

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2016

St. Peter coffee hour next Sunday.

### Third Order Franciscans

Third Order Franciscans are no less an order than the First or Second Order. Third Order Franciscans take direction directly from the Pope not a Bishop. Secular Franciscans seek social justice, birthright, ecology, peace, and the respect for all things made by God whether animate or inanimate.

Secular Franciscans are recognized by the Tau worn around their neck that hangs from a string (Ezekiel 9:4). The string has three knots on it representing Chastity, Poverty, and Obedience to the Bible.

### Summit on the Family

Bishop Scharfenberger invites you to the first Summit on the Family Saturday, October 1, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. There will be talks geared toward adults, but there will also be plenty to engage children of all ages; all families are encouraged to attend. Register at rcda.org.

### Luncheon Get-Together

All are welcome to this year's luncheon get-together on Thursday, October 13, at 12:30 pm. The Rainbow Lodge will open just for us! Please call Kathy Moore, 865.4734, by Monday, October 3 to reserve your seat. Enjoy the autumn leaves and the fellowship.

### Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

Celebrating a milestone anniversary? Join our Bishop for Liturgy 2 pm October 2 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Bishop Scharfenberger will greet couples and guests at the reception which follows Mass. Please call either office to register.

### Catholic University of America

Reason~ Faith~ Service~ Leadership

Next week is the Collection for The Catholic University of America. The University in Washington, D.C. provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students each year. Over 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection including many from our diocese. Please be generous.

### Catechist Retreat

Are you a new catechist (grades K-6) or are you looking to refresh yourself with new ideas and insights for your class? This Retreat gives you an opportunity to complete the initial stage of the required basic certification and will cover resources, techniques, and discipline. The Retreat is conveniently at St. Mary's Church in Oneonta on Saturday, September 24, 9 am to 4:15 pm.

Registration forms are in the office or you may contact Katherine Gielskie at 437.7474 asap.

### Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

School is in full swing for most families. Even if your child is too young for school; remember this maxim: It's not what the teacher says; but what the student hears; that matters. This applies to parents and children too.

### ~ Bishop's Appeal to Date ~

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
St. John:	\$11,110	\$10,271
St. Peter:	9,915	11,222

**\*\*Please mail your pledge payments directly to the Diocese in order to receive up-to-date monthly statements of your pledge.\*\***

### 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.

Bishop Ed has chosen the book 33 Days to Merciful Love by Father Michael E. Gaitley (book available at a variety of locations: check rcda.org). End this Year of Mercy by allowing God to make our hearts "doors of mercy" consecrating them to the Divine Mercy Himself.

### Monastic Experience Weekend

Single Catholic women (18 to 40 years old) are invited to experience life with contemplative Benedictine nuns by praying, eating, and working with the sisters October 7-9. The Saint 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 or call 978.724.3213.

*With Your fatherly blessing, Lord,  
strengthen these servants of Yours  
in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists.  
Grant that they will strive to share with  
others what they themselves derive from  
pondering Your Word and  
studying the Church's teaching.  
And let them gladly join those they teach  
in honoring and serving Your name.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Thank you to all our catechists and volunteers  
for giving of self, time, and gifts!**

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes begin Sunday~  
St. Peter at 8:30 am and St. John at 10 am.

### Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Despite our time-saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the "Myth of Quality Time." Do not be fooled~ Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us: We "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

### Catholic Charities Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Catholic Charities raffle. With your participation, Catholic Charities of Dela-ware, Otsego, and Schohaire Counties was able to raise approximately \$3,000 to fund their good works at the local level. The prize winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Michael Andrews of Levittown, NY

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Beatrice Laskaris of Oneonta, NY

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kathleen Reinhart of Cobleskill, NY

We extend a special thank you to Fr. Golding & the Knights of Columbus for their assistance.

### Bible Journey Reading

#### **Week Three:**

Day 1: Gen 31:17-32:12; Matt 10:24-11:6; Ps 13:1-6; Prov 3:16-18

Day 2: Gen 32:13-34:31; Matt 11:7-30; Ps 14:1-7; Prov 3:19-20

Day 3: Gen 35:1 - 36:43; Matt 12: 1-21; Ps 15:1-5; Prov 3:21-26

Day 4: Gen: 37:1- 38:30; Matt 12:22-45; Ps 16:1-11; Prov 3:27-32

Day 5: Gen 39:1-41:16; Matt 12:46-13:23; Ps 17:1-15; Prov 3:33-35

Day 6: Gen 41: 17-42:17; Matt 13: 24-46; Ps 18:1-15; Prov 4:1-6

Day 7: Gen 42:18 - 43:34; Matt 13:47-14:12; Ps 18:16-36; Prov 4:7-10

#### **Week Four:**

Day 1: Gen 44: 1-45:28; Matt 14:13-36; Ps 18: 37-50; Prov 4:11-13

Day 2: Gen 46:1-47:31; Matt 15: 1-28; Ps 19:1-14; Prov 4:14-19;

Day 3: Gen 48: 1-49:33; Matt 15: 29-16:12; Ps 20:1-9; Prov 4:20-27

Day 4: Gen 50: 1-Ex 2:10; Matt 16:13-17:9; Ps 21:1-13; Prov 5:1-6

Day 5: Ex 2:11-3:22; Matt 17:10 -27; Ps 22:1 -18; Prov 5:7-14

Day 6: Ex 4:1-5:21; Matt 18: 1-20; Ps 22:19-31; Prov 5:15-21

Day 7: Ex 5:22-7:25; Matt 18:21-19:12; Ps 23:1-6; Prov 5:22-23