

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2016

Backpack Project

The Delhi backpack project, created to help Delaware Academy students, will be collecting supplies during the summer (no need for backpacks this year!). All items may be left in the box at St. Peter:

Classroom items: pencils (colored and regular), crayons, markers, pens, erasers, plastic crayon/pencil boxes, spiral note-books, scissors, glue sticks (preferably NOT liquid), juice boxes, fruit snacks/granola bars

Nurse-requested items: deodorant (male/female), mini bottles of shampoo, toothbrushes/mini toothpaste, chapsticks, lotions, tampons, dental piks, character band aids

Checks are welcome! They will be used to purchase needed items not donated. Please make out to: "First Presbyterian Church" (note 'school supplies').

Bake Sale Today

Please make sure you stop by and purchase some baked goods 'to go' after the 8 am Mass at Holy Family.

Delhi Fair on the Square

Stop in the Knights of Columbus booth for cotton candy, popcorn, and a cold drink at the Fair on the Square Fridays this month.

**If you would like to become more involved at Church, come join one of our ministries!
Call the office or speak to Father.**

Reflecting on the Word

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately, as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham's tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By Abraham's hospitality he shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in the Gospel. Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself: "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself... Tell her to help me." Jesus' gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands.

Our Lord comes to us, not to be served but to serve. He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the "better part" which is life in the fellowship of God. As once He came to Abraham, Mary and Martha, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. As we sing Psalm 15:2-5: He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice (see John 14:23).

If we do these things we will not be anxious or disturbed, will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, who told Abraham and tells each of us: "I will surely return to you."
Scott Hahn

**Reminder:
St. John will be volunteering
at the Walton Food in September.**

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

"*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.*" Luke 10:41

What worries and burdens are you carrying today: Money? Children? Health? Job?) Let your beloved (your spouse and God) be a comfort to you. Be present to who is most important to you today.

Home, Care Facility, or Hospital Visits

Is a Catholic friend, neighbor, or relative, homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home? Please call the office to arrange for one of our ministers of the sick to bring Eucharist or just to visit for a spell.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Cell phones, emails, faxes, texts, and voice mails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to what Jesus tells Martha: "*You are anxious about many things.*" Our interrupted moments rob us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality Time is Quantity Time.

Catholic Youth Workcamps

If you are entering eighth grade or above in the fall, attend high school or college and don't have plans this summer, come participate in an opportunity to live your faith boldly, impact communities, and transform lives through service to others. Check out their website for details at: heartworkcamp.com.

♪ St. Peter Choir Practices

Every Wednesday at 4:30 pm.

Gospel Thought: Jesus' words to Martha may be seen as an invitation rather than a rebuke. *Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.* The one thing needed is for Martha to receive the gracious presence of Jesus, to listen to His words, to know that she is valued not for what she does or how well she does it, but for who she is as a child of God.
Elisabeth Johnson

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

"*Love your neighbor as yourself*" follow up: Once appropriate self-love is acknowledged, help your child expand this to loving others. Teach them to be hospitable to everyone they meet whether or not they take an instant liking to the person.

Retreat

The Priory Retreat House

518.494.3733

July 22 - 24: Weekend Directed Silent Retreat II~ Don't have time (or \$) for an eight day directed retreat?! Why not a retreat weekend? "*Come apart and rest awhile.*" Meet individually with your retreat director to make a plan for you, guide you, and review your experience.

Director: Sister Jane Camerford

Cost: \$140 with meals