

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2015

Please pray for those in special need of prayer:

Hitt Family, Mary Anne Falcone, Patricia Profeta, Leonard Wein, Rita Hoffman, Carmen, Raymond Bivens, Jr., Helen Pratti, Agnes Henry, Rose Gunderson, Ronnie Hunter, and Robert Bivens.

Confirmation Retreat at 12:30* pm

The Confirmation Retreat presented by Living Hope is this Sunday the 15th at St. Mary's Church in Oneonta. It will begin at **12:30 pm** and finish at 7 pm (dinner will be served). **** Please note earlier start time.****

Holy Week Ministries

Sign-up sheets for Holy Week are in the Church entrances. Parishioners' feet (six pair from each Church) are also needed Holy Thursday at St. John.

Coffee Hour

Don't forget to come in from the cold for a hot cup of coffee, a savory treat, and fellowship after the 9:30 am Mass Sunday on the 22nd. Stop by to extend Tom and Katherine O'Connell your congratulations on their new home.

Adoration Opening

An opening is available at St. Peter's Tuesday Adoration: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you are interested, contact Marie Fagan at 746.7467. Spending an hour with Jesus is a blessing.

Upcoming Reconciliations

The upcoming Lenten reconciliations at St. John:

Communal on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 pm;

Individual on Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm.

At St. Peter:

Communal on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 pm;

Individual on Thursday, March 26 at 7 pm.

✦ **OFFERINGS** ✦

St. John: \$1,934

Holy Family: 242

St. Peter: 1,366

Keep It Simple III

One Add-In: The next step in the 1-1-1 Plan is to add one thing of God to your routine that you have not been doing. Since we are all so busy, it is a good idea to not just pick an add-in but to schedule a regular time when you put it on your calendar so you don't "forget."

Here are some ideas:

- *go to Mass during the week*
- *attend Stations of the Cross as a family*
- *read a Gospel*
- *volunteer at a ministry*
- *get up early to pray*
- *do Lectio Divina*

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Steps to apologizing well: 1) "I'm sorry", 2) "Please forgive me", 3) Try to make an amend. To check yourself, avoid the word "but" when apologizing (for example, "I'm sorry, *but* if you had only ...").

Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive

Food and personal care items may be dropped off Sundays at Holy Family to help support the Colchester Food Bank. Needed: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce, fruit; jelly, graham crackers, spaghetti, peanut butter; boxes of mashed potatoes, stuffing; soap, toilet paper, personal care items