

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018



Coffee Hour

today after 11:15 Mass!

Book Group

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, February 7, at 2:30 pm at Hilda's Place. Anyone interested in joining as the group begins a new book, please call the office for directions.

Retreats

Dominican Retreat Conference Center 518.393.4169

January 26-28, February 2-4, April 6-8: Women's Retreats ~ "... and after these ... a tiny whispering sound." Take 44 hours for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing.

Directors: January-- Sr. Kay Kanick, RSM; February-- Sr. Carol Gaeke, OP; April-- Sr. Maureen Murphy, OP.

February 9-11: Weekend for Men Concerned with Alcoholism "Sought through Prayer and Meditation." Having a higher power is a must for the recovering person. Spirituality is a must, not religion. Our spirituality is finding our loving God. Director: Fr. Emmet Murphy, OFM.

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

February 16-21: Five Day Centering Prayer Silent Retreat for Men & Women: "Finding the Place of the Heart in Service of Transformation" The demands of our world pull at us from every side, catering to our egos. Only by repeatedly letting go of this identification, can we continue to go deeper and deeper into our hearts. There, in that silence, we encounter the Divine One in a sacred place of healing and transformation. During this contemplative retreat, we will experience periods of centering prayer in a climate of silence and solitude. Come and join us for these days of prayer, community, and worship.

Cost: \$425 (per diem \$65 - with overnight \$90)

Only 6 weeks before the
2017 Bishop's Appeal closes!

Vocation

Saint John Paul II spent a great deal of time talking about vocations. He wasn't only talking to young, discerning men and women, either. He had messages for parents, too.

For man, to generate a child is above all to "receive it from God." It is a matter of welcoming from God as a gift the child that is generated. For this reason, children belong first to God, and then to their parents: and this is a truth which is rich in implications for both parents and children.

To be instruments of the heavenly Father in the work of forming their own children—here is found the inviolable limit that parents must respect in carrying out their mission. They must never consider themselves "owners" of their children, but rather they must educate them, paying constant attention to the privileged relationship that their children have with the Father in heaven. ... It is His business that they must "be about" more than that of their earthly parents.

The family is for this reason also the first and fundamental setting in which the Christian Vocation sprouts, is formed, and is manifested. Just as Jesus' vocation was manifested in the family of Nazareth, so every vocation today is born and manifests itself in the family. And when this general vocation is revealed as a particular calling to "leave everything" then the Christian family is revealed there also, and above all here, as the privileged place where the seed placed by God in the heart of the children can take root and mature; the place where the participation of the parents in the priestly mission of Christ himself is revealed in its most elevated degree. Vocation touches the very roots of the human soul. It is an interior calling of God directed to the person: to the unique and irreplaceable person.

A Note from St. Peter's Environmental Ministry

Thank you to the many parishioners this past Advent and Christmas season who assisted with decorating the Church and then removing items for storage. The many willing workers proved many hands make light work.

Delhi Food Bank

Please bring food to donate to the food bank when you attend Mass or you can drop it off at United Ministry when the food bank is open on Mondays or Thursdays 1-3 pm: powdered milk, condiments, canned meats, biscuit mix, and dried herbs/seasonings.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of 'Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc.' Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

"For the world in its present form is passing away."

If change in our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are February 2-4 in Manchester, Connecticut and February 9-11 in Huntington, New York.

For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518.279.3243 or visit them at wwmenyalb.org.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #8: Let Your Kids Pre-empt Your Beloved. Our children are important and take a lot of care. But, sometimes, we unnecessarily put our kids before our spouse. Babysitters can be a gift from God. If you aren't a parent, substitute "work" for "kids."

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Tens of thousands of Pro-Life supporters testified to their opposition to abortion at the March for Life last Friday. You can testify by talking with your child about the value of life no matter how young or how old. Perhaps you might consider donating baby items as a family to Birthright in Sidney (563.4321).

Lectio Divina

Mark 3:14-20

The call in Mark's Gospel reminds us of the call of Elisha by Elijah (1 Kings 19:19-21) and that of Amos (Am 7:15). The similarity of the calls underscores a clear theological meaning in Mark's Gospel, which is the missionary practice of the disciples who will be sent in pairs (Mk 6:7). This is in line with the original plan of creation when the Lord, thinking of Adam, said, "It is not good that man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate" (Gen 2:18). In their preaching mission, one will witness to the other, as Scripture says, "...the evidence of two or three witnesses is required" (cf Mt 18:16; Dt 19:15).

On the shore of the Lake of Galilee Jesus chooses a life for Simon and Andrew different from the daily life seen on these shores made up of fishermen, boats, nets and fish. are two brothers. Jesus commands, "Come after Me and I will make you into fishers of people." This act of following does not come from a mere personal decision, but from a meeting with the Person of Jesus who calls. It is an action of grace which allows these disciples to respond to His call and means abandoning one's family, profession, a complete change of life in order to adhere to a life that does not allow for personal space. The response is immediate - - a response that tears even the strongest ties. The verb used to indicate the following is *akolouthèin*, a biblical term to indicate the action of a servant who goes with his master to render him a service. The Apostles' preaching will go from Galilee to the ends of the earth and will proclaim the Gospel, "the Good News" of the Christ Word, who has conquered death in order to make God's glory shine.

Men and women are called so that nothing of who they are may be lost. Their identity remains, what changes is only the object of their actions. No more fish, but men.

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