

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

Hartwick Summer Institute

The July 29 to August 3 Institute was established to provide continuing education and growth in faith within an environment of worship and fellowship. Fr. David Michiewicz from St. Mary's Church will be presenting: "Sacred Spaces into the Future." Brochures are in the Church literature racks.

Pastoral Care Ministry

Pastoral care ministers are available at St. Peter and St. John to tend to those who are hospitalized, sick, elderly, or homebound. The Ministry can be contacted at 865.7394 extension 207.

Visits can include: bringing holy communion, offering prayer and a friendly visit, helping those who have been away from the church community know that they are loved, as well as bringing the peace of Christ to the sick and their loved ones in a time of suffering and uncertainty.

If you have a friend or loved one in need of a visit, please give them a Pastoral Care Ministry pamphlet with more information located in our vestibules and/or call the number above to arrange for a visit.

Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress

September 22, from 9 am to 3 pm

The first International Eucharistic Congress owed its inspiration to Bishop Gaston de Ségur in Lille, France in 1881. Many dioceses hold similar annual gatherings and in Atlanta, Georgia more than 20,000 Catholics attend.

Our hope is that it will be a joyful gathering of Catholics from every corner of our diocese at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. Please register at rcda.org/heartsaflame.

Mass Available on TV and RCDA.ORG

If you can't attend one of our Masses, the Diocese streams Mass live each week on its website: www.rcda.org. If you have cable or satellite, you can watch Mass on EWTN.

Backpack Project

The Delhi Clergy Association Backpack Project helping our Delaware Academy students has started! All donations may be dropped off at First Presbyterian Church on Clinton Street (there is a box outside their office) by August 28 or at St. Peter by August 26: pencils (colored & regular), crayons, markers, pens, folders, erasers, full-size generic backpacks, plastic crayon/pencil boxes, college-ruled loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, scissors, glue sticks, dental picks, juice boxes, child-size mittens, character band aids, male/female deodorant, mini shampoo bottles, toothbrushes/mini toothpaste, chapsticks® and other useful school items!

Checks, made out to "First Presbyterian Church," are also welcome and appreciated (*please note 'school supplies' on check memo line*).

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The Gospel is so familiar it hurts!! The hometown folks could not accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all they had watched Him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we do not see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

Colchester Food Bank

Food and personal care items may be dropped off at Holy Family to help support the Food Bank. Some needed items: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, and pasta sauce. Thank you.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

In a healthy marriage both spouses strive to be good and strong, but sometimes it is through recognizing our weakness that we can grow stronger. What a mystery! *"...for when I am weak, then I am strong."* ~ 2 Cor. 12:10 Can you identify a weakness in yourself that has punctured your pride and made you a better spouse?

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The Bishop's Appeal is a most meaningful way to bring the love of Jesus to others, mostly to people we do not know, for people of faith to put the Gospel into action. Indeed, by our gifts to the Appeal, the ministries of our Church obtain the fuel to keep our mission moving forward. The success of the Appeal depends upon the participation of all members of our diocesan family.

I am most grateful to you for all you do in serving our blessed Lord and His people.

~ Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

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Increase Your Mileage

Is your car on its last legs (wheels)? You can bring hope to people in need by donating your used or broken down car, truck, boat, or motorcycle. Get more mileage out of your used vehicle -- turn it into a 'vehicle for change' via Catholic Relief Services! Find out how at crs.com.

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1. Call CRS toll free at 855.990.4483, OR visit us online,
2. schedule your free pickup, and
3. your vehicle will be picked up, you will receive a donation receipt.

Your wheels will make a lifesaving impact, and you reap the tax write-off!

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

"Is he [Jesus] not the carpenter; the son of Mary...?" Mark 6:3

We inherit both physical and personality traits from our parents. It can be a source of parental pride but also consternation. Talk with your child about what strengths and weaknesses they might (or think they) have received from you.

Son of Mary

Jesus seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. The Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there." Why not?... because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works, but they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God. All they could see was how much "this man" was like them -- a carpenter, the son of their neighbor, Mary, with brothers and sisters. Like the prophet Ezekiel in the First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

Paul confides in the Epistle that insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace. Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him (Luke 7:23). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants knowing that the Son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens. Dr. Scott Hahn

The Feast of Our Lady of Rosa Mystica

July 14: Beginning with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9 am, the day will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation, inspirational talk and prayer, outdoor Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, Mass and the Crowning of Our Lady of Rosa Mystica in the beautiful countryside of Edmeston.

There is no cost to attend, lunch will be available for purchase, and the gift shop will be open all day.

Rosa Mystica Shrine 800.720.9858

Week (or Daily) Retreat with Fr. Roth

July 9 to 13: Spend the week or come each day for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear talks by Father George Mary Roth, a Franciscan friar from England. Inspirational topics: living in God's truth; your vocation as a child of God; a beautiful vocation--marriage; contemplation of the Eucharist, and more!

Suggested donation: \$30 per day.