

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2014

Please pray for those in special need of prayer.

Carol O'Dowd, Amber Hoyt Phraner, Valerie, Angel, Russell Hoffman, Bailey, Melissa, Carmen, Raymond Bivens, Jr., Helen Pratti, Agnes Henry, Rose Gunderson, Ronnie Hunter, and Robert Bivens.

Ministers: Updates Needed by Saturday

Any plans to be away or dates you will not be available January thru June? Please call: Debbie, 746.2503 for St. Peter; Doreen, 865.6724 or Nancy, 865.6879 for St. John and Holy Family.

Volunteers for Delhi Thanksgiving Dinner

Could you donate time, food, and/or items for the upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner? Sign-up sheets are in our entranceway or call May Falknor at 746.6394.

Year of Consecrated Life Mass

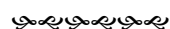
All are invited to attend the inaugural Eucharistic Liturgy for the Year of Consecrated Life on Thursday, November 20, at 7 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger will be celebrant and homilist.

Thanksgiving Community Service

Please join the community in offering up thanksgiving to the Lord on Sunday, November 23, at 7 pm at the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Walton.

Book Group Spa & Holiday Boutique

The Book Group will be meeting this Monday, November 10, at 4 pm at Hilda's. A holiday boutique will be available to get a start on your Christmas shopping while enjoying a spa experience!



*Remember that the present day is given to you
in order to gain the future day of eternity.*

Saint Francis de Sales

✦ OFFERINGS ✦

	Offertory	Fuel
St. John:	\$ 2,538	\$ 669
Holy Family:	206	63
St. Peter:	1,078	557

Lateran Basilica

Why commemorate a church dedication that happened in fourth century Rome? First, because St. John Lateran is no ordinary Church ~ it is the Cathedral Church of the Pope and still known as "the mother of all the world's Churches" ~ but more than that because God has from all time intended the Church building to be a symbol of His Church and our bodies.

The Cathedral Church of Rome is on land owned by the Laterani family and dedicated by Pope St. Sylvester I in 324. It is honored as the Episcopal seat of the pope as Bishop of Rome and is residence of the popes since the fourth century. [Under its high altar rests the remains of the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, our first pope, St. Peter celebrated Mass.]

God's prototype for the Church is the Jerusalem Temple. It is God's "holy dwelling," site of His presence in our midst, source of "living waters" of all life and blessing, but God intended the Temple to give way to the Body of Christ.

Retreat

Dominican Retreat Conference Center 518.393.4169

November 21-23: Heart & Soul Quest Weekend: *Blessed are the Forgiving, for They are Free* Guest Director:

Sister Carol Davis, OP, MA, CASAC

It is said the disciple John leaned against Jesus at the Last Supper and that he therefore heard the heartbeat of God. During this retreat, we will listen for the heartbeat of God as we are led to greater freedom through letting go, through the grace of forgiveness so we can more and more become our true selves. ~ \$195

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

What does your spouse do that makes you laugh? Often it is the silly idiosyncrasies or foibles that can be special precious moments between the two of you.

'Harvest of Giving'

Fall is in the air, and Catholic Charities' annual *Harvest of Giving* is underway and needs you! As the weather turns colder, more families will come to Catholic Charities for help with food, shelter, heating assistance, Your gift stays in the Diocese and will make a powerful difference. There is much to be thankful for during this season, and your gift matters to those in need. Help by calling 453.6650 or visiting www.ccrca.org to donate.

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine

Through the years, many of us have visited or attended conferences at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine. The Shrine is now in need of several vital updates:

- replacing and repairing the three tier roof
- replacing 200 windows in the Coliseum
- repairing the two ton cross on the Coliseum
- repairing and replacing falling bricks
- interior painting due to water damage

The largest fund raising drive in the Shrine's history began several months ago with almost \$700,000 already raised from across the nation (all fund raising expenses were donated so 100% of the donations went directly to the Building Fund). The need is for a total of one million dollars.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas season, would you consider helping to save this precious Shrine. Forms are available in the literature racks.

Guiding Steps in Nurturing Children

Help our children start and end their day with prayer. Teach them to begin each day with a simple prayer of offering each new day to Jesus & asking Him to help us live as disciples in the world (tape a simple prayer to the bathroom mirror, closet door, or bed headboard).

Accept responsibility for words and actions.

Be willing to mentor children through situations involving their choices and decisions. The first step to forgiveness is easier if there is someone to support us.

Cultivate empathy. This is an essential quality for a moral life. Stories, art, music, and dialogue can be steps to help children understand their own feelings and those of others.

Model reconciliation and forgiveness.

Adults need to say, "I am sorry" "I forgive you" out loud. Tell the stories of Jesus over *and* over. Value the Sacrament of Reconciliation & receive as a family.

Review each day. Teaching a simple examination of conscience and Act of Contrition are essential disciplines in the life of a Christian ~ and our children deserve to learn and practice this. "Who were the people that Jesus sent into my life today?" "How did I bring love into the world? Where did I fail to do this?" "How can I do this better?"

Jeanne D. Schrempf
Diocesan Director, RCDA

"Mass & a Meal" Family Celebration*

All religious education students and their families are invited to the "Mass and a Meal" family celebration on Sunday, November 16, beginning at 4 pm with Mass at St. John. Dinner is at 5 pm followed by a craft project at 6 pm. *Please bring a dish to pass!* *In lieu of am classes.