

# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2018

## ST. PETER BOOK GROUP

If you like to read and share good books with others, please come by and join St. Peter's monthly book group. The group meets first Wednesdays at 2 pm at Hilda's Place. Call the office for directions. Next meeting is November 7.

## Bishop's Appeal Continues thebishopsappeal.org

The Bishop's Appeal closes March, 2019. Pledges and outright gifts may still be made online at the website noted above. Automatic monthly payments can be arranged.

If you are on the monthly payment plan, please mail your monthly check directly to the Diocese in the envelope provided for accurate balances.

Deficits: St. John: \$9,140  
St. Peter: 3,997

## FATHER PAUL COX'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Father Paul Cox is celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a gathering of all he has known and served during his life (including St. John the Baptist 1969-70)! Come one and all to St. Michael in South Glens Falls, (Northway exit 17, north on Route 9 for about 4 miles, on left) Saturday, November 3, 1 to 3:30 pm. (Father will concelebrate the 4 pm Eucharist.). All are welcome!

## LOOKING FOR

a donation of a digital tv for the Faith Formation program to replace the old one in St. Peter's Rectory living room. If you have bought a new one recently & don't know what to do with your previous one, we have a home for it.

## COLCHESTER FOOD BANK

Please drop needed items at Holy Family: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce; fruit, jelly, and graham crackers. You may also drop items directly at the Colchester Community Food Bank open Wednesdays 1 to 2:30 pm.

## World Mission Collection Today

Pope Francis wants us to celebrate this day by remembering the revitalizing mission at the heart of our Christian faith -- to bring the Gospel to all! This collection ensures the work and service of the Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and help to the vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Bud Ozar

"Advice" books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in the Gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "getting," it is about "giving ourselves. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and/or spouse, then you are doing it right.

## MARIAN CONSECRATION & RENEWAL

Bishop Ed is inviting everyone in the diocese to join him in a 33 day preparation period beginning around Monday, November 5, for a Marian consecration and renewal using the book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, (available on the **Shop Mercy** website for only \$5 when you use discount code "doa18") or pick another Marian consecration book of your choice. The preparation will end with the renewed Consecration to Jesus through Mary at the Cathedral on the holy day of obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8 at 11 am.

*Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169*

**November 2-4:** Men's Retreat "... and after these ... a tiny whispering sound."

**November 16-18:** Women's Retreat, "To forgive or not forgive -- that is the question!" ~ Come explore the healing dynamics of forgiveness in your life. It may lead you to greater richness and freedom --forgiveness is at the heart of the matter.

Cost: \$205 (65+: \$190) \*Pay-over-time available.\*

## Cup of Salvation

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they are asking in Mark's Gospel (10:35-45). They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal honors and privileges, but the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins (Ps 75:9; Jer 25:15, 28; Isaiah 51:17). Jesus, however, has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized, which means plunged or immersed, into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins (compare Luke 12:50). Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary, but Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood (Heb 9:12), and by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many" - -paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death.

We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him and approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood.

Dr. Scott Hahn

## MEN'S MONASTIC WEEKEND

If you are serious about God, what does He want you to do next? Listen? Listen and act. Why not try listening and acting in a monastery? Job shadow a monk for a weekend. This is an opportunity for single men 18 to 40 years of age who has had the thought that your call is something bigger than yourself.

St. Mary's will be holding a monastic experience weekend October 26 to 28, in Massachusetts. Share the experience of the rhythm of prayer, work, and community life.

Interested and want more information? Contact Fr Gregory, 978.724.3350; monks@stmarysmonastery.org; facebook.com/stmarysmonastery.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS Susan Vogt

Do something unexpected for your beloved that shows you appreciate them. For example, place a love note in their briefcase or computer bag; take a selfie and send as a mes-sage; say, "I appreciate you because... (from #marriageworks)

## PARENTING POINTERS Susan Vogt

*"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant." Mark 10:43*

Kids naturally like to be first, the boss, to be served. Ask your kids if they would be willing to turn the tables for **1** day or **1** hour? They might serve a parent food, wash your feet, bring you the paper, wash dishes, etc.

## Understanding the Mass

Introductory Rites II: *Gathering as Christ's Body*

The Penitential Rite reminds us that we have come into this holy place to perform a sacred action. We are aware of how unworthy we are to meet Christ here because of our sinfulness. Knowing our sins, we call on Christ as our powerful savior. Through His life, death, and resurrection, which we are celebrating, He has conquered sin and death. As His followers, we are forgiven and through Him and with Him we draw near to God in our act of worship. Knowing that we are forgiven, we burst into the ancient church's might song of praise for the triune God: *"Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth!"*

Having been united in our gathering through forgiveness and praise of God, we now formalize this unity through our community prayer. This Opening Prayer, spoken by the priest in the name of the whole community, expresses our understanding of God and pours out the needs of our pilgrim Church with images deeply rooted in scripture. Steve Mueller