style. To find out more information about the programs and services they offer, please visit their website: www.charitiesccdos.org. Thank you.

O Lord,

be not mindful of my many sins,

but forgive me all my misdeeds,

for your mercy to me is without limit.

You have been my help

& protection.

~ St. Ephrem of Syria

Catholic Relief Services Collection 3/31

Millions of people around the world are fleeing their homes out of love for their children, spouses, and parents. Families forced to flee, looking for work, for opportunity, seeking safety, often face challenges like poverty, political persecution, and gang violence ... so much pain.

The CRS Collection feeds Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees, offers legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants, provides humanitarian aid, advocates on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized, and sends help to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster.

CRS' Rice Bowl - Journey to Sri Lanka

Christyan DhathCroos is from a farming village in Sri Lanka. The family farm was in shambles and the fields covered with trees and rocks when he returned after fleeing 16 years earlier during the civil war there. Now with a family and wife to provide for, he needed help.

CRS is helping Christyan and others like him rebuild their lives by clearing overgrown farmland and ensuring access to water. Christyan is now growing rice, pumpkins, and peanuts, and with CRS' help he can give his family things he never had such as an education. The violence prevented him from completing school, and he says, "I want to make sure my three children are educated, that's my dream."

Christyan's dream is coming true. With the profits from the farm, he can send his four year old son to a Catholic preschool. "When we had nothing, CRS came and helped us, and now we have what we need. We should help others too."



Rice Bowl checks due: April 28

Lent Daily Masses

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

8 am at St. Peter; 9:30 am at St. John

Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross

6 pm at St. Peter and St. John

Organic Coffee from CRS

Purchase *Mama Tierra* coffee and help support the work of CRS to restore and protect clean water, healthy soil, and resilient farmers.

For every bag of *Mama Tierra* you purchase, CRS receives a \$2 donation and buy in bulk with your community, church, or to share with friends, family, and they get \$5 per case! CRS.org

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

There are many messages to be understood in the story of the Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42): the role of women, the importance of hydration, what qualifies a person as a true husband, the woman being sent as a disciple to proclaim the Christ, etc. Pick one and discuss it together.

Attack on Surrogate Mother for Profit Ban

Language that would undo New York's long-standing ban on surrogate motherhood for profit has been placed in the proposed State Budget by Governor Cuomo. In addition, legislation (A.1071-A) to accomplish the same goal is being advanced in the legislature. This would enable the buying and selling of children and the exploitation of women, and will lead to an increased reliance on IVF (in vitro fertilization) and the destruction of more human embryos.

Let your elected officials know that you oppose this. The State Budget must be finalized by April 1 so send your message today! It just takes a minute to be heard. Use link: www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/qjP03FORt2tMME421TsjGw.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

If you missed National Single Parent Day, it is still not too late to give yourself a rest or a treat. Remember, parenthood is not limited to one gender. Male and females both carry the responsibility for their child. If you are not a single parent, perhaps you can provide some of that rest or respite for a single parent you know.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener -- give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

Third Lenten Journey Element~ Almsgiving

Almsgiving teaches us to separate ourselves from material possessions. By freely giving of our money and possessions, eating more simply and donating savings of that meal, we learn to trust the Lord more deeply for our own daily needs.

Mass on TV

If you are unable to get out to church, don't forget to view Mass on TV on EWTN or watch online anytime on Sundays at HeartoftheNation.org.

Communal Reconciliation

St. John~ Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7 pm

St. Peter~ Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7 pm

Individual Reconciliation

St. John~ Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7 pm

St. Peter~ Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7 pm

Mass of Anointing ~ Wed., April 10, 2019

St. Peter ~ 8 am; St. John ~ 9:30 am