

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

Please pray for the soul of Robert Nicholson.

May he rest in the peace of our Lord.

Ministry Updates Due

Ministers, updates are due this weekend: planning a vacation or away during the last half of 2017. Contact Nancy, 865.6879, Doreen, 865.6724 (St. John/Holy Family) and Debbie, 746.2503 (St. Peter).

**Additional Church ministry help is needed!
Now is the time to step up before the next
schedule comes out in June.**

Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of the
Ascension of the Lord Thursday, May 25.
St. Peter: 8 am and 6 pm
St. John the Baptist: 9:30 am and 7:15 pm

*Holy God,
You compared Your own love for Your people
to the love of a mother for her children.
Look with kindness on our mother, who
has shared in Your creating love
by the gift of her children.*

*We thank You for the joys and sorrows
of her life, the giving and sharing
and especially for Your love that has
formed us in Your image.*

*Listen to our prayers and bless the mother,
who has nurtured and sustained us.
Give her patience in abundance and let her
find joy and satisfaction in all her work. *Women**

May Crownings

Please join our First Holy Communicants Sunday for the annual crowning of the Blessed Mother at St. Peter and St. John the Baptist.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us at the
Catholic Charities Annual Dinner
Wednesday, May 31, from 6-8 pm
at The Holiday Inn, Oneonta
as we are
celebrating 100 years of
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany

Special Guests:

Bishop Scharfenberger and
Bishop Emeritus Hubbard
Tickets: \$40 per person
and can be purchased from:
Alice Kane, 865.6289
or Teresa O'Leary, 865.5345.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

In addition to Jesus, who has given their life for you? Perhaps it is your mother or someone who has been like a mother to you. As a spouse, be mindful of laying down your life each day for your beloved.

June Walton Food Bank

Sign-up sheet is at the back of Church to volunteer next month at the Food Bank.

Adoration Opening at St. Peter

There is an opening Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm. Please call Marie at 746.7467 if you would like to devote an hour each week to the Lord.



Flowers will be sold at every Mass this weekend in support of Birthright of Sidney. This very worthy cause will give you a beautiful way to thank your mother for your life and will also help another mother give life to her child.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. | Peter 2:7

Do you or your child ever feel rejected? Sooner or later everyone has this experience. It doesn't feel good, but it is not the end of the world. When appropriate, share with your child a time that you felt rejected and how you grew from it.

Rest, Hope, Strength ~ Pastoral Care Retreat

Join Dr. Melissa Kelley for prayer, reflection, and faith sharing at the annual retreat day and celebration of the Eucharist on Wednesday, June 14, at Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham.

Registration: 518.641.6823.

VISTA Volunteer Coordinator

Delaware County Connects

The Delaware County Connects VISTA project will lead efforts for recruiting and managing volunteers in Delaware County, primarily to support older adults and people with disabilities. The VISTA will secure new resources through fund raising and grant writing to support infrastructure, training, information technology, communications, and volunteer recruitment expenses for the project. The VISTA member will work with the Rural Health Network SCNY, (PHIP) and community stakeholders in the County to gather and analyze data to identify strengths and weaknesses of existing needs and services. (Personal vehicle strongly recommended.)

Update: NY Health Act

More than 200 clergy representing many faiths and every region of New York have signed a letter calling on the NY State Legislature to pass the New York Health Act. On Tuesday, May 23, dozens of clergy and religious leaders will be heading to Albany to deliver it in person.

With the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid under threat, NOW is the time to pass the NY Health Act and guarantee quality, affordable health care for every single New Yorker.

Learn more about the New York Health Act: laborreligion.org/nyhealthact/petitiondelivery.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

In the Gospel Jesus tells us: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me!" The point: God is in each one of us, in our relationships, and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the divine gift, which is already in and around us.

Mary, Mother of God

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, she is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf. USCCB