

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

Please pray for the souls of
Edward Sommer and Susan Dean.
May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

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.

Walton Food Bank

Please help the food bank by dropping one or more of the following at Church: spaghetti, pasta, & sauces, tuna fish, egg noodles, soups: vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato, cream of mushroom, Ramen noodle etc., & saltines.

Back Pack Items due August 25

Still needed: 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).

If you would like to make a monetary donation for the annual Delaware Academy Back Pack project, you can mail your check directly to First Presbyterian Church, Four Clinton Street, Delhi or drop it in the offertory basket in an envelope marked 'Back Pack Project' made out to 'First Presbyterian Church.' The monies will be used to purchase items needed but not donated.

Supplies and checks must be in by August 25.

The Lord guides the steps of man
& makes safe the path of those He loves.
Though he stumbles he shall never fall
for the Lord holds him by the hand.

Psalm 37:23-24

Home Missions Collection

Next weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Collection. Right now over 40% of Dioceses in the US are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal -- your donation helps to ease the struggle of these Dioceses.

Needed! Catechists

Both parishes are in need of volunteers to teach in the Faith Formation programs this upcoming year. Please contact Katherine at 437.7474 or katherinegielskie@live.com if you can offer an hour on Sunday to enrich our youth with your faith.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Are your kid's rooms filled with too much stuff? Some is necessary, educational, or comforting (like clothes, books, or stuffed animals), but too much stuff can be suffocating and thwart creativity. Decide a limited space for each category then let your child choose how to fill the allotted space. Give away the rest (or store it for a year before passing it on).

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 and five meals; no accommodations)

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

Sept. 20-22 or 27-29: *"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love"* Women's Retreat. \$205 (65 & over: \$190)

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus warns us His Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society, which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the Gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

Farmer's Market Coupons for Seniors

Delaware County seniors are invited to participate in the Farmers Market Coupon Program to receive \$20 worth of NYS grown produce. 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. Information: call Yvonne at 832.5750.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

If your employment is home based or you are a homemaker, you may have to create your own "marriage friendly" work policies. Agree about when you will take work phone calls or when it is time to stop work and relax together. Of course, if you have young children, you don't fully control your time -- you're always on call. Have the spouse, who works "outside the home," spell you.

Right to Life Deposit Bottles

We are always looking for deposit bottles to help finance the Right to Life March. Just drop them in the containers provided in Father Willis Hall or St. Peter's conference room, thank you.

Learn More about Catholicism

If you want to learn more about our faith, you would like to become a Catholic, or you did not receive one of the sacraments, call the office or speak to Deacon Freeman about RCIA.

Rosary on Sundays

8:50 am St. Peter

10:40 am St. John

LECTIO DIVINA

Luke 12:49-53

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" These words of Jesus shock us, as well they should. What is He referring to? In Jesus' day each family built and maintained a specific kind of earthenware oven in the shape of a half dome. A heat source was kindled inside and flatbreads were baked on its outer surface. They used salt from the Dead Sea, which contains significant traces of magnesium. This element burns at a very high temperature and makes possible the efficient combustion. This oven is what Jesus is referring to when we read that He has come to "set the earth on fire" -- He has come to turn up the heat.

The salt in the camel dung fuel cells and the loose salt added to the fire was a catalytic agent that increased the temperature of the earthen oven. This is what Jesus had in mind. We are to be that kind of salt of the earth. If we are to follow Jesus, we have to be willing to be used by the Lord to make a small flame burn brighter and hotter; and this until we are spent and are no longer salty.

That is a challenge worth our meditation: are we willing to be the salt that Jesus will use to kindle the fire of faith to a new intensity? am I willing to be spent in this way? what will I be risking and for how long? how difficult will it be? Reflect also that fire in the biblical world often refers to purification.

The smallest spark can ignite a great fire. During the week ask yourself where God wants you to share your gifts. Where are the gifts of the Spirit in your life ready to be ignited so that you can spread the love of God to others in your family, your workplace, your neighborhood, and beyond? Where is the oven that needs you as the catalytic agent? Where can God use you to bring light and heat to a world that can be otherwise quite dark and cold? Kevin Saunders