

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2015

All Souls' Day

Masses for All Souls' on Monday the 2nd:
8 am & 6 pm at St. Peter
9:30 am & 7:15 pm at St. John

Ministry Schedule Updates

Ministry updates for the January thru June 2016 schedule need to be submitted by November 15: Nancy Greene, 865.6879, or Doreen Oles, 865.6724, for St. John & Holy Family; Debbie, 746.2503, for St. Peter.

FALL HOUSECLEANING ALL DONE?

Are you one of the lucky ones who have their fall housecleaning all done? Are you wondering what to do with those brand new items that have sat unused in the back of a closet or in the bottom of a drawer... that lamp from Aunt Tilly or that gift from Junior that just isn't your style? Consider donating them to the Penny Social. Items that can be used as door prizes or for raffles on the specials table are always welcome.

Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Center weekdays between 10 am & 3:30 pm. **Please DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING in FATHER WILLIS HALL UNTIL the AFTERNOON of THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5.** Thank you. Questions: Sheila, 865.6291.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Sign-up sheets for pies and volunteers are in St. Peter's entranceway for this year's Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

In Memory of Lee Seguire

The floral display in front of St. Peter's altar is in memory of former parishioner, Lee Seguire.

OFFERINGS

	Offeratory	World Missions
St. John:	\$ 1,744	\$504
Holy Family:	298	94
St. Peter:	1,142	470

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

When Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want from Me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Then, that is your prayer.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

All families have stories that they tell over and over. One genre is the vacation-disaster story. These stories are important because they say this family can not only survive adversity but can laugh at it and keep on loving each other. ~Mary Pipher Tell a story.

Student Essay Contest

Prizes: 1st: \$1,000, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$150

[Prizes for each division: grades 6-8, 9-12.]

Theme: God the Father does not judge us harshly but offers us love and forgiveness.

Assignment: Write an essay sharing a real-life story of mercy that has inspired you. What does this story teach you about the need for mercy in our world today?

Entry forms in office & church foyer.

Deadline: November 13.

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

November 20-22: *Valuing Self as a Spiritual Practice*~ How much we love and value ourselves affects everything we do, and how we respond to life. Come share, woman→woman, and ♡→♡.

Sr. Carol Davis, OP Cost: \$195.

Upcoming Ministry Events

Bereavement: • On Thursday, November 19, 7 to 8:30 pm at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville "From Grief To Grace: Remembering Our Loved Ones During The Holidays" -- Eileen Clinton. Free presentation, prayer, refreshments, and fellowship. Call 518.462.1336 ext. 2010.

• "Parable of the Good Samaritan ~Actions for the Year of Mercy" Tuesday, October 27, 6 to 9:15 pm at Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. Reflection on parable, does this call affect us, can we avoid acting like the priest and Levite? Cost: \$25. Call 518.292.4169 or at dslcny.org to register.

Lector: Workshop on Saturday, November 7, 10 am to 12 pm at Our Lady of Hope in Fort Plain. Cost \$10. Register at Prayer&Worship@rcda.org or mail to Office of Prayer & Worship, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.

Music: • "Rite of Christian Initiation Part I: Rite of Acceptance and the Scrutinies" on Saturday, November 21, 9:30 am to 12 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park.*

• "Rite of Christian Initiation Part II: Easter Vigil and the Baptismal Rite" on Saturday, February 20, 9:30 am to 12 pm at All Saints Church, Albany.*

* Register for either at Prayer&Worship@rcda.org or send registration to Office of Prayer and Worship, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. Cost ea: \$10 (\$40 per parish).

• "Music Ministry: Melodic Hospitality" on Tuesday, October 27, from 6 to 9:15 pm at Dominican Retreat & Conference Center. What are qualities of musical hospitality? Enjoy conversation, prayer, and music making as we reflect on our gifts. Cost: \$25. Call 518.292.4169 or at dslcny.org to register.

Fall in love again ...

with your spouse at the next Marriage Encounter Weekend November 7 & 8 in Albany. Call 518.279.3243 or at: albanyme.org.

The candle that gives light to others must itself be consumed. Thus we also have to act. We ourselves are consumed to give a good example to others.

~ Saint Charles Borromeo

Lector Workbooks

Lector books for the upcoming liturgical year may be picked up in the Sacristy.

Wanted: Deposit Bottles

Don't forget to drop your deposit bottles in Father Willis Hall and St. Peter's conference room ~ all proceeds go toward the 2016 March for Life trip in 3 months.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Even the most loving couples can take each other for granted over time. Counter this by a mindful greeting in the morning. What is your custom? Does it need refreshing? Even if you are groggy or in a hurry, try pausing for ten seconds & just gaze at each other. Smile. Remember.

Free Webinar: Growing in Faith

Enjoy a free webinar on Sunday, October 29, 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the comfort of your home! Father Pacwa's bible studies have captivated study groups for years. To sign up log on to: osv.com/growinginfaith before the 29th. This webinar is given by our envelope company, Our Sunday Visitor.

Birtheright's Amish Quilt Raffle

Tickets are in the Church entranceway for the annual Amish king-size quilt raffle. The quilt being raffled this year is a beautiful hand-stitched 'Pansy Basket' quilt. Checks are to be made out to: Birtheright of Binghamton, Inc. and mailed with raffle ticket stubs to: Birtheright of Binghamton, 435 Main Street, Johnson City by November 12 as the drawing is on the 22nd. Thank you for your support.