

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

Please pray for the soul of Father J. Thomas Connery. May he rest in the peace of our Lord.

Faith Formation

Mass & a Meal November 17

Faith Formation families from St. John and St. Peter will gather for their annual Mass & a Meal on the 17th at 3:30 pm at St John the Baptist in Walton. We will celebrate Mass together and then share a potluck meal in Father Willis Hall.

★Please bring a dish to pass and an item for the local food pantry.★

This event is in lieu of normal class -- there are no classes in the morning.

Ministry Updates due Today

St. John/Holy Family: 865.6879, 865.6724
St. Peter: 746.2503

Thank you for your continued devotion and dedication to our ministries. We welcome anyone interested in participating in a ministry -- we could use the help!

Vocations

The Fall issue is here! Make sure to pick up your copy and immerse yourself in stories from our seminarians.

U.S. Church stat: the estimated number of seminarians **each** parish would need to produce every 10 years to reverse the priest shortage -- 1.

Delhi Community Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Peter's has been asked to contribute: 15 cans of cranberry sauce, 4 apple pies, 15 boxes of stuffing, and one 20-24 pound cooked turkey. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in church.

Workbooks

Lectors: Pick up your 2020 lector workbook in the Church Sacristy (begins with December 1!).

Thanksgiving Worship Service

The Delhi Clergy Association invites you to Thanksgiving worship and fellowship hosted this year by United Ministry at 4 pm on November 24. Soup & bread dinner following worship.

GIFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Monastery Soaps

Monastery Scents all-natural soap is hand-made prayerfully by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration out of genuine love for God and neighbor. In fact, there is holy water mixed into every batch!

The gift box includes four fragrances: Swiss lavender, oatmeal & honey, Gregorian mist, and magnolia. Offered by St. Joseph Communications at stjoe.com.

Boy Scout Wreath Fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 33 is selling decorated Christmas wreaths as a fundraiser. They are \$22 each. They will be ready on Tuesday, November 26. If you have any questions or if you'd like to order one, please call Lori Padovani at 746.9743. Thank you!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Feed a Hungry baby:	\$ 9
Care for an Orphan:	\$ 35
Rescue Children in Crisis:	\$ 75
Hot Meals for a Child:	\$ 7
Stand with Persecuted Christians:	\$ 40
Send a Missionary Doctor:	\$100

Check out samaritanspurse.org for more heart-felt gift ideas and their suggested donations.

Marriage Moments Susan Voigt

"We are ready to die..." 2 Maccabees 7:2.

As certain as death is, are we ever really ready to die? This may not be a happy conversation to have with one's beloved, but periodically we should share what would help each of us be ready to die.

Confront the Issues

"Justice for the Poor--Charity and Action" moderated by Rick Howard, Esq. this Wednesday in Father Willis Hall at 7 pm. Light refreshments.

There will be no discussions on the 20th and 27th - will resume December 4.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The question of the Sadducees to Jesus is framed in a story about a family with seven brothers and their sister-in-law. Through story telling families remember their shared past and expose the companionship of God in your family from generation to generation.

Immaculate Conception Retreat

Friday, December 6 to Sunday the 8th

Join Rosa Mystica in Edmeston for a day (or a whole weekend) of celebrating Our Lady. Cost: \$35 for the day or \$125 with 5 meals (no accommodation). Space is very limited for this weekend due to cottages being closed for the winter, so please contact the office as soon as possible to reserve your spot. 516.624.9033

Parenting Pointers Susan Voigt

Whose job is it to make a meal? feed the pet? clean up a room? make peace when two people disagree? Why not trade jobs in the family for a day. Be creative or humorous. If you have a baby who cries, someone may take the job of crying for a day.

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To God All Are Alive

A group of Sadducees approaches Jesus and challenges Him with a question related to their own particular understanding of Jewish law. This group of religious leaders holds a minority position and denies the possibility of a bodily resurrection after death. They recognize only the Torah (first five biblical books) as divinely inspired and, they claim, offer no clear teaching about resurrection.

The Sadducees ask Jesus to imagine a scenario based on Deuteronomy 25:5-10 (levirate marriage). There Moses teaches that when brothers live together and the married brother dies without producing a male heir, his younger brother is bound to marry the widow and produce a son to carry the name of his deceased brother so that it will "not be blotted out from Israel."

The Sadducees draw on this little-used law to ridicule the idea of resurrection. What if there was a woman who marries a succession of seven brothers and all of them die before she does. Whose wife will she be in the resurrection of the dead? The Sadducees may not believe in a bodily resurrection, but they do believe marriage is an eternal bond.

Jesus's response reveals His theological genius. He tells them that there is an important difference between people currently alive and those of "the coming age." Because of the commandment in Genesis 1:28 to "multiply" and "fill the earth," a main goal of marriage in Judaism is to bear children to replace those who will eventually die, but the age to come will no longer need replacement offspring. All who benefit from the resurrection of the dead can never die again. The grave will be conquered. Nearby scribes recognize Jesus's victory over His theological foes. They exclaim boldly, "Teacher, You have answered well." Kevin Saunders