

# Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

## Faith Formation

**Confirmation Retreat at Sacred Heart  
in Sidney, 1-7 pm this Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**St. John coffee hour Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>.\***

### Lent Mass Schedule

~ **St. Peter** ~

Saturday~ 5:30 pm

Sunday~ 9:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, First Friday~ 8 am

~ **Holy Family** ~

Sunday~ 8 am

~ **St. John** ~

Saturday~ 4 pm

Sunday~ 11:15 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, First Friday~ 9:30 am

Monday & Tuesday~ 7 pm

### **Fast and Abstinence**

As a sign of our penance, we preserve for the Diocese of Albany the custom of abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fasting binds all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for only one full meal per day.

By retaining these traditions for our Diocese, we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused. They are expressions of our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other, and to love our neighbor.

## OFFERINGS

Offeritory   Missions

St. John:     \$1,628   \$ 378

St. Peter:     1,025     375

### Stations of the Cross & Adoration

#### Faith Formation Edition

St. Peter's Faith Formation classes on Sunday, Feb 28, will take place in the church.

Parishioners and family members are invited to join us for Stations of the Cross and a brief Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Deacon Michael Freeman. Afterward the students will assist at Mass.

### Adoration Sunday

All are welcome to join the religious education group for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 10:30 am at St. John on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Families of our students are especially welcome.

### \*NCYC Video Presentation

The Youth group that attended NCYC in November will be sharing a short video of their trip during the coffee hour at St. John after Mass February 21. Please come let the kids say "thank you" and enjoy our video and coffee.

### Parenting Pointers     Susan Vogt

It's still pretty cold out there. Does your household have an extra pair of gloves, a scarf, boots, a coat, a blanket that you could take to a shelter, Goodwill, etc.?

Why have we fasted, and Thou seest it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves and Thou takest no knowledge of it?

"Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure. and oppress your workers.

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and hit with wicked fist.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day for man to humble himself,

to loose the bonds of wickedness, to let the oppressed go free?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, & bring the homeless poor into your house?"

from Isaiah 58

### Marriage Moments     Susan Vogt

Lent is a time of taking stock, self-sacrifice, and penance. Take stock of your marriage this week. Is there a sacrifice you can make for your significant other? Anything? ... it is time to forgive.

### Best Lent Ever

Make this a more meaningful Lenten season & sign up for daily emails based on Matthew Kelly's book, Rediscover Jesus. Sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent!](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent!)

***Fear nothing, dear soul, whoever you are:  
the greater the sinner, the greater  
his right to Your mercy, O Lord.***

### St. Mary Lenten Presentations

St. Mary's Church in Oneonta is offering multiple presentations this Lent. Details are posted in the Churches. The presentations scheduled beginning 2/23:

- Lent, Life, and Mercy
- Lord, Teach Us to Pray
- Our Mission of Mercy: Supporting Persecuted Christians in the Holy Land
- Jesus, Friend of Sinners
- Change--The Only Thing We Can Be Sure of & How to Deal With It
- International Women's Day of Prayer
- The Annulment Process

### Family Perspective     Bud Ozar

Jesus "went up the mountain to pray," and He was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent, set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family (put it on your calendar/planner to ensure doing). Pray before each meal, and if married, spend five minutes in prayer together daily.

### Lasagna Dinner

Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting a lasagna dinner on Sunday, March 13, after Mass at St. John in Father Willis Hall. Come enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner with salad and beverage for \$7.50. Donated desserts would be appreciated!

Stations of the Cross held every Friday during Lent~ 6 pm at St. Peter and St. John the Baptist.