

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2016

Don't forget Faith Formation begins  
next Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>:

St. Peter at 8:30 am & St. John at 10 am

## Family Movie Night Tonight!

A Faith formation Family Movie Night is planned for tonight the 11<sup>th</sup> at St John the Baptist at 7:15 pm! Kick off the school year with our faith community with an outdoor movie and snacks. Also, there will be an opportunity to register for faith formation, if you have not already done so.

## Is God Calling?

St John the Baptist needs a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher this year. Is this how God is calling you to share your time and talent? Contact Donna Cox 607.829.6305 or Katherine Giel-skie 607.437.7474 for more info.

## Bible Journey Begins

The Bible Journey will begin at St. Peter's this evening at 6 pm. Recommended Bibles:

- a) The New American Bible,
- b) The Revised Standard Version,
- c) "Today's English Version"--  
The Good News Bible.

Dr. Freeman has twelve free copies of "Today's English Version" -- The Good News Bible to offer on a first come, first serve basis.

## Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

Celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or other special anniversary? Join couples and our Bishop for Liturgy 2 pm October 2 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany (reception follows). Call St. Peter (746.2503) or St. John (865.7394) to register.

## Summit on the Family

Bishop Scharfenberger happily invites you to the first Summit on the Family on Saturday, October 1, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. All families are encouraged to attend. There will be some talks geared toward adults, but there will also be plenty to engage children of all ages. See insert for details.

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Parents are like the shepherd in the Gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of God, Our Father's unconditional love for us. A parent is a window to the Divine.

## Walton Walk for Hunger

The Walton Walk for Hunger is Sunday, October 2. Registration at Austin-Lincoln Park begins at 2 pm with the 5k Walk/Run at 3 pm. A BBQ follows and a drawing for prizes! The goal this year: \$9,000.

The distribution of net proceeds:

- 10% - Operation Christmas Child
- 50% - Walton Food Bank
- 20% - Walton Backpack Programs
- 20% - Walton Soup Meals

Lace up those sneakers, and join our community in making a difference.

\*St. John needs to provide three dozen cookies. Call the office if you can help.\*

## Visits

Do you know a Catholic friend, neighbor, or relative, who is homebound, in the hospital, or nursing home? Call the office to ask for one of our ministers of the sick to visit.

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

"I will make your descendants  
as numerous as the stars in the sky."  
Exodus 32:13

No matter the number of children you have, each one is a promise for the future. Do something to make the world better for your offspring today: recycle, donate to a cause, make peace with someone, plant a tree ...

## Diocesan Divine Mercy Consecration

As the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy approaches, there will be a 33-day preparation beginning Tuesday, October 11 and culminating with the Divine Mercy Consecration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Sunday, November 13, at 5 pm.

To aid us in preparing for the Consecration, Bishop Ed has chosen to use the book 33 Days to Merciful Love by Father Michael E. Gaitley. The daily reading takes only three to five minutes and then is pondered during the rest of one's day. The 33-day preparation can be done alone or in a group (book available at a variety of locations: check rcda.org).

Father Gaitley will offer free presentations:

- Thurs., Sept. 8: St. Michael the Archangel  
South Glens Falls at 6 pm
- Sat., Sept. 10: Our Lady of Knock  
East Durham at 10 am
- Sun., Sept. 11: Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs  
Auriesville at 3 pm

Conclude this Year of Mercy by giving God permission to make our hearts "doors of mercy" consecrating them to the Divine Mercy Himself.

Nothing would be a trouble to me,  
nothing a difficulty, had I but fervor of soul.

"She made her voice heard  
before the powers of the world,  
so that they might recognize  
their guilt for the crimes of poverty  
they themselves created."

Pope Francis  
Mother Teresa's Sainthood  
September 4

## **Retreat**

*Dominican Retreat Center* 518.393.4169

**Sept. 16-18 & 23-25:** "Do You Not Know that You Are God's Temple"~ Enjoy rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing with other retreatants. Cost: \$205

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

September 11, 2001 took people by surprise. You don't know the time or place you or your beloved will die. Take advantage of the time you have now to show your love.

## Monastic Experience Weekend

Single Catholic women aged 18 to 40 years are invited to experience life in a house of contemplative Benedictine nuns by praying, eating, and working with the sisters October 7-9. The St. Scholastica Priory is offering a discernment opportunity to see if God is calling you to a deeper encounter with Himself. Hear the sisters' stories and learn discernment tools. Contact Sister Mary Frances at smfwynn@aol.com, 978.724.3213.

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