

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

## 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

## Faith Formation Make-A-Meal Project

The Faith Formation program of St John the Baptist would like to make a meal for the members of our community who do not leave the house very often. Whether they be Catholic or not, we would like to cook either lasagna or sausage/peppers and rice for them.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church with your person's name, whether they are allergic to tomatoes, basil, meat, garlic, sausage, onions, green peppers or rice, their address, and a contact number of someone who will receive the meal (can be the same as the person we will be delivering the meal to).

If you are interested in helping us cook or deliver meals, we will be in Father Willis Hall on April 13, from 9:30 am until we get the meals cooked: please sign up, or contact Jeremy Kuhn at 607.376.1164. We are especially interested in seeing the kids come to be a part of this project. Also, if anyone would like to help with the costs of buying the ingredients, there will be a box in the back of the church as well. Thank you for your support.

*Faithful God, prune me where necessary  
so that I may live a more faithful and  
fruitful life in your service.*

## CRS' Rice Bowl - Journey to Sierra Leone

Waisa did not spend a single day in school --no one though girls should receive an education when she was young. She was also needed to help her twelve siblings and mom at home.

Now things have changed, and Waisa knows the importance of education especially for girls. "If there's education, Sierra Leone will develop. Our students will make sure of it." [More than 60% of Sierra Leoneans live on less than \$1.25 each day.] That is why she insists that her 12 year old granddaughter, Kumba, attends the nearby CRS-sponsored school to make a difference in her country and receives a nutritious lunch so she can focus on her studies and not on her hunger. Kumba wants to be a nurse to help cure the sick and enable them to stay in their community and not seek healthcare elsewhere.

Waisa is proud of her granddaughter and continues to work hard to support her, other granddaughters, and daughters by caring for the family's garden and selling the produce in town.

## 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: \$10--Adults, Kids (5-12)--\$5, under 5--free. (Gluten free pasta available upon request.) Tickets can be purchased from Alice Kane, 865.6289, Teresa O'Leary, 865.5345, or 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.charitiesccd.org](http://www.charitiesccd.org). Thank you.

## Forgiveness

Corrie ten Boom and her family were arrested in Holland during World War II for helping Jews escape persecution. In 1947 while giving a talk, she was approached by a man she recognized as one of the cruelest guards where she had been imprisoned. He asked her for her forgiveness. Corrie struggled with the most difficult thing she was ever asked to do -- her sister Betsie had died in that prison, and now she was asked to forgive a man who was partly responsible for her death. "Jesus, help me," she prayed. "I can lift my hand. I can do that much. You supply the feeling." She grasped the former guard's hands and wept. She had never known God's love more intensely than she did at that moment.

(from her book, Tramp for the Lord).

## Public School Districts' Control Over Our Catholic Schools

In response to concerns that have been raised over the education provided at a small number of Jewish schools, the NYS Education Department is enforcing oversight of all nonpublic schools - - including Catholic schools that meet and exceed the state's academic standards. Catholic schools can easily demonstrate their academic success and are independently accredited/approved to operate by the Board of Regents.

However, this new process will unfairly require local public school districts, who are competitors with our Catholic schools, to review our schools and then require local public school boards to vote on whether a Catholic school in their area can continue to operate (except in NYC -- the public school Chancellor will make the determination).

Please urge your legislators to reject this plan and to support existing methods for the state to approve the operation of Catholic schools, which have provided superior educational opportunities for New York families for generations. It just takes a minute to be heard. Use link: [voterveoice.net/BroadcastLinks/aZJnzkt6\\_fvk\\_Wt6nyNFiw](http://voterveoice.net/BroadcastLinks/aZJnzkt6_fvk_Wt6nyNFiw).

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

We are in the middle of Lent. How has abstaining from something (meat, deserts, gossip, etc.) or doing something extra strengthened you? Has it made any difference yet? Ask your kids how their Lenten commitment is going? It is not too late to refresh, renew, and reboot.

## Suggestions for Your Lenten Journey:

- † Go to Mass during the week
- † Attend Stations of the Cross as a family
- † Read a Gospel
- † Volunteer at a social ministry
- † Get us early to pray

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

We may feel like the Prodigal Son, but the Gospel wants us to focus on the father, who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?



Rice Bowl checks due: **April 28**

Masses~ Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & 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