

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017

Final Bible Journey 7/30 at St. John, 3 pm.

## Peter's Pence Collection on the 30<sup>th</sup>

Be a witness (with the Holy Father) of charity. With our help Pope Francis will be able to reach out further and wider to the marginalized and suffering in our world.

*"The Lord .... enables us to see with His eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence."*

~Pope Francis' 2016 Urbi et Orbi address

## ~ Bishop's Appeal ~

	Gifts & Pledges	# of Parish Families	%	Total	Deficit
St. John:	23	184	12	\$6,727	\$12,052
St. Peter:	30	117	24	8,280	6,977

Online at: [thebishopsappeal.org](http://thebishopsappeal.org). (Pledges & gifts reported on monthly Diocesan statements.)

## Delhi Food Bank

Please contribute when at Mass (or drop off at United Ministry on Mondays or Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm). Remember-- summer month stock is usually lower with school-age children home. Powdered milk, condiments, canned meats, biscuit mix, dried herbs/seasonings, spaghetti sauce, tuna, cereal, soup, crackers, canned fruit and vegetables, mac 'n cheese, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, Jell-O, pudding, rice, flour, sugar. Thank you for your help.

Delhi Fair in the Square ~ Fridays in July

## Senior Farmers Market Coupons

Coupons are available for Delaware County seniors. The Farmers Market Coupon Program has a coupon good for \$20 of our New York State grown produce. Eligibility: 60 years or older, resident, currently receiving or eligible for SSI, public assistance, Section 8 housing subsidy, or one person monthly income of \$1,860/two person income of \$2,504 or less.

Pick up your coupon at Office for the Aging, Six Court Street, Delhi; or at one of our local Senior Dining Centers: First Presbyterian Church, Six Clinton Street, Delhi; St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, 17 Benton Avenue, Walton.

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Parents plant values in their children anticipating tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment, and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become a "safe haven" to many.

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

"For we do not know how to pray as we ought." Romans 8:26

Praying together is one of the most intimate (and scary) deeds a couple can do together. Revealing our innermost thoughts and feelings can be a risk. Read "Who Me ... Pray? With Her?" ([susanvogt.net](http://susanvogt.net)). [ Statistics: For couples who worship together each Sunday only about 20% divorce (vs. 46 to 48% of all marriages), for couples who also regularly pray together at home marital stability is even greater.

## Delhi Backpack Project

Drop off at First Presbyterian Church by August 31 or at St. Peter by August 27.

## Walton Blood Drive

A blood drive is scheduled for August 10, from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm at United Presbyterian, East & North Streets. To make your appointment, please call 800.REDCROSS.

## Catholic Relief Services

When tens of thousands of people fled after the battle for Fallujah, Iraq many were stranded and living in horrible conditions. With our gifts families received emergency support quickly with our partners designing and building transitional shelters. Providing shelter to those left homeless through natural and man-made disasters is just one example of how our generosity helped support 121 million people in 112 countries last year.

We all share a vision of a world without poverty, injustice, and suffering, and a commitment to achieving it. By working together to provide for others, we realize the true meaning of our faith and uphold the dignity of all people. Together, we're putting our faith into action! To donate online: [CRS.org](http://CRS.org).

## Mini Retreat

*Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine*

**August 12:** "The Friends of St. Isaac Jogues" Are you familiar with the capture, suffering, and martyrdom of St. Issac Jogues, a local martyr? Meet the Huron, Mohawks, and Dutch, who rendered aid and comfort to him retreat. Take a guided walk on these holy grounds where they met, hear two talks, and enjoy an optional museum tour. Registration: 9 am, Mass: 11 am. Lunch is included with your \$12 donation. Preregister by August 9: contact Beth at 518.366.5694 or [beth.shrine@gmail.com](mailto:beth.shrine@gmail.com).

## Of Wheat & Seed

What does God want us to know? That He has care for all of us, that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance. This divine teaching continues in the three parables with each describing the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden -- like the working of yeast; it's improbable, unexpected -- as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom? Because God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience, God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance, and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, but first we must turn and call upon Him, we must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives. So we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat, truth, and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin. For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad, but the harvest draws near. Let us work to shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father. Dr. Scott Hahn

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

When speaking to your kids (or anyone) consider these proverbs: "It is better to leave angry words unspoken than to mend the heart those words have broken." & "The tongue is the only instrument that gets sharper with use."