

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019

Remember: Penny Social!

When doing your summer clean-up (or -out), don't forget to donate items for the fall Penny Social at St. John. Drop off for items: 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Friday. If you need a pickup, contact Jim at 865.7394 extension 203.

St. Paul is Coming to Hancock!

St. Paul the Apostle welcomes St. Paul to Hancock Town Square July 12 at 7 pm. A moving one man show where Paul tells a bit of his own history, "A Visit with St. Paul" talks about his conversion to following Jesus, and quotes from his letters in the New Testament.

Actor Glenn Smith has performed this show here in the US and abroad, and St. Paul's Church is excited to sponsor his second appearance there. He will also offer a short presentation over a light dinner at Fr. Rausch Hall at 5 pm. Both are free.

Lunch with Father Manerowski

St. Peter will be hosting a luncheon for Father Manerowski next Sunday the 14th at noon. Please plan on coming, all are welcome!

Sisters' Weekend

There is an opportunity to experience religious life at the 'Come & See' weekend August 3-6 for young women 18 to 30 years of age in Newton, NJ (northwest NJ) at the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco. If you are an active Catholic, single/never married, and have a love for young people, get a taste of daily life as part of their community in prayer and in ministry. Founded in 1872 for the salvation of youth, today they are the largest women's religious order in the world. Come explore God's calling. Contact Sr. Theresa Lee at 732.597.3988 or happynun@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning

Did you know that Natural Family Planning Awareness Week runs from July 21 to 27? Not sure what Natural Family Planning is? Visit the website: perpetualifecare.org and find out.

Catholic Charities Raffle

On July 6 & 7 Catholic Charities representatives from our parish will sell tickets for the annual raffle after all Masses. Raffle tickets are \$20 each, and there are three money prizes: first prize is \$1,200, second prize is \$500, and third prize is \$250. Last year the first and third prize tickets were sold at St. John's Church; this year you could be the lucky winner!!

Catholic Charities celebrates over 100 years of assisting the poor and vulnerable in our area, and the proceeds from this raffle enable us to continue our mission. Pamphlets are available outlining the organization's continuing role. Only 300 tickets will be sold for this raffle.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Camp Esther

On August 2 to 4 NYS Right to Life will hold their pro-life teen leadership weekend for youth interested in changing the world. This is an exciting time of intensive training with opportunity for fun and building friendships with pro-life students.

Because of the generosity of our friends at The Good News Center, NYS Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus and other faithful donors, the weekend (tuition, supplies, room, meals, & t-shirt) cost is only \$150. Scholarships available. Space is limited -- deadline is July 12! 518.434.1293 or admin@nysrighttolife.org.

Free Summer Movie Nights

Take advantage of St. Paul the Apostle's FREE movie nights this summer at the Hancock Cinemas at 7 pm. Check out the schedule posted in the Church. Here are the next two movies:

July 9: Heart of Nuba & July 16: For Great Glory

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The year is half over. Perhaps it is time to mend some fences. Is there any relationship you need to reconcile or heal? Show your child or grandchild how to apologize.

Feast of Our Lady of Rosa Mystica

The Feast of Our Lady of Rosa Mystica will be celebrated July 13 with Bishop Scharfenberger at Rosa Mystica at 484 Angel Hill Road in Edmeston.

The day begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament then Reconciliation, lunch, and a talk; the Rosary at 1 followed by Mass at 1:30 and the Divine Chaplet. The gift shop will be open all day.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2

Traditionally this passage has been applied to religious vocations, but laboring as a peacemaker is also a worthy vocation. As a married couple, you have probably learned ways to make peace with each other. Look for a way to use that skill across our contentious political divide today.

Marriage Encounter: "The kingdom of God is at hand for you." Welcome God into your marriage by attending: July 12 to 14 in Manchester, CT or October 18 to 20 in Albany. Please contact Ed & Rhonda for more information at 518.279.3243 or wwmenyalb.org.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

What do you want to be when you grow up? Jesus said, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2 Although this passage is usually applied to religious vocations, laboring as a peacemaker is also a worthy vocation. Talk to your children about how they can be peacemakers with their peers.

Courses at Institute of Theology

The annual Hartwick Summer Institute of Theology is right around the corner! Take a course on the Old or New Testament, the Parables, Visiting the Sick, Encounters with Jesus, Scripture in Song, and more. Check out seminars and courses being offered July 28 thru August 2 on our bulletin board. Register by July 15. Seminars: \$45; courses: \$75.

July 12-14: A Weekend Retreat for Men and Women ~ *Discerning God's Will for Us*
Director: Ceil Amendolia, OPA

August 16-18: A Weekend Retreat for Men and Women ~ *A Window into Thomas Merton*

Explore through various means some of the concepts that Thomas Merton developed in his own spiritual journey - the concept of true self and false self; the necessary balance between being and doing and the freedom in finding that balance; and the awakening to the ongoing transformation of rebirth.

\$205 (65 and over: \$190)

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

Reflections on the Readings

Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine, the 72 are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church, and carrying out this work the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom, offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth.

Our Lord's tone is solemn today. For in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom, but those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion. As the exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deut 15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the Enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest. Dr. Scott Hahn