

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 23, 2017

Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Reconciliation

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed -at St. John the Baptist on Sunday, April 23rd, at 3:00 P.M. In preparation for this para liturgical celebration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered beginning at 2:00 P.M. in the church.

Bible Journey Sunday at St. John starts at approximately 3:30 pm.

Caring Connections

Catholic Charities offers a Caring Connections program for individuals and families who are struggling to meet their basic needs. The assistance includes a listening ear, referrals to services, and material goods and financial assistance, when appropriate.

How do you apply? Visit your local Catholic Charities (there are offices in Delhi at Seven Main Street, 604.4071, Sidney at 21 Liberty Street, 604.4071, or 176 Main Street in Oneonta, 432.0061), complete an application for assistance, and provide needed documentation.

Please congratulate and welcome
Jodi Krzyston,
Sarah Krzyston,
and
Christopher VanMaaren,
who made their profession of faith,
received the Holy Spirit
in the Sacrament of Confirmation,
and the Body & Blood of the Lord
in the Holy Eucharist
at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Mentors Wanted

Catholic Charities is currently recruiting Mentoring Program volunteers to act as mentors for at-risk youth ages 7 to 17 years. Mentors will be required to meet with your youth at least eight hours per month for a minimum of one year.

Mentors will provide support, guidance, and encouragement to youth through participation in one-on-one mentoring outings as well as group events. Must be at least 18 years of age, possess a registered and insured vehicle, a current driver's license, and will also need to pass a screening process. By acting as positive, consistent role models, mentors have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the life of a young person. Call Diana: 604.4071/dhalstead@charitiesccdo.org.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Over the years people develop little quirks and annoying habits. In healthy marriages both partners learn to overlook a lot and do little favors to accommodate the other. Jim knows I don't like him to scrunch the carpet with his feet when sitting on the couch. He obliges me by putting his feet on a piece of cardboard. It's silly, but it means a lot.

Urgent Items -- Delhi Food Bank

The Food Bank needs the low stock items below. If you could bring an item or two when you come to Mass (or drop off at United Ministry on Mondays or Thursdays 1 to 3 pm).

- canned pasta sauce • dry & canned soups
- crackers • pasta • canned vegetables

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

This year's focus for Earth Day is Climate Literacy. For ideas on how to teach your child some basics about the environment, check out: earthday.org/campaigns/education. Want something less academic: take a hike, clean up a nearby park or how about your own street.

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life."

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come- -the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

Dr. Scott Hahn

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

"Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time."

Rachel's Vineyard, a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion, will be held May 5-7, at Joshua House in Altamont with discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of Entrustment.

Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$160, which includes a private room, meals, and retreat materials. [Some financial assistance available for those unable to pay entire cost.] For more information/register: Pat Mousaw, 518.222.1160, Kathy Kelly, 802.282.2028, Denise Freeman, 607.353.0039, or rachelvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

RCIA Class

Would you like to learn more about Catholicism or as a Catholic you did not receive all of your sacraments, RCIA is the answer. Call either office.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in the Gospel through merciful and forgiving demonstrations by their parents.

In every Mass we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed.

~ Dr. Scott Hahn

Summer Break is Around the Corner!

Camp Veritas: Newburgh (7/16-22) or Wurtsboro (8/13-19) in NY or Emmitsburg in MD (7/23-29) – Enjoy a week play-and-pray summer camp for 7th to 12th graders. Activities include: ultimate Frisbee, soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming and much more during the day. Evening activities: Mass, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, talent shows \$450.

Information: campveritas.com

Music & Liturgy @ Pyramid Lake: An experience for youth 9th grade and up July 23-17 with music-filled days and nights, prayer experiences, ensemble sessions, mini courses in music skills, song selection, and liturgy along with outdoor lake fun! \$400 'til 6/1.

Contact: mbemadette@nycap.rr.com

Catholic ♥Workcamp: A mission week where service and living Catholic always comes first: youth interactive programs, creative media, faith sharing, music, praise & worship, daily Mass! Locations and dates posted in Church entranceways.

Information: heartworkcamp.com