

# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018

## BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet this Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> at Hilda's Place at 2 pm. New readers are welcome!

## CATHOLICISM SERIES

Beginning September 26, the *Catholicism* series will be presented each Wednesday at 7 pm in Father Willis Hall with light refreshments provided by our Knights of Columbus.

## CATHOLICISM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

On Wednesday, October 17, Father Golding and Dr. Freeman will be doing a 'Question and Answer' on Catholicism in the Parish Hall at St. John the Baptist at 7 pm.

## DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The 46th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Liturgy will be held Sunday, October 7, at 2 pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or other special wedding anniversaries are invited. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2 pm and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

## *Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress*

*"On September 22, I ask that the Shrine become a pilgrimage site for Catholics from every corner of our diocese .... This will be a spiritual event, hallowed in part by the very ground on which it is held. My hope is that the Holy Spirit will make this a powerful time of spiritual renewal for our entire diocese."*

~ Bishop Scharfenberger

Saturday, September 22, 9 am to 3 pm at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs. Registration ends 9/14: [rcda.org/hearts-aflame](http://rcda.org/hearts-aflame). [If you do not have computer, call St. John or St. Peter's office.]

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Please join the O'Connor and Gielskie families in celebrating the life of Jim O'Connor from noon to 4 pm on Saturday, September 15, rain or shine at the at the Gielskie's farm at 2179 Back River Road in De Lancey. Please bring any pictures or write down any memories of Jim you would like to share. Please bring a dish to pass and outdoor chairs. Meat, drink, and table service will be provided. Any questions, call 746.2900.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS Susan Vogt

Are you a hypocrite? Mark 7: 6

Of course not, but sometimes it is easier to obey the letter of the law than its spirit. So maybe you don't murder anyone, but might you kill your beloved's spirit with criticism? Maybe you don't steal, but are you generous enough?

## Sixth Annual *Walk to Fight Suicide* Sunday, September 30

Join the walk thru Delhi and the SUNY Campus to help raise funds to bring awareness and \$ for Delaware County resources. Check-in/registration: 1 pm, walk begins at 2 pm & ends at 4 pm.

For information, contact: Lori Osterhoudt at 746.4692 or [osterhbl@delhi.edu](mailto:osterhbl@delhi.edu).

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TRAINING

Beginning Friday, September 21, an 18-hour Bereavement Support Group Facilitator Training will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Latham [9 am to 3 pm on Friday, 9/21, 9/28, and Saturday, 9/29]. It will provide information on: defining normal grief, identifying gender differences in grieving, discussing the impact of religion, spirituality and culture on grief, identifying coping mechanisms and destructive ways of coping, and bereavement resources.

Fee: \$100 (includes lunch, book, manual, and materials). Registration by September 14 is necessary. Class limited to 20.

## Becoming Holy

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. We can infer that many in his community were not Jewish Christians. Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law and for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses. Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness- -clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions.

Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. In this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about His message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us.

*Be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.*

Colossians 3:15b-16

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes will be starting this month. For information, please contact Katherine Gielskie: [katherinegielskie@live.com](mailto:katherinegielskie@live.com) or 437.7474.

## PARENTING POINTERS Susan Vogt

"Did you wash your hands before coming to dinner?" is a common parental question. But just as important is coming to dinner with a clean heart. Sure, squabbling will happen, but if you as a parent can stay calm and centered, the odds are you can more effectively deflect sibling squabbles or food complaints.

## Youth Retreat

Fearless Retreats are for teens in grades 8-12 and bring them to the foot of the Cross, inviting them to sainthood, and setting them on fire for Christ in the Eucharist. Activities: basketball, laser tag, ultimate frisbee, soccer, Mass, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, along with talks and testimonies by guests including the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal, other clergy and religious.

Date: September 28-30. Place: Coleman Catholic High School, Hurley, NY. Cost: \$45. Registration deadline: September 21 at [fearlessretreats.com](http://fearlessretreats.com).

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Bud Ozar

Jesus warns, "What comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a lifetime are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That is the good news! That can also be the bad news.

## A MINISTRY OF IMMENSE LOVE

If you have a friend or loved one in need of Holy Communion or a visit, please give them a Pastoral Care Ministry pamphlet with more information, which is located in the vestibules at St. Peter and at St. John. Notify the church at 865.7394, extension 207 for communion or a visit.