

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

Please pray for the souls of
Don Moore and Dominic Milazzo.
May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

VOCATIONS Brochure

The new Vocations brochure is now available with 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.

Rosary Society

If you would be interested in being part of a new Rosary Society at St. Peter, 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. You will be notified via email or phone when someone is in need of prayer during challenging or difficult times.

If you are interested in being a prayer warrior, please call the office at 746.2503. If you know someone who has a need for prayer, please let the office know.

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

The Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection

Your donation next weekend supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule:

The small country of Georgie is home to three catholic rites: Latin, Armenian, and Chaldean. Seventy years of communist oppression has left its mark. The communities have made strides to recover but being impoverished and in a rural area it has been difficult.

The most dire situation has been in Tambovka. Previously a place of exile, today it continues to be cut off due to harsh winters that close the only road down for months ...and they have been without a priest for decades.

'God's Call for Your Life' Workshop June 8

Come discover the spiritual gifts in you and begin to discern God's call for you! A workshop is being held Saturday, June 8, from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Paul the Apostle in Hancock. Lunch will be provided with Mass following at 4 pm--\$5 [for Catholics college-age and older only, please].

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life only you can do. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. This is an enriching experience for people wondering:

"How can I follow Jesus' plan for my life?"

Parents wanting to help their child live their faith,
People in transition (changing jobs, new empty nesters, returning to work or retiring),

New or returning Catholics,

Catholics discerning a call to religious life.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus tells us in the Gospel to "*Love one another.*" Love holds a family together. It is not what a family **does** which makes it outstanding, rather it is what it **has** -- love for one another.

Marriage Moments Susan Voigt

"*Love one another as I have loved you.*" John:34

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

Camps

Camp Scully -- June 30 to Aug 16

Camp Scully is a day and overnight camp for children 5 to 16. 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.

Camp Breakaway -- June 26- 30

Camp Breakaway at Pyramid Life Center is a new experience for current 9 to 11 graders to enjoy community, fun, faith, hiking, swimming, boating, and Mass. Information: Brian at 518.453.6655.

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 can't 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.

Gospel Lectio Divina

John 13:31-35

Previously Jesus had surprised everyone at the Last Supper as He stands up, ties a towel around His waist, and washes their feet. Jesus tells them this is a model they are to remember and repeat. Jesus then predicts His betrayal, identifying Judas and sending him away. The Gospel account begins here. "When he had left" refers to the departure of Judas. We assume he leaves to collect a guard cohort that will return to arrest Jesus (and the others?). Time is short, & Jesus knows He has a few precious moments with His disciples before they will be forced to vacate.

Jesus says that "now" the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. Jesus uses this to identify Himself as the promised Messiah. Another translation of "glorified" is "honored." The Son of Man is "honored" and God the Father will be "honored" by Him as an obedient son. Honor is the central value in the Middle East: personal, familial, and corporate. Jesus is honored by God because He is an obedient son -- and His obedience meant death on the cross. Jesus then gives the disciples a new commandment, and everything is about to change. They are called to love one another.

When you decide to follow Jesus you become a member of a new family, and family comes first. Members of your new family will care for and love you. Others will see this expression of family-based love and will want to be part of it. Are our faith communities revealing this kind of family love? Are we relating to each other in the church as our brothers and sisters? As our fathers and mothers? As members of the family of God?

Kevin Saunders