

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

Rosary on Sundays

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

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"* March 30 at Onondaga Community College's SRC Arena in Syracuse.

Taizé Prayer at St. Peter Thursday

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.

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.

Catholic Summer Camp -- 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 4/1). Info: campveritas.com

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, in the Person of the Good Shepherd gives Himself to His sheep in a special way in the Eucharist; learn the origin of the Eucharist in the Last Supper; set the altar.

Session 2: 1 -- 3 pm -- First thru third graders will learn about the articles of the Mass, origin of the Eucharist and its historical development; the Liturgical calendar, the Bible, calligraphy, & more.

Adults: will have a short presentation, quiet reflection, & observe their children's experience.

To sign up, please call 637.2571 or email St. Paul at stpauls@hancock.net.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer cannot coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. The Gospel encourages us: *Bless those who curse you*. Pray for those who treat you badly.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The next Knights meeting is scheduled for Monday the 25th at 6:30 pm in St. Peter's Rectory. New and inactive members please consider joining us once a month for meetings ~ not a lot of time for such a worthy cause.

Pastoral Visitation Workshop

If interested in visiting the sick, homebound, and elderly, there will be a Pastoral Visitation training on three Mondays 6 to 8 pm and one Saturday 8:30 am to 3 pm at Christ the King Church in Albany. Among the topics to be presented: communication, illness issues, care giving, grief and loss, suffering & faith. To register: webapps.rcda.org/PastoralCareRegistration. Cost: \$40.

Reconciliation Saturday at St. John 3 to 3:30 pm.

Contact Your Lawmakers

We must hold our lawmakers accountable regarding our state's recent expanded abortion bill. Please take the time to express your views to your State Senator and Assembly Member. 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 an upcoming event in March:

Legislative Day on March 19 in 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.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

You need only do three things in this country to avoid poverty: finish high school, marry before having a child, and marry after the age of 20. Only 8% of the families who do this are poor; 79% of those who fail to do this are poor.

-William Galston (Clinton White House)

Do your kids and/or grandkids know these eye-opening stats?

ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Peter ~ 8 am & 6 pm

St. John ~ 9:30 am

Holy Family ~ noon

Pray the Stations with Faith Formation

Parents and parishioners, please join the Faith Formation students in praying the Stations of the Cross, Sunday, March 10: 8:45 at St Peter and 10:30 at St John the Baptist.

Attention Parents of Teens

Are you a parent of a teen?? What is family life like for you? We would like to invite you to support each other in faith and teen parenting on the second Sunday of the month, 7 to 8:30 pm in St Mary's Parish Center in Oneonta. Join us for fellowship and support as we navigate together our journey with teen children. Please contact Bridgette with any questions 287.3251.

Faith Formation

Right to Life Oratory Contest 2019

Use Your Voice to Awaken a Sleeping World for LIFE

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