

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017

This Week's Lector Workshops

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

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

All current and aspiring lectors are encouraged to attend.

Lectors Needed for Three Churches

Please attend one of the workshops above if you would like to volunteer or if you would like to know more about this important ministry.

THANK YOU

The youth group of St. John's, St. Peter's, and Holy Family would like to say THANK YOU to all who supported their pancake breakfast and kayak raffle in September. Our parishioners and community are the BEST and have showed us so much Love. The Big M donated eggs, the Delhi McDonalds donate the sausage, and the Oneonta BJs store donated syrup and pancake mix.

Thanks to all of you both events were a great success. The Pancake Breakfast made \$367, and the Kayak raffle made \$575. Congratulations to Augusta Genovese for winning the Kayak!

Penny Social November 3

Donations of gently used items (no clothing) are needed or this year's Social. 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 Schools Week-End Backpacks

Don't forget this vital program to help those students who receive lunch free during the school week and need food for the weekends. Items may be dropped at Townsend Elementary, Ogden Library, or United Presbyterian Church:

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| - peanut butter (18 oz) | - tuna (5 oz) |
| - peas, beans, corn, carrots (8 oz) | - pork/beans (11 oz) |
| - soup--chick, veg/beef, tom (10 oz) | - instant breakfast |
| - oatmeal (individual packet box) | - single serve cereal |
| - pasta, ravioli, beefaroni (individual) | - Ramen noodles |
| - granola, fruit 'n nut bars | - raisin box, small |

For more information, call Theresa, 865.4390.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The Gospel mentions "unworthy weddings guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"

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 for more information.

Walton Food Bank

Please drop off at Church some of these items when you come to Mass: spaghetti, pasta, and sauces, tuna fish, egg noodles; soups: vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato, cream of mushroom, Ramen noodle etc.

Rosary Sunday at St. Peter and St. John

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 15th to pray the rosary together. October is a month dedicated to our Lady and her special prayer. This year the 100th 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.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

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

Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #2-- Be married to social media. Technology and the internet can save us a lot of time, but it can also be addictive and take a lot of time. Ask your beloved if you're over committed to the internet.

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 two Weekends: October 21/22 in Contoocook, New Hampshire and November 3/5 in Albany. Contact the Staats at 518.279.3243 or obtain more information at wwmenyalb.org.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry. Philippians 4:12

No one likes to go hungry, but periodic fasting from food can put us in solidarity with those who do not have a choice. Ask your child to "fast" with you on a certain day.

Dressing for the Feast

Matthew 22:1-14

Our Lord's parable in the Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king (Matthew 5:35), Jesus is the bridegroom (Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in the First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (Isaiah 7:25). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people — good and bad alike — to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (Matthew 13:24-43, 47-50).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the Blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:11-14). In the rich food of His Body, and the choice wine of His Blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (Hebrews 12: 22-24).

But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness (Revelation 19:8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (Ephesians 4:1).

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