

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

Please pray for the soul of Dorothy Gatto.
May she rest in the peace of our Lord.

Coffee Hour for May Crowning

In honor of the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Mother's Day, there will be a coffee hour after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Peter.

"Thank You"

Thank you to everyone in the book and lunch groups for the very nice surprise luncheon. ~Hilda

Rosary Society

If you would be interested in being part of a Rosary Society at St. Peter, +6 contact Kathleen at 746.8170 or childofgod57@delhitel.net.

Prayer Chain Start Up

St. Peter's Church is starting a prayer chain to offer prayers during the week for people who are in need of God's grace, healing, comfort, succor.

If you are interested in being a prayer warrior and would like to be notified via email or phone when there is a request for prayer, please call the office at 746.2503. If you know someone who has a need for prayer, please let the office know.

Rachel's Vineyard May 17 to 19

Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. The will be held at Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham. The retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of Entrustment.

Participation -- strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. Cost: \$195 (assistance available if needed). Registration: 607.353.0039 or rachelvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

Gospel Lectio Divina

John 10:27-30

In the middle of John 10, Jesus tells His disciples that He is the "good shepherd," willing to lay down His life for His sheep. He is building on a familiar biblical image. David speaks of God as his shepherd in Psalm 23, and the prophet Ezekiel speaks of God as the good shepherd who courageously searches for his lost sheep until they are found (Ez 34). Jesus here presents Himself as this shepherd. His sheep -- His disciples -- follow because they recognize His voice.

In the Middle East, small flocks are often penned together in larger groups. When the shepherd arrives at the community pen at dawn and opens the gate, his animals recognize and respond to his calling (and only his sheep).

The religious leaders in the time of Jesus were not shepherds themselves and so *seem* not to understand Jesus' use of this. They have become frustrated and demand that if Jesus is the Messiah, He should say so plainly. Jesus responds. He reminds them of the works -- the miracles -- He has accomplished in His Father's name that reveal His identity. The evidence is clear to His disciples but not to the leaders because they "are not among My sheep."

Our Gospel begins in the midst of this engagement at the temple. Jesus says again that His sheep in His flock recognize His voice and follow Him. They will not respond to the voice of outsiders -- the temple leadership. Jesus will give them eternal life. This statement is too much for these religious leaders to bear. They quickly assemble and collect rocks, intending to stone Jesus. In their ears these words are blasphemy! They think that Jesus the man is claiming to be God! And He is.

Kevin Saunders

Blessed is the Mother
Who lets the Lord be
her guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose Wisdom
comes from God,
And whose children
still stand and
honor her.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Though sometimes spouses honor their wives on this day, let your children take their proper role. If they don't have the money or an idea to make a gift, fathers can suggest a guaranteed pleaser: "Top ten reasons I love my mother."

VOCATIONS Brochure

The new Vocations brochure is available in our Church entrances. There are articles about the vocation to Marriage, the opening of a new seminary program, and insight on the call to the priesthood by a first-year seminarian. Pick one up.

Camp Scully in North Greenbush

Camp Scully is a day and overnight camp for children 5 to 16 offered from June 30 to August 16. Campers enjoy swimming, hiking, sports, canoeing, arts, and crafts, challenge course, and archery. [A number of full scholarships are available for low-income family for overnight camp.]
Day camp: \$220/wk.; Overnight camp: \$445/wk.
Call 518.512.3577 or campscully.camp.

Mass Schedule for the Feast of the Ascension

No daily Mass Wednesday, May 29 ~
evening Mass
5:30 pm, St. Peter
7 pm, St. John the Baptist
on Thursday, May 30
8 am, St. Peter
9:30 am, St. John the Baptist

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

It usually makes marriage easier when spouses are of the same religion, BUT, differences in faith or practice can also lead you to a deeper, even more creative concept of God

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The Gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children, who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice," what message do they hear?

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

June 7-9: Retreat for Persons with Physical Disabilities ~ *Thank You God!*

We will spend time together thanking God for the many gifts we have received ... ourselves, family, nature, and all the other gifts we come up with. We will have quiet prayer time, group presentations, singing, and more to help us thank our God. Dir: Sr. Lizette Hoevel, SND \$100 Any contribution would be appreciated. If you cannot afford to make an offering, You Are Still Welcome To Attend. We received a grant that will help.

Registration: 5 pm Friday (includes dinner);
Ends: 1 pm Sunday. Reservations requested.