

Baked Goods for St. Peter's Coffee Hours

Donations of cookies, muffins, doughnuts, fruit, cheese/crackers, etc. for our coffee hours would be appreciated. If you would like to help out, please give May Falknor a call at 746.6394.

Dan & Sheila Ayres Farewell Coffee Hour

We will be bidding Dan and Sheila best wishes as they start a new page in their book of life. Please come to the Sunday, September 21, coffee hour in their honor after 9:45 am Mass at St. Peter.

~ Reading Reflections ~

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel so Jesus in the Gospel establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church. He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel. The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers - similar to those given to Peter. They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins, and to reconcile sinners in His name, but the powers He gives the apostles and their successors depends on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God say, the disciples are to gather in His name and pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father.

The readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us (notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst-- Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them).

This is the love that Paul says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead our message must be that of our Psalm: urging sinners to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, and the rock of our salvation.

Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday is September 21. If you are a catechist in our Faith Formation programs, please attend one of the weekend Masses to receive a blessing from Father Golding for the upcoming year.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

In any evolving relationship there are times of rough edges. Can you remember the first serious disagreement or fight you had before you married? How did you resolve it? Is the general topic still one you struggle with today?

Ministry Help

Our Churches need additional parishioners to join one of our ministries to assist Father Golding at our Masses: easy training (Sacristan training this Friday the 12th at St. Peter, 6 pm), decorate the Churches, \$ counting, coffee hour volunteers, etc. You may choose to serve once a month, every other month, etc.--you decide. If interested, please call the office.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Romans 13:9
Do you know your neighbors? Do any have special needs? Talk with your children about some favor you could do for them: "come to a meal," rake their yard, garden watering, pick up their newspaper,

Retreats

Dominican Retreat Conference Center 518.393.4169

September 26-2: Delaware County Women's Weekend Retreat ~ "All You Who Are Thirsty, Come to the Water"
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