

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2015

Weekly Mass Change

There will be no 8 and 9:30 am Masses on Wednesday, November 18. There will be daily Masses Tuesday and Thursday, the 17th and 19th.

St. Peter's office closed November 16.

Thank You!

Proceeds from last week's Penny Social amounted to \$868.80. The Family Life Committee would like to thank everyone who donated baskets, gift cards, new or used items, or supported us in any way.

I personally would like to thank those few parishioners who showed up on Friday to help with the set up. I, literally, could not have gotten it together without your help. ~ Sheila

Thanksgiving Masses

8 am at St. Peter ☉ 9:30 am at St. John

Faith Formation

'Mass & a Meal' Family Celebration*

All religious education students and their families are invited to the "Mass and a Meal" family celebration this Sunday, November 15, beginning at 4 pm with Mass at St. John the Baptist. Dinner will be at 5 pm followed by a Christmas project at 6 pm.

* This celebration takes the place of the November 15 faith formation classes. Please plan and make every effort to attend. It was a wonderful and well-attended event the last couple years!

OFFERINGS

St. John: \$1,251
Holy Family: 702
St. Peter: 1,597

☩ Campaign for Human Development ☩

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection, scheduled for the 22nd, funds programs in US communities by giving a hand up rather than a handout. CCHD helps people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve both their lives and neighborhoods.

Help break the cycle of poverty.

☩ Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service ☩

Please come to give thanks for all God's blessings on Sunday, November 22, at St. John the Baptist at 6 pm.

☩ Marriage Moments ☩

Susan Vogt

*In those days...the sun will be darkened...
and the stars will be falling from the sky.*
Mark 13:24-25

Jesus warns us of tribulations, and all loving couples bear their share. Are you going through any current tribulation as a couple? Share your burden. If not for yourselves, pray for those who are having a hard time in their marriage.

Since we know how good our Master is, let us yield to Him in all things, and let us not strain after what concerns life. He, who by His own loving-kindness brought us out of nothing into being...will be all the more careful to take every thought for our well-being.
~ Saint John Chrysostom

☩ O'Connor Hospital Holiday Parade ☩

The Annual O'Connor Hospital Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, December 5 at 11 am. If you would be interested in entering a St. Peter's float, call the office.

☩ Walton Food Bank Volunteers ☩

Volunteers, please sign up is at the back of the Church for next month.

☩ Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive ☩

Please drop items at Holy Family: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce; fruit, jelly, graham crackers, spaghetti, peanut, mashed potatoes (box), stuffing; soap, toilet paper, personal care items.

☩ Parenting Pointers ☩

Susan Vogt

"We share the pain of couples who struggle without success to conceive a child. We admire and encourage families who adopt a child [or] become foster parents"~ *Follow the Way of Love.* November is National Adoption month. Have you ever considered this way to give life?

☩ Community Thanksgiving Dinner ☩

Looking for volunteers for to set up, serve, and/or clean-up at the Thanksgiving Community Dinner in Delhi on the 26th.

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

December 4-6: Advent Silent Retreat for Men and Women: *Beginning Before it Begins.* This is a winter retreat preparing us for the coming of God's Word and the New Year. We will keep watch with Mary and the shepherds as they grow in trust of God.
Director: Rev. Lou Sogliuzzo.
Cost: \$195 (\$185 age 65+).

National Bible Week

National Bible Week this week highlights the Church's desire that the Word of God be a central focus in all aspects of Catholic life. The Church draws nourishment from the Word in numerous ways: in its liturgy and prayer, in its work of evangelization and catechesis, in biblical exegesis and theology, and in the lives of believers in whom God's Word takes root.

Nowhere is the potential for God's Word taking firm root greater than in the home. National Bible Week provides a unique opportunity for parents to revisit and renew their understanding of the power of the Word of God in the life of their family. As leaders of the "domestic Church," parents are encouraged to be not only the first but the best of teachers for their children in the ways of faith. Parents help fulfill this challenge by ensuring that Scripture, the living Word of God, is given due emphasis in the life and activity of the home.

The more deeply the Word is rooted in the home, the more the entire family grows in relationship to Christ and to one another. Parents today rightly take time to promote family health by choosing appropriate food, drink, and exercise to build healthy bodies and by forming their children in proper study habits. A critical component of the spiritual health of any family is a well-balanced diet of God's Word. Wise parents understand that building healthy habits requires daily attention and repetition, rather than occasional focus.

The same is true of habits in the home surrounding the Word of God. It must be a daily effort. The first rule of making the Word of God a central part of the home is to first make it a priority in one's own life. Parents cannot pass on to children what is not firmly rooted in their own lives. Take a few moments each day to read God's Word. Slowly pray through a Gospel or a New Testament letter, reading a few minutes each day. Be sure that your children see you spending time with the Word.

The daily Scripture readings can be found at and printed from: usccb.org/bible. Those who listen to podcasts can download the daily readings from this same address.

☩ Family Perspective ☩

Bud Ozar

We hear today in the Gospel that Uncertainty is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows.... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree, the people who love grow and change.