

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016

Penny Social Help

THEMED BASKETS are NEEDED to raffle at the upcoming Penny Social November 4. Suggestions: movie night, baking, Italian dinner, tea time, junk food. The Social is fast approaching so drop off items in the office Monday thru Friday between 10:30 and 3:30.

Calling for Bakers

BAKERS NEEDED for upcoming coffee hours. Leave baked goods in kitchen the morning of the coffee hour. Thank you.

Book Group Resumes

The Book Group will meet on Thursday, October 13, at Hilda's Place on Main Street at 4 pm. The next book selection will be discussed. Anyone interested in joining, see you there!

Detours on the Journey

Divorced? Join others in prayer and shared experience at Detours on the Journey, a support ministry for Catholic men and women who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. The program runs for ten weeks and has just started at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 40 North Main Avenue in Albany. For information and to register, please contact mary.fay@rcda.org or call 518.453.6644.

Spiritual Resilience

An enrichment presentation for the Pastoral Care Ministry is on Saturday, November 5, from 9:30 to 11 am at the Pastoral Center in Albany: *Spiritual Resilience and the Ill or Aging Person*. There is no cost to attend, but you must register by October 12. Dr. Melissa Kelley, an associate professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, will be the presenter. To register: albanypastoralcareministry.org.

Monastic Experience Weekend

Are you a single man 18 to 40 years of age who has had the thought that your call is something bigger than yourself? Is God calling you to a deeper encounter with Him? Have you considered transcending the ordinary? St. Mary's Monastery will be holding a monastic experience weekend, November 4 to 6, in Massachusetts. Experience firsthand the balance and rhythm of prayer & community life.

Interested and would like more information? Please contact Father Gregory, 678.724.3350; monks@stmarysmonastery.org; facebook.com/stmarysmonastery.

Catechist Fall Certification Retreat

The next Fall Certification Retreat for Catechists will be Saturday, October 29, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Albany from 9 am to 4:15 pm. For catechists teaching up to and including sixth grade, this Retreat will 'jump start' your ministry as well as complete your provisional certification. Enjoy hands-on activities, group discussions, and prayer with your fellow catechists. Registration forms are in the office or call 518.453.6602.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Only one leper returned to give thanks to God. Luke 17:18

Gratitude is a popular poster virtue these days, but inspiration does not always translate into action. Today do two acts of gratitude: No. 1: Notice and thank your beloved for an act of kindness, No. 2: Note a problem in your life. Turn it around by imagining how it could have been worse. Thank God.

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Gospel Lectio Divina

Lectio: The Gospel places us within the third stage of the road which Jesus is following toward Jerusalem; by now the goal is close at hand, and the Master calls His disciples even with greater intensity, that is, us, to follow Him to the holy city, in the mystery of salvation, of love. The passage is fulfilled only through faith, nourished by an intense, unceasing, insistent, trusting prayer. These words invite us to identify ourselves with the lepers, who become children, and with the rich man who is converted and accepts salvation in his home. If we truly accept them and guard them in such a way as to put them into practice, we will finally be able also to arrive to Jericho and from there to begin to go up with Jesus, up to the joyful embrace with the Father.

Meditatio: This invitation is already clear to my heart: The Love of the Father is waiting for me, like that only Samaritan who turned back, full of joy and of gratitude. The Eucharist of my healing is ready; the room in the upper room is already adorned, the table is set, the calf has been killed, the wine has been poured... my place is already prepared. I also go toward Jerusalem, toward the temple, which is my heart and I in making this holy trip I think over all the love that the Father has had for me.

Oratio: Lord, I have gathered the good honey of your Words from the divine Scripture; You have given me light, You have nourished my heart, You have shown me the truth. I know that in the number of those lepers, of those sick persons, I am also there. I know that You are waiting for me so that I come back, full of joy, to make the Eucharist with You, in Your merciful love. I also ask You for the light of Your Spirit in order to be able to see well, to know and to allow You to change me. Behold, Lord, I open my heart, my life, before You... look at me, question me, heal me.

Contemplatio: You have told me only not to fear, not to hide myself. And it has been sufficient to trust you, to open the heart and your salvation has already reached me. I have already felt the balm of your presence. I have understood that you have healed me. Then, Lord, I could not do any other thing than to turn back to you, to tell you at least thank you, to weep with joy at your feet.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Everyone needs "A Round Tu-It." The lepers in the Gospel probably meant to thank Jesus. Excited about being cured they didn't get 'around-to-it.' We get caught up in our own interests and fail to appreciate what we have or to say what is in our hearts. This week get yourself a "Round Tu-It."

Lord of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to Your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of Your disciples to mutual love and giving ~ for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a consecrated life to You.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with You in building Your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen

~ Pope Francis

Bible Journey

Class held at St. Peter tomorrow at 4 pm.

Week Seven

- One-- Ex 34:1-35:9; Matt 27:15-31; Ps 33:12-22; Prov 9:1-6
- Two-- Ex 35:10-36:38; Matt 27:32-66; Ps 34:1-10; Prov 9:7-8
- Three-- Ex 37:1-38:31; Matt 28:1-20; Ps 34:11-22; Prov 9:9-10
- Four-- Ex 39:1-40:38; Matt 1:1-28; Ps 35:1-16; Prov 9:11-12
- Five-- Lev 1:1-3:17; Mark 1:29-2:12; Ps 35:17-28; Prov 9:13-18
- Six-- Lev 4:1-5:19; Mark 2:13-3:6; Ps 36:1-12; Prov 10:1-2
- Seven-- Lev 6:1-7:27; Mark 3:7-30; Ps 37:1-11; Prov 10:3-4

Week Eight

- One-- Lev 7:28-9:6; Mark 3:31-4:25; Ps 37:12-29; Prov 10:5
- Two-- Lev 9:7-10:20; Mark 4:26-5:20; Ps 37:30-40; Prov 10:6-7
- Three-- Lev 11:1-12:8; Mark 5:21-43; Ps 38:1-22; Prov 10:8-9
- Four-- Lev 13:1-59; Mark 6:1-29; Ps 39:1-13; Prov 10:10
- Five-- Lev 14:1-57; Mark 6:30-56; Ps 40:1-10; Prov 10:11-12
- Six-- Lev 15:1-16:28; Mark 7:1-23; Ps 40:11-17; Prov 10:13-14
- Seven-- Lev 16:29-18:30; Mk 7:24-8:10; Ps 41:1-13; Prov 10:15-16