

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017

Stop By

for warm fellowship (and coffee) next Sunday after 11:15 am Mass at St. John the Baptist!

Delhi Food Bank Help

Have you included volunteer work in your 2017 resolutions? The Delhi Food Bank is looking for some extra hands to help out! If you have some spare time on Mondays and/or Thursdays 1 to 3 pm, please give Carmel a call at 746.3008.

Baked Goods for Coffee Hours

Bakers needed for upcoming coffee hours. Please leave baked goods in kitchen prior to the coffee hour, thanks. Future dates: January 22, February 12, and March 19.

March for Life

If you are interested in being a part of this year's trip to Washington D.C. January 26-27 to voice your concern for the unborn, contact Cathie at Sacred Heart Church, Stamford at 652. 7170 as soon as possible in order to ensure a seat on the bus!

Family Perspective

Can you say, "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God"? If you are not talking about Jesus in your family, you are not testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

Marriage Encounter

Start the New Year off right by giving your spouse a love-filled night on the next Marriage Encounter weekend. Call 279.3243 for dates, additional information, and to reserve space for the two of you.

Reflection

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah. He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "You are My servant," He said to Me."

Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus - - to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Acts 13:46-47).

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (Exodus 12:1-23, 27).

In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19). Our Lord sings of this in the Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see Hebrews 10:3-13).

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (Hebrews 10:4). They were meant not to save but to teach (Galatians 3:24). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience, made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness.

He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:14). We are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (Romans 12:1).

St. Scholastica Priory

Single Catholic women age 18 to 40 years are invited to experience life in a house of contemplative Benedictine nuns in Peter-sham, Massachusetts on February 17 through 19. Pray, eat, and work with as well as listen to conferences on monastic life and prayer and vocation discernment. Hear the nuns' own stories of their journey into the monastery.

Please contact Sister Mary Frances at 978. 724.3213 or email stscholasticapriory.org.

Walton Food Bank

Help to start the new year off with stocked shelves at the Food Bank: spaghetti, pasta, & sauces, tuna fish, egg noodles; soups: vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato, cream of mushroom, Ramen noodle etc.; saltines, canned fruit (peaches, fruit cock-tail, applesauce); macaroni 'n cheese; peanut butter; cold & hot cereal; canned vegetables: corn, peas, green beans, pork 'n beans; Jell-O, pudding; Knorr rice/ noodles; cake and cookie mixes; tea, cocoa, coffee. Thank you for all your donations in 2016.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Consider starting a new family prayer tradition this year. Try this ancient prayer:

May God bless you and keep you! May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you! May God look upon you kindly and give you peace! Numbers 6:22-27

Learn More about Catholicism

If you want to learn more about our faith, would like to become a Catholic, or you did not receive one of your sacraments, call the office at 865.7394 or speak to Deacon Freeman to find out more.

Ministry Help

Our Churches are in need of additional parishioners to join one of our ministries to assist Father at Mass with decorating the Churches, setting up the altar for Mass, being a lector, altar server, or choir member, money counting, as well as coffee hour volunteers.

Training is offered as well as time to follow someone in the ministry until you are ready. You may choose to serve once a month, every other month, etc. -- you decide. If you are interested or would like more information, call the office. Additional hands are needed!

Faith Formation

Facebook: Search "St John's and St Peter's Faith Formation" group on Facebook and join for reminders, updates, schedule changes, and other relevant content.

Retreats

Priory Retreat House, Chestertown 518.494.3733

February 17-19: Do you want to connect more deeply with God and yourself? Experience a directed silent retreat. You can refocus and find God in your life through Scripture, prayer, nature, and silence. During this retreat you will meet individually with your retreat director to make a plan just for you where you are in your life, receive daily suggestions for prayer and guidance; and review your experience. When you return home, take with you a deeper connection with all of life. Cost: \$225.

February 24-26: Consider a quiet oasis away during the winter season. Cuddle up by the wood stove or in a cozy nook to reconnect with yourself and the power of the divine. Meals, accommodations, and spiritual direction are provided on request. \$65/night (single), \$80 (double), meals: \$5-15