

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

Young Voices (& Musicians) Needed

A Diocesan choir of young people (grades 7 through college) is being formed for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany on Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm. There are two music rehearsals (one is required): Saturday, March 25 and April 1, from 11 to 1 pm. Auditions for instrumentalists and cantors will be scheduled individually--contact Marie Bernadett at mbernadett@nycap.rr.com. Registration in office.

Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive

Drop your items at the Colchester Community Food Bank or you may leave them in Holy Family: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce; fruit, jelly, graham crackers, spaghetti, peanut, boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing; soap, toilet paper, and personal care items.

CRS Valentine's Gifts

Valentine's Day gifts through Catholic Relief Services creates funds which invest in artisans and farmers and support US education initiatives.

In addition to offering great gifts-- chocolates, pocketbooks, jewelry, etc--their partners ensure fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability. Their website: crs.org.

Five Day Centering Prayer February 17-22 at Dominican Retreat Conference Center~ *Silence, Solitude: Going Deeper*. Come for five days of prayer, community, & worship. Cost: \$425 (\$65/day) 518.393.4169.

Tony & Julia's address for cards & letters:

Anthony & Julia Genardo c/o Joanne
4332 Old North Carolina Highway 109
Lexington, NC 27292

Affair of the Heart

Jesus announces that He has come not to abolish but to "fulfill" the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets. His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament, but it also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes, and Pharisees. Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the new covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (Matthew 6:21; 15:18-20). Jesus calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions, and he demands the full obedience of our hearts (Romans 6:17). He calls us to love God with all our hearts, and to do his will from the heart (see Matthew 22:37; Ephesians 6:6).

By His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep his commandments. In baptism, He has given us his Spirit that his Law might be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4). Saint Paul tells us the wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God's plan from before all ages.

Trust in this wisdom, and live by His Kingdom law, and grow in being better able to live His Gospel, seeking the Father with all our heart. Scott Hahn

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

To experience the peace which Christ promises, we must shed our grudges, jealousies, and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated, or ignored. Peace and anger do not mix. We are warned today: if you want peace in your heart & home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

2016 Bishop's Appeal

thebishopsappeal.org

Only 5 weeks left to pledge or gift!

Alzheimer Education Series

An upcoming Alzheimer education series is being offered at United Ministry in Delhi at 2 pm:

February 20: *The Basics* --

Memory loss issues, normal aging, or is it Alzheimer's or dementia?

February 27: *Communication* --

More than talking & listening... attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions, body language....

March 6: *Behavior* --

Learn to decode behavioral messages, identify behavior triggers, and learn intervention strategies.

This Alzheimer's Association sponsored series requires registration. Questions? Call 547.1650.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Jesus continually urges us to go beyond the letter of the law. He interprets "You shall not kill" (Matthew 5) as "Don't be angry." "You shall not commit adultery" might be interpreted as "Show your spouse that they come first and you love them wholeheartedly.

Go the extra mile for your beloved today. Find a way to *s-t-r-e-t-c-h* your love.

Tax Assistance in Walton and Delhi

On February 14 free tax counseling for the elderly (with low and moderate incomes) will be held at St. John's Senior Dining Center (sign-up sheet located in Father Willis Hall).

Tax assistance will be available in Delhi at the Public Safety building On February 20; March 1, 6, 17, 20, 27; April 3, 13, and 14. (Available by appointment only, please call 832.5750 to reserve a date.)

A list of items needed for your tax appointment is in the literature rack in Church.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

The past few years have been tumultuous for race relations. Few people think of them-selves as racist, but do you or your children have friends of a different race? It may feel awkward but find a way to meet someone who looks different than you this week. Perhaps go to a church, store, or neighborhood where people who look different from you gather.

Love is a strong force ~ a great good in every way; it alone can make our burdens light, and alone it bears in equal balance what is pleasing and displeasing. It carries a burden and does not feel it; it makes all that is bitter taste sweet. ...

Nothing is sweeter than love, nothing higher, nothing stronger, nothing larger, nothing more joyful, nothing fuller, nothing better in heaven or on earth; for love is born of God and can find its rest only in God above all He has created.

Such lovers fly high, run swiftly and rejoice. Their souls are free; they give all for all and have all in all.

For they rest in One supreme Goodness above all things, from Whom all other good flows and proceeds. They look not only at the gifts, but at the Giver, Who is above all gifts.

~ Thomas à Kempis

In Our Own Voice

In Our Own Voice, a program in which the National Alliance on Mental Illness share stories about living with mental illness, has a presentation on February 23 at 6 pm at The United Ministry in Delhi. The audience is encouraged to ask questions and come away with a better understanding of what it is like to live with a mental illness and how to maintain recovery and hope.