

# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017

## Coffee Hour Today at St. John

### 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.

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

### Annual Delhi Thanksgiving Dinner

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by Delhi Community Church, will be held Thursday, November 23, from noon to 3 pm at the Delhi Fire Hall. All are welcome, and freewill offerings will be accepted. Reservations (please call 746.3858) are appreciated but not required. Delivery to shut-ins is available by calling the above number to give advance notice.

Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving, clean-up, delivering meals to shut-ins, and driving folks to and fro (sign-up in entranceway).

St. Peter has been asked to provide the following (sign-up in entranceway):

- one cooked turkey with gravy ( delivered to firehouse by 11 am Thanksgiving)
- 1 dozen cookies
- four gallons of cider
- five pounds of butter
- five apple pies

Please deliver cookies, cider, butter, and pies to firehouse from 3 to 7 pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lord, give me patience in tribulation, and grace in everything to conform my will to Yours, that I may truly say, "They will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

~ St. Thomas More

## All Saints

Masses for Wednesday the first:

8 am and 6 pm at St. Peter

9:30 am and 7:15 pm at St. John

## All Souls

Masses for Thursday the second:

8 am at St. Peter and 9:30 am at St. John

## World Mission Sunday

This is an opportunity for all of us to recommit ourselves to the mission of the Church as expressed in the Great Commission: "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey every- thing I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, until the very end of the age.*" (Matthew 28:19-20)

If the Church is the mystical incarnation of Jesus in this time and place, and it is, then the Church must be an expression of the Great Commission in order to be true to itself. Evangelization "ad gentes," that is, to the nations, has always been at the heart of what it means to be Church. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus was exasperated when He scolded: "*Why do you put me to the test?*" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules, and values. Be like Jesus in the Gospel; He was firm, honest, and direct.

## Upcoming Vocation Discernment

Dominican Sisters: Join the sisters sharing in their lives of prayer and apostolate November 1 in Philadelphia, PA. Their love of God extends to nursing cancer patients and service to the sick poor. Call for information: 845.745.1319

## Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

**November 3-5:** Men's Retreat ~ "*What Do You Want Me to Do for You?*" Director: Bishop Emeritus Howard Hubbard

**November 17-19:** "*Heart and Soul Quest: Hope ~ Openness to Possibility.*" We can lose hope when overwhelmed by life through great loss, repeated failure, being hurt by people we trust, being in impossible situations. When we feel hopeless, it is the nature of the One Beyond All Names to lead us through the valley of darkness. You can grow hope through Faith –in something bigger than you. Gratitude -- mourn the loss and remember what you have. Love – treasure who you love and who loves you. Come celebrate possibilities this weekend!

Director: Sr. Carol Davis, OP, MA

Cost: \$205 (\$190 age 65+)

## Colchester Food Bank

Please drop needed items at Holy Family: pasta sauce, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce; soap, toilet paper, personal care items. The Colchester Food Bank is open Wednesdays 1 to 2:30 pm.

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #3 -- Let Noise Surround You. Some noises are happy and express life, but sometime noise is just a distraction or an irritation. Is there enough quiet space in your relationship to simply be present to each other's graceful being?

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

With Halloween approaching, we are immersed in "fake scariness," but sometimes children have real fears. Talking about ways that you overcame your own childhood fears can give your child hope. Movies/TV can often exaggerate danger and trigger fears.

## RCIA Class

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

## Caesar and the King

The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (Ezra 1:1-4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (2 Maccabees 6:7-16) In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not."

The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel: "Repay to Caesar" are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20), we are called to be a light to the world (Matthew 5:14) --working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as the Epistle counsels. We owe the government a concern for the common good, and obedience to laws -- unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (Acts 5:29).

We owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image, but we bear God's own image (Gen1:27). We owe Him our very lives -- all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love.

We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (1 Timothy 2:1-2), until from the rising of the sun to its setting all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord. Dr. Scott Hahn

## Free Entombment at St. Agnes

Historic St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands is offering free entombment of cremated remains at the All Souls Committal Mass Service on All Souls Day. Albany Diocesan Cemeteries provides this service to assure that the proper care and reverential disposition of cremated remains is available to all Catholics.

If you have the cremated remains of a loved one that you would like to entomb, please contact us, 518.463.0134 or info@rcdacemeteries.org.