

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

Daily Mass for the week of January 29<sup>th</sup> will be Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, and Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Coffee Hour

Come by for hot coffee and delicious treats today after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Peter. Contributions of baked goods, fruit, cheese, veggies would be most appreciated.

## Coffee Hour Help

Bakers needed for upcoming February 12 coffee hour at St. John. Please leave baked goods in kitchen prior to the coffee hour. Thank you for your help.

## View Mass at Home

The Diocese streams Mass live each week at 9:30 am on its website, rcda.org. If you have cable, you can also watch Mass on EWTN.

## Delhi Food Bank

Please remember to bring an item or two when you come to Mass for the food bank (or drop off at United Ministry on Mondays or Thursdays 1 to 3 pm): powdered milk, condiments, canned meats, biscuit mix, dried herbs/seasonings, spaghetti sauce, tuna, cereal, soup, crackers, canned fruit and vegetables, mac 'n cheese, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, Jell-O, pudding, rice, flour, sugar.

Your donations are greatly appreciated. If you have some time on Mondays or Thursdays and can help out, call Carmel at 746.3008.

## **Faith Formation**

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

## 2015 Tax Statements

If you would like a statement of your 2016 offertory for your tax returns, please call the office.

## Bible Journey

The next Bible Journey class will take place at St. Peter on Sunday, February 5, at 2 pm.

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

It is our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you ... parents lead the way!

## Men's Lives Changed

The impact from attending the IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference has affected men's families and parishes! It's all possible with God. The conference is on Saturday, March 25, at the SRC Center on the Onondaga Community College campus. The speakers will be:

Chris Horn -- NFL player, motivational speaker  
Mark Houck -- author, lecturer, radio host  
Msgr. Jim Lisante -- media personality, author

Check out comments from our local pastors and register on: [ignitecatholicmen.org](http://ignitecatholicmen.org).

## Diocesan Social Media

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## **2016 Bishop's Appeal Deficits**

[thebishopsappeal.org](http://thebishopsappeal.org)

There are only six weeks left to make your pledge or gift!

St. John the Baptist: \$7,989  
St. Peter's Church: 9,292

## Book Group

The Book Group will meet Wednesday this week at 2 pm at Hilda's Place. Battle the winter blues and come join the lively discussion and camaraderie!

## Marriage Moments Susan Voigt

Which of the Beatitudes most typifies your spouse: living simply, grieving, humility, hunger for righteousness, merciful, acts with integrity in the face of temptations, peacemaking, works for justice despite personal attacks? *Matthew 5:1-12*

## **Reflecting on the Word**

In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David and Son of God. He is sent to lead a new exodus that brings Israel out of captivity to the nations and brings all the nations to God.

As Moses led Israel from Egypt through the sea to give them God's law on Mount Sinai, Jesus too has passed through the waters in baptism. Now He goes to the mountain to proclaim a new law -- the law of His Kingdom.

The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham that through his descendants all the nations of the world would receive God's blessings. *Genesis 12:3; 22:18* They reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues: to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of Kingdom.

God has chosen to bless the weak and lowly, those foolish and despised in the eyes of the world. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit God's mercy and grace. These are the humble remnant in the first reading taught to seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever, and its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord.

Dr. Scott Hahn

## **Reconciliation Saturday at St. John 3 to 3:30 pm.**

## Free Income Tax Assistance Sessions

Free Tax Counseling for the Elderly is available for low and moderate income individuals February 14 at St. John's Senior Dining Center (sign-up sheet located in Father Willis Hall). Call for appointments at the Delhi Public Safety building: February 6, 10, 20; March 1, 6, 17, 20, 27; April 3, 13, and 14 by calling 832.5750. This service is only available by appointment. A list of items needed for your tax assistance is in the literature rack in Church.

Persons who have an earned income less than \$14,800 (single) or \$20,430 (married) may be able to use the Earned Income Credit. The tax volunteers will also be able to prepare taxes via electronic filing.

This free service is sponsored by Delaware County Office of the Aging, the AARP Foundation, the Albany IRS office, and the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance.

## 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 their stories.

Please contact Sister Mary Frances at 978.724.3213 or email: [stscholasticapriory.org](mailto:stscholasticapriory.org) with your questions or to obtain more details.

"I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand."

~ St. Anselm of Canterbury