

Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

Faith Formation

NCYC: Attention! All high school students interested in attending the National Catholic Youth Conference this November with the youth group should contact Brigid Maguire at 607.434.5874.

Help! Ministry Aid Needed

Our Churches' ministries are in urgent need of additional parishioners to help out. Increased involvement helps to reduce the frequency of being scheduled and eases the work of just a few. Training is offered as well as the opportunity to follow someone until ready. Need more information? Call the office or speak with Father.

Bake Sale Next Weekend

Attention bakers and those with a sweet tooth. We are looking for bakers and buyers. There will be a bake sale on Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th after Mass. The sale will benefit the youth group heading to Indianapolis this November for the National Catholic Youth Conference. Yes, it's that time again.

Rice Bowls

Your Lenten sacrifice will change lives: \$1 a day (for the 40 days) gives 3 months of clean water for four families, 2 years of seed for a farmer, 1 month of food for a family. Each day put what you would have spent for a soda, coffee, burger, or even a meal in the box. Inside the box are daily reflections, recipes, and profiles of families whose lives have been changed.

At the end of Lent: count your alms, make a check out to your Church, put in envelope marked 'Rice Bowl,' and place in offertory basket (no cash please) by April 23.

Rosary at St. John

The rosary will be prayed as a church community 10:45 am each Sunday during Lent. Please join us for this devotion.

Marriage Moments Susan Voigt

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk" Genesis 12:1

Moving to a new home can be exciting, exhausting, and scary--all at the same time. Share the best & worst part of a move you two have made.

Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of the Valley Council # 11442 is a men's organization focused on Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Among its members Our Lady of the Valley prides itself in serving, helping, and supporting the local community and the parishes of St. John, St Peter, and Holy Family. The Knights join a Worldwide organization of men acting together for a common cause based on our Catholic Faith to serve others while supporting each other in order to live our lives to the fullest as practical Catholic Men.

If you have questions and/or would like to join, please call or email Pete Bracci at 267.8336 or braccipj@hotmail.com. If you were a Knight and would like become an active member, please give him a call!

Best Lent Ever

Enjoy daily Lenten inspiration by signing up at BestLentEver.com to receive emails based on Matthew Kelly's newest best-seller, Resisting Happiness. Experience a deeper Lenten journey with practical tips, Matthew's short inspirational videos, and Dynamic Catholic team member's personal reflections.

Parenting Pointers Susan Voigt

If your child is of an age to choose a Lenten sacrifice, help them to see beyond just giving up candy. Consider how the devil tempted Jesus with food, power, and money. Let the tangible sacrifice be a reminder to love someone who's hard to love.

Student Essay Contest

Catholic students in 8th through 12th grades, how is God working in your life? Put your thoughts down and compete for cash prizes!

Prizes: First Place -- \$1,000, Second Place --\$500, Third Place -- \$250.

Question: What is the responsibility of a Catholic in a free society?

The winner will be announced September 15. An awards dinner with Bishop Scharfenberger will be held at a date to be announced. Deadline: July 1.

For details or more info contact Sacred Heart at sheartchurch@stny.rr.com or call 652-7170 ext. 102.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today but to the person they are becoming. Let Lent 2017 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

Loving God,

As the season of Lent unfolds,

You call us to return again and again.

As You invite us to reflect on Your love

made visible in the person of Jesus,

align our lives more closely with

You through prayer, fasting, and

generous giving. Amen

LENT 4 *Real Life*

St. Mary's Lent 4 Life will be held at both 10 am and 7 pm: March 20 is *Care for the Caregiver*, March 21 is *Transgender 101*, March 22 is *Cry When You Have To, Laugh When You Can*, and March 23 is *Pornography*.

Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross

St. Paul's Church in Hancock invites you to share Friday Soup Suppers with them at 4:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30.

Friday Stations of the Cross

6 pm at St. Peter & St. John the Baptist
& 3 pm at Holy Family.

Lent Reconciliation

St. John at 7 pm

March 29: Communal Reconciliation

March 30: Individual Reconciliation

St. Peter at 7 pm

April 5: Communal Reconciliation

April 6: Individual Reconciliation

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
Monday~ 7 pm; Tuesday~ 9:30 am, 7 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, First Friday~ 9:30 am

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.