

# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

## Upcoming Lector Workshops

The upcoming lector workshops will take place on October 17, 18, and 19 at 7:00 P.M:

- Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, St. John the Baptist, Walton
- Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, St. Peter, Delhi
- Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Holy Family, Downsville

All current and aspiring lectors are encouraged to attend.

## Lector Training Sign-Up

There is a need for additional lectors at all three Churches. If you are interested in lector training to be held October 16, 17, and 18 at all three Churches, please sign up in the vestibule.

## Annual Luncheon at Rainbow Lodge

Come for fellowship, delicious fare, and beautiful October scenery this Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm at the Rainbow Lodge in Walton. Ordering is off their extensive menu. Call Kathy to reserve your seat by October 8 at 865.4734.

## Penny Social

With this year's event fast approaching on Friday, November 3, gently used items would be appreciated (no clothing). Also, please consider putting together a basket with a friend or family member. Donations of gift cards for our specials table or non-perishable food items for our food basket raffle would also be greatly appreciated.

Dropping off items: Items may be dropped off Monday thru Friday between 10 am and 4 pm. Please call Jim O'Dell at the office (extension 3) to let him know when you would like to stop in and if you need help unloading.

## Walton Blood Drive

A blood drive is scheduled for this Thursday, October 12, from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm, at United Presbyterian, East and North Streets. To make your appointment (required), call 800.REDCROSS.

## Rosary Sunday at St. Peter and St. John Next Week

Please join us in the church shortly after Faith Formation classes begin (8:30 am at St. Peter and 10 am at St. John) on the 15<sup>th</sup> to pray the rosary together. October is a month dedicated to our Lady and her special prayer. This year the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima is being celebrated. During the 1917 apparitions in Fatima Our Lady asked the three young shepherd children to pray the rosary every day and to encourage others to do so.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima

Noon, Saturday, October 14

Please join us to say the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary on the public sidewalk near the Veteran's Plaza in Walton. You are invited to attend in honoring Our Lady and her miracle of the sun, and most especially to ask her to stop the moral decay, not only of our own country, but also the whole world. Please arrive at 11:50 am. (This is the closest to October 13 when the sun danced at Fatima, Portugal.)

## Honoring Our Lady

Sacred Heart Parish will be honoring Our Lady with special guest speaker, Sr. Lois Wetzal, O. Carm. Come for Brown Scapular Enrollment, Devotional Music, and the Living Rosary.

When: Friday, October 13 at 7 pm

Where: Sacred Heart Church, 27 Harper Street  
Reception follows in the Parish Hall. 652.7170.

## DVH "Living with Alzheimer's Series

Are you a middle-stage Alzheimer caregiver? Attend this series which discusses strategies to provide safe, comfortable, and effective care presented by professionals and caregivers. Dates: October 12 and 19, 1-3 pm at Delaware Valley Hospital Finance Building, 20 West Street in Walton. Registration: Ann at 547.1650.

## Uh Oh!

Forgot a bulletin? Don't forget you can access it on our website: catholicwalton.com.

## **LOST**

Dr. Freeman has lost his silver MacIntosh laptop. Found it? please return to either office.

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.

## Delhi Food Bank

Please drop some of these items when you come to Mass: eggs, crackers, canned meats (tuna, chicken, small ham), spaghetti sauce, hearty soups, crackers, and canned fruit, OR drop directly at United Ministry on Mon. & Thurs.

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

"Have no anxiety at all, but ...  
make your requests known to God." Philippians 4:6

We all have anxieties in life: money, health, our kids, safety, etc. My spouse cannot solve all my problems, but sharing our needs in prayer together can lessen the anxiety.

## Upcoming Marriage Encounters

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."* Listen with your spouse for God's message of love at a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next Weekends: November 3 - 5 in Albany and October 21 - 22 in Contoocook, New Hampshire. Call the Staats at 518.279.3243 or obtain more information at [wwmenyalb.org](http://wwmenyalb.org).

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Respect Life Month: As a parent, I assume you speak respectfully to your children and they to you. Respecting life also means valuing all human life - - especially the lives of the weak, the vulnerable, the unborn, the poor, even those we disagree with. With political speech becoming less civil, let your children hear you speak respectfully even of those you disagree with.

## Holiday Help Needed at St. Peter!

Saint Peter's Environmental Ministry assists in preparing the Church for the Christmas season. Although October seems very early to start thinking about this, the Holidays really are just around the corner.

What we need to do can be broken down to four steps: planning, ordering what is needed, actual decorating, and removal/ storage for next year. If you would like to volunteer for part of the preparation or all of it, call Laraine Putman @ 538.9569 or email her at [CLPut@twc.com](mailto:CLPut@twc.com) for more information.

## **Living on the Vine**

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. God is the owner, and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people so God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders.

Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they have killed the owner's servants, the prophets, sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls. In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son, and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (John 15:1-8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (Philippians 1:11), and to be the "first fruits" of a new creation (James 1:18). We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. We need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

Dr. Scott Hahn