

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2014

Please pray for those in special need of prayer:

Sean Gioffre, Frederick, Carmen, Mark Benedetto, Joseph Tubridy, Raymond Bivens, Jr., Helen Pratti, John Coniglio, Agnes Henry, Rose Gunderson, Ronnie Hunter, and Robert Bivens.

St. John's office closed Thursday, October 9.

Help with Baked Goods Next Sunday

Donations of cakes, cookies, muffins, donuts, fruit/cheese, and crackers are needed for the St. John October 12 coffee hour. Items may be left in Parish Hall before Mass. Contact Sheila Todd, 865.6291.

Catechist Dinner & Fellowship

There will be a dinner/fellowship meeting at St. Mary's Church in Oneonta on Tuesday, October 7, at 6 pm. Come together for dinner, prayer, fellowship, sharing ideas, and planning with fellow catechists. Please rsvp Mel at 607.432.3920 ext. 204 or email: carmelannsperti@yahoo.com.*

Help Stop Hunger on October 19

Delhi Crop Walk:

Get those sneakers on for the annual Delhi CROP walk! The route is six miles (with a one mile loop for people interested in a smaller walk; ride available back to United Ministry). Please bring a vegetable for the soup to be served on returning. Registration: 1:30 pm at United Ministry, walk at 2 pm. See Tony Genardo after St. Peter's Sunday Mass.

Walton Walk for Hunger:

Join with the community on a walk that distributes 60% to Walton Food Bank, 15% to community soup suppers, 15% to WEB. Contact United Presbyterian, 865.4390, for registration forms/info. Registration: 1 pm at First United Methodist, walk at 2 pm.

[🍪 Walk needs three dozen cookies from St. John.]

✠ OFFERINGS ✠

	Offertory	Catholic University
St. John:	\$ 1,226	\$354
Holy Family:	485	96
St. Peter:	1,168	330

Bishop's Appeal [thebishopsappeal.org]

	No. of Pledges	No. of Parish Families	Total	Deficit
St. John:	40	176	\$ 9,141	\$14,022
St. Peter:	39	118	12,224	10,069

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

When you planned your wedding, you probably found much of it fun and exciting. Some of it may have been a burden or cause for disagreement. Reflecting on those days, what did you like best? What did you learn?

Visits at Home, Care Facility, or Hospital

Do you know a Catholic friend, neighbor, or relative, who is homebound, in the hospital, or nursing home? Call the office to arrange for one of our ministers of the sick to bring Eucharist or just to visit for a spell.

Technology Safety

As a new school year begins, don't forget to check out faithandsafey.org/home to view technology through the eyes of faith and learn how families can stay safe online. The website offers information on Facebook safety and privacy, safe web browsing, devices to look out for, family media agreements, etc.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Every family is visited by difficult times, which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying 'cornerstone' where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.

Middle School Rally

Come and join middle school students from the Southern Tier for faith, fun, and food! Special guest: **Chris Padgett**. He will be joining us to discuss our faith in his own signature style. Cost: \$25 talk, games, inflatables, and pizza. Registration link (groups only): <https://msrally.south.eventbrite.com>.

Walton WEB Program

The WEB Program is a community-supported program focusing on the nutritional needs of 36 local children each week to help supplement their weekend and holiday food. The most needed items at this time: cans of peas, green beans, carrots, and corn (8 oz.), vegetable, beef, tomato, chicken noodle soup, cereal & oatmeal (single serve), granola bars, peanut butter (16 oz.), graham crackers, instant breakfast packets. Please consider helping out by bringing items when at Mass (box in entranceway).

Mothers of Faith

Join the inter-denominational group of moms, who meet to discuss raising our children in a Christian faith-based environment. The group meets 9:30-11 am at St. John's Episcopal Church, 134^{1/2} Main Street, Delhi on second and fourth Thursdays. FREE Child-care. Info: MothersOfFaith.Delhi@gmail.com.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

For Respect Life Month: It's easy to pray for your own children. Their needs are so apparent to us. Pray this month, not only for your own children but for all children in our world, both born and unborn.

Book Group This Monday the Sixth

The Book Group is meeting at Gucinos for our dinner/meeting on the sixth at 4 pm. Don't forget to bring your Kindles and Nooks as discussed last month!

Raising Confident & Secure Kids in Christ

In seeking to build our children into young people with courage and confidence, it's important for us to understand that true courage comes from knowing who we are in Christ. Here are six guiding principles:

1. Confidence is competence-- getting involved at a young age in activities where they can experience success is important.
2. Children are not their failures-- when they make mistakes, they need to know that their mistakes do **not** define them.
3. Speaking words of life-- words carry so much weight, we need to choose them wisely. The beauty of speaking God's Word is that it never returns void.
4. Demystifying and debunking worldly culture-- instead of saying, "Don't do or say this," we can teach our children to see through the lies of culture, building confidence in them to defend their lifestyle.
5. Your courage inspires-- it's been documented over and over that one person's behavior can both inspire and trigger the same behavior in others. We need to lead *by example*.
6. Firsthand encounters with Christ-- never assume your child has a real relationship with Jesus. Ask them about their faith to see if they are able to tell you if He's made an impact in their life. Also, get them into an environment where God can really meet with them.

God loves our children with a love deeper than they know, and as they discover that more and more for themselves, their confidence will grow. Ron Luce

Faith Formation

Religious Education: Registration forms at the back of Church ~ \$15 per family.