

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

Ash Wednesday Masses

8 am and 6 pm at St. Peter
9:30 am and 7:15 pm at St. John

Reconciliation at St. John Saturday 3-3:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross held every Friday during Lent beginning March 10 ~
6 pm at St. Peter & St. John the Baptist
& 3 pm at Holy Family.

24 Hour Adoration at Sacred Heart

Start the Lenten Season off right and spend a little face time with the Lord in adoration, praise, thanksgiving, and love. Sacred Heart Parish (27 Harper Street, Stamford) will be hosting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 pm on Friday, March 3, to 3 pm on Saturday, March 4.

Communal prayer will be offered: Evening Prayer at 6 pm Friday; Morning Prayer at 9 am, rosary at 12 pm, Benediction at 2:45 pm on Saturday.

All are welcome! So come out and visit with Emmanuel ~ God is with us!

Feeding Our Neighbors

Feeding Our Neighbors is a statewide Catholic Charities campaign to raise awareness about hunger in our community and to raise funds for our local food pantries and soup kitchens. Did you know that a \$1.39 pays for a meal and that \$38.92 will feed a family of four for one week? For every dollar donated, we can purchase 6 pounds of food and 100% of your gift stays local, benefiting Catholic Charities food programs.

Please consider helping out our neighbors in need today by donating on CRS.org!

Bishop's Appeal Reminder

thebishopsappeal.org

The 2016 Bishop's Appeal will be closing on the 15th of March. If you have outstanding payments, please mail to the Diocese or pay online. Thank you,

Marriage Moments Susan Voigt

Do not worry about your life. Mt 6:26

Worries come naturally into most couple's lives. It may seem unrealistic not to worry. Try watching some birds today. It's winter, but somehow they are surviving. Do they look sad? Learn from them.

Lobby for Life Day

Mark your calendars! Lobby for Life Day is Wednesday, May 3. This year there is a big push to pass a physician assisted bill, so we will need a big turnout to pressure our legislators to stand up for human life. The Senate is pretty much evenly divided between the Republicans and the Democrats, so all it will take to pass this legislation is for one or two Republicans to switch their votes.

It is particularly important for constituents of Senator John Bonacic's district to visit or contact his office (201 Dolson Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940, 845.344.3311). He has shown a willingness to support physician-assisted suicide along with the expansion of abortion in our state, and only pressure from voters in his district has kept him from voting with the other side. Please plan to joining us; a bus will be traveling from our area.

Parenting Pointers Susan Voigt

Children whine and complain (OK, adults do this too). Join with your child to make a "Gratitude List." See how many things you can each think of for which you are grateful.

CRS Car 'Drive'

Let's hit the open road and help drive change! You can help bring hope to people in need by donating your used (or even broken down) car, truck, boat, or motorcycle. Get more mileage out of your used car by turning it into a vehicle for change! With tax season approaching, maximize your tax benefit for next year and make a lasting impact. It's as easy as 1 ... 2 ... 3:

1. Call us toll free at 855. 990.4483, or visit us online at CRS.org,
2. Schedule your free pickup,
3. Your vehicle will be picked up, and we'll mail you a donation receipt.

Your wheels could make a lifesaving impact today!

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas, ... and we pay the price of neglecting those closest to us. Too late we reach the point of asking, "Was it worth it?" We really cannot serve two masters.

"Treasures of the Church"

Our Lady of Martyr's Shrine welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown--some 2000 years old.

Among the treasures: relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a piece of a veil which is believed to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. In Fultonville February 22 at 7 pm at 136 Shrine Road.

Lent Mass Schedule

~ St. Peter ~

Saturday~ 5:30 pm

Sunday~ 9:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, First Friday~ 8 am

~ Holy Family ~

Sunday~ 8 am

~ St. John ~

Saturday~ 4 pm

Sunday~ 11:15 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, First Friday~ 9:30 am

Monday & Tuesday~ 7 pm

Fast and Abstinence

As a sign of our penance, we preserve for the Diocese of Albany the custom of abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fasting binds all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for only one full meal per day.

By retaining these traditions for our Diocese, we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused. They are expressions of our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other, and to love our neighbor.

Dominican Retreat Conference Center

518.393.4169

March 1: *Beatitudes of Pope Francis as a Guide for Our Lenten Journey*~ Ash Wednesday Evening of Reflection at 6 pm. Cost: \$25. Bishop Emer. Hubbard

March 17-19*: *The Art of Resilience*~ A retreat for survivors of sexual abuse. Dir: Sr. Carol Davis

March 24- 26*: *Wise and Holy Women and a Few Good Men.* Director: Bro. Mickey O'Neill McGrath.

*Cost: \$205 (\$190 ~ 65+)