

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."
John 14:15

Just as God gave us commandments, healthy families have rules that help keep order and keep the peace. What are some of your family rules? Do you need any new ones, let go of outdated ones? Discuss together.

Pastoral Retreat

The Annual Day of Retreat & Spiritual Renewal for Pastoral Care ministers will be on Wednesday, June 17, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville 9 am to 4 pm. The guest presenter will be Bishop Matthew Clark, Bishop Emeritus of Rochester, who will speak on *The Joy of the Lord is My Strength*. Join other ministers in our Diocese for a day of spiritual renewal and fellowship. Pre-register by June 10 ~ albanypastoralcareministry.org. Cost: \$20 (lunch provided).

Birthright Carnation Sale

Don't forget your flower money for the Mother's Day carnation sale on May 9 and 10! Flowers will be sold at every Mass. Your support for this very worthy cause helps another mother give life to her child. This is a major fundraising event for Birthright so your help is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the sale. If you can lend a hand, please call Betsy at 746.2900.

Mother of love and hope, pray to your Son Jesus for me.

*We give glory to You, Lord, who raised up
Your cross to span the jaws of death
by which souls might pass from the region
of the dead to the land of the living.*

~ Saint Ephrem

Mary "Betty" Porterfield

If you have a chance, please send Mary Porterfield, who is in a nursing home, a cheerful card, or if in Margaretville, stop by for a visit: Mary "Betty" Porterfield, Room 201, Mountain-side Residential Care Center, 42158 State Highway 28, Margaretville, NY 12455

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Like the vine grower in the Gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits, and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

Salesian Sisters

God knocking? Why not investigate what God might be calling you to do with your life? The Salesian sisters in North Haledon, New Jersey are having discernment weekends to experience religious life May 15-17 and August 1-6. Please give the sisters a call: 732.597.3988.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

If you are too busy to have a weekly date with your spouse, you may be too busy. Tonight choose several hours next weekend that you can devote just to each other. Take turns planning each week.