

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

Abortion Expansion -

Let Your Lawmakers Know How You Feel!

We must hold our lawmakers accountable. Please take the time to express your views on abortion expansion to your State Senator and Assembly Member, based on their votes. If you wish, you may edit the messages at nyscatholic.org to add your own personal sentiments. It is critically important to make your voice heard at this time. ALSO there are two upcoming events:

1: Day of Mourning

There will be a National Day of Mourning and repentance on February 23 to show your opposition to our state's expanded abortion bill: wear black, don't shop, close businesses, repent for abortion, and/or attend the rally in Albany at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. For details and ticket information: DayOfMourning.org.

2: Legislative Day March 19, Albany

9 am-4 pm at Empire State Plaza Convention Center

Daniel 2:21 reminds believers that God changes the times and the seasons. He places governmental leaders in positions of power, and He removes them. Our state has entered a new season of governmental authority. Political power resides with those who do not share our values, and it's reflected in the tragic turn our state is taking. Yet, just as God called Daniel to stand firm in a land that did not share his values, God is calling us to declare truth to a culture often at odds with Christian faith.

In this new season, God has a plan for our state. Through special speakers, panel discussions and public witness, a plan will be laid out for the future of the pro-life movement in NY and our nation. Catch the vision for a state where God is honored -- see Legislative Day 2019 webpage.



St. Peter & St. John
coffee hours Sunday.

Taizé Prayer at St. Peter

Taizé prayer has a strong devotion to peace and justice expressed through prayer and meditation. The characteristic of Taizé worship has been the use of a kind of repetitive prayer set to simple musical lines. Repetition is not unique to Taizé, the use of repetitive prayers can be found in the history of Christian spirituality and liturgy.

Come experience the peace and serenity at St. Peter's Church on February 28 at 7 pm.

Be an Early Bird! Save \$50!

Camp Veritas is held in Newburgh (7/21-27) or Wurtsboro (8/11-17) in NY or Emmitsburg in MD (7/28-8/2). Enjoy a week play-and-pray summer camp for 7th to 12th graders. Activities: ultimate Frisbee, soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming, free time with games, sports, snacks, etc. Evening activities: Mass, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, talent shows, and more! Cost: \$450 (\$400 if paid in full by April 1). Information: campveritas.com

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus had asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later He asked him to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance," which gives us the courage to go further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

11th Annual Catholic Men's IGNITE

Join other Catholic men and encounter the Lord at this year's conference: "Exalt: O God be merciful to me a sinner." Come Saturday, March 30, to SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

"Love is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, but rejoices with the truth ..." 1 Cor 13:6

How are you doing with your temper and/or holding on to hurts?

Rosary on Sundays

Please join the recitation of the Rosary Sundays at 8:40 am before St. Peter's 9:30 am Mass or 10:40 am before St. John's 11:15 am Mass.

World Day of Prayer on March 3

The World Day of Prayer, *Come - Everything is Ready*, will be held at Walton's United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 3, at 3 pm. Join in prayer & hear about Slovenia's history and culture. The theme of the worship service is the invitation from Luke: *Come - Everything is Ready*. God's house is to be filled with joy and presence, the door open to those outside. Let's build and strengthen the communities around God's table.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Can you as a family identify with being poor, hungry, crying, or hated? Certainly as a parent you have at least had times when your child complained about you. Dig deep and ponder how to recognize this as a blessing -- in time.

Accolade for George Washington

Henry Muhlenberg, Valley Forge pastor:

"I heard a fine example today, namely, that His Excellency General Washington rode around among his army yesterday and admonished each and every one to fear God, to put away the wickedness that has set in and become so general, and to practice the Christian virtues. From all appearances, this gentleman does not belong to the so-called world of society, for he respects God's Word, believes in the atonement through Christ, and bears himself in humility and gentleness. Therefore, the Lord God has also singularly, yea, marvelously, preserved him from harm in the midst of countless perils, ambuscades, fatigues, etc., and has hitherto graciously held him in His hand as a chosen vessel."

We should have no other object but God in our actions & seek to please Him alone in all things.

A Children's Retreat

St. Paul's Church in Hancock is offering a Children's Retreat on the Holy Eucharist Saturday, March 9. Session 1: 9:30-11:30 am-- Preschool, pre-K, and kindergarteners will hear the central mystery of the Eucharist: that God gives Himself to His sheep in a special way in the Eucharist.

Session 2: 1 -- 3 pm -- First thru third graders will learn about the articles of the Mass, origin of the Eucharist, the Bible, calligraphy, & more.

Right to Life Oratory Contest 2019

Use Your Voice to Awaken a Sleeping World for LIFE

First place: \$50 Second place: \$25

What: Write and present an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech about one of the following: Abortion, Euthanasia, Infanticide, or Stem Cell Research. (Students 10th grade and under may also use the topic, "Why Being Pro-life is Important to Me.") Open to 6th grade through 12th grade. In addition to the prize money, 11th and 12th graders compete for the opportunity to advance to the state level competition in Albany in May.

When: Sunday, March 31, 12:30 pm at St John the Baptist Church, 25 Benton Ave, Walton

To register: Call or email Katherine Gielskie 607.437.7474, katherinegielskie@live.com, or sign up with your faith formation teacher.

Rules: www.nrlc.org/students/oratorycontest

Attention: All Teenagers & Their Parents

The next NCYC trip is coming up this November. The National Catholic Youth Conference occurs every two years. This is a truly amazing opportunity for the youth of our parishes to have a fun time learning and growing in their faith. This conference is targeted for high-school students, those in 8th grade and high school this spring are welcome to join us--consider this great opportunity.

There will be an informational meeting coming up in February so look for a note in the bulletin. Any questions, call Brigid, 434.5874.