

# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2019

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass schedule for the holy day, The Assumption of Mary:

Vigil Mass, Wednesday August 14: St. Peter -- 6 pm

Thursday, August 15: St. John the Baptist -- 9:30 am  
Holy Family -- noon

## August 15 Holy Day Mass Online

Homebound and unable to join us at church for the August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience this joy-filled Mass. Online video will be available all day at [HeartoftheNation.org](http://HeartoftheNation.org).

## Parish Picnic

Our Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 7, following the 4 pm Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist. There will not be a 5:30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Peter. Pot Luck, please bring a dish to pass. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

## Colchester Food Bank

With schoolchildren home during the summer months, please help keep the shelves stocked. Please drop items at Holy Family when attending Mass: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce; fruit, jelly, graham crackers, spaghetti, peanut butter.

## On-Line Bishop's Appeal Option

Don't forget pledges (and payment) can be done on on-line at the [bishopsappeal.org](http://bishopsappeal.org)!

## Rosa Mystica

516.624.9033

Aug 30- Sept. 1: Generational Healing Weekend  
Join Father Fernando and Deacon Phillippeaux  
for a weekend of prayer, healing, and hope. \$125  
(materials & five meals; no accommodation)

## Marist Missionary Co-op Weekend.

Welcome!

Please extend a big 'welcome' Father Walter Gaudreau representing the Marist Missions. Thank you for your contribution, which will provide them with funding for their life-long commitment and work of witnessing to the Gospel, service to the needy, and strengthening the local Church.

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Like the Boy Scout motto, "Be prepared," Jesus tells us to be ready for the final coming in Luke 12:40, BUT, He also says "*Sell your belongings and give alms*" in Luke 12:33. How can we be prepared without money and possessions? Discuss how much is enough? (Check out Susan's Living Lightly on her website.)

## Money for Back Pack Project

Late notice for the Delaware Academy Back Pack project due 8/25-- still looking for: water bottles, binders, girl's underwear (sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16); boy's briefs or boxer briefs (sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,16 or sm., med., lge, xlarge), & checks to be used to purchase still-needed items. Mail your check, made out to 'First Presbyterian Church,' directly to First Presbyterian Church, Four Clinton Street, Delhi or drop it in the offertory basket in envelope marked 'Back Pack.'

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Teach your children how to make peace. See Family Pledge of Nonviolence: [ipj-ppj.org/pledge-of-non-violence/about/pledge-of-non-violence](http://ipj-ppj.org/pledge-of-non-violence/about/pledge-of-non-violence).

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a place of safety in times of trouble.  
Those who know You, LORD, will trust You;  
You do not abandon anyone  
who comes to You. Psalm 9:9-10

## Violence in Ohio & Texas

Like you, I find myself asking "Why?" and failing to get many answers. Yet, I also realize I am consoled and inspired by what I see in our country as thoughtful people respond to this horror.

One, I notice that, when most people hear of the violence, their first words are, "Oh, my God!" Usually, we ask, "Where is the Lord in this wretchedness?" Well, He's right in the midst of it, the first Person whose holy name we utter when the dreadful news hits us. It's tough to make any sense of all this even with a sturdy faith; it's impossible to get through without it.

People wiser than me have observed that the absence of God in our public square has led to what Pope Benedict called a "nihilism," a nothingness or emptiness in so many lives or what Pope Francis terms a "hyper-individualism" where we become our own gods.

Two, I hear people ask, "How can this evil keep happening?" Here again is a truth embedded in our souls: this is not the way God intends things! This is not who we are as a people, as a community, as a nation, as creatures made in God's image and likeness. This is contrary to all we are made for, all we're intended to be!

Three, I listen as people praise rescue workers, medical teams, police officers, first responders, and brave folks who defended and assisted others. In an explosion of hate -- love and compassion breaks through.

Finally, I detect resolve. "This has to stop! This can't go on!" A culture of death must be conquered by a culture of life. The dignity of the human person is supreme and cannot be chipped away by racism, bigotry, nationalism, or hatred of another. And the sacredness of all human life must be protected and reaffirmed when viciously discarded by crazed, diabolical killers. Human life, as Pope Francis repeats, cannot be "thrown away" when it gets in the way. ALL human life is sacred.

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus teaches us in the Gospel that a servant *waited* for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life -- we wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up to us. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from our adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.

## Farmer's Market Coupons for Seniors

Delaware County seniors are invited to receive \$20 worth of NYS grown produce with the Farmers Market Coupon Program. Call Office for the Aging for eligibility at 832.5750.

Eligible seniors may pick up coupons at the Office for the Aging, 97 Main Street, Delhi, or at the Delaware County Fair, Walton August 12-17.

## Update from NYS Catholic Conference

In response to concerns raised over inadequate instruction at some Jewish schools, the State Education Department had proposed "guidelines" that would have given authority to public school districts not only to oversee instruction at religious and independent schools BUT also to determine whether our schools would be able to continue to operate. Although those "guidelines" were thrown out by the NYS Supreme Court on narrow procedural grounds, the State Education Department advanced proposed regulations that would, if adopted by the Board of Regents, do essentially the same thing.

Despite the support we believe we have secured from Regents and lawmakers, we are working hard to ensure that the proposed regulations are defeated, and may need your voice to help defend the independence and success of our Catholic schools in the future.

## Hancock Cinemas at 7 pm

August 13: St. Philip Neri August 20: Chariots of Fire