

First Sunday of Lent ~ March 1, 2020

RECONCILIATION

St. John: Communal~ Monday, March 16~ 7 pm
Individual~ Tuesday, March 17~ 7 pm

St. Peter: Communal~ Monday, March 23~ 7 pm
Individual~ Tuesday, March 24~ 7 pm

Adoration Updates Needed

We are currently updating the St. John Adoration schedule. If you are currently an adorer, please email or call the office to verify you would like to keep your current hour. If you would like to be added, please call the office. A meeting will be scheduled shortly to discuss.

Prayer Chain Prayer Warriors Needed

Attention: Prayer Warriors. Please contact St. John's Parish Office, 865.7394, if you:

Want to be a pray-er for those in need.

Want to be removed from the prayer chain.

Wish to remain on the prayer chain.

Please include your e-mail and/or phone number for contact purposes.

Lenten Book Study

Sacred Heart Church in Sidney will be holding a Lenten book study on the Catholic Beliefs about Mary on March 5, 12, 19, 26, & April 3. Call 563.1591 for the details.

Extended Lenten Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

8 am at St. Peter; 9:30 am at St. John

Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross

6 pm at St. Peter and St. John

Knights of Columbus Meeting Tomorrow

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on the 3rd at 6:30 pm in St. Peter's conference room. Interested in the Knights? Stop in.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Are you in the spirit of fasting yet? March 6 is National Day of Unplugging (nationaldayofunplugging.com). Can your family do a "tech fast" of a day without TV or the internet? If not today, choose another day soon. What kind of home-made fun can you substitute? [Tips on cell phone use: techwellness.com/blogs/expertise/kids-and-cellphones-what-parents-need-to-know.]

Chant Workshop

March 14, 9 am to 5 pm, Holy Trinity Parish, Cohoes Workshop topics: Discovering our Catholic Heritage & Learning to Pray through Gregorian Chant, Introduction to Reading Gregorian Chant Notation, Silence, Prayer, and Gregorian Chant. Confession & Mass to follow the workshop. \$30*

To register: stjosephcatholicchurch-troy.org or call Colleen, 442.6500. * Includes talks, materials, coffee, refreshments, & a catered lunch.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Lent has just begun. Adam and Eve were tempted by an apple and the lure of power. The devil also tempted Jesus with food (bread) and the promise of power. May the food you share with each other this week remind you to be of service to each other -- not who is better.

First Saturday Rosary

10am Delhi Rehab Elm Living Room

(weather permitting)

🕒 Daylight Savings next Sunday.

Discussion Group Resumes Wednesday

We will resume this Wednesday at 7 pm with the topic: "Women in the Church - - Their Roles and Equality." Mark your calendar & join us!

Marriage Encounter

March 27 to 29 in Albany

July 10 to 12 in East Windsor, CT

Info: 860.315.2127 or wwmectw.org.

Camp Veritas Early Bird Special!

Take advantage of the Camp's early bird rate of \$400 (\$50 savings) before April 1! Camp Veritas is a one week play-&pray sleep away summer camp for 7th thru 12th graders. It is held in: Ireland June 29 to July 4; July 19-25 at Mt. St. Mary College, Newburgh; July 26 to August 1 in Emmitsburg, MD; August 2-7 in Lake Placid, FL; and August 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro.

Enjoy swimming, soccer, basket-, volley-, foot, kick-, & dodge-ball, laser tag along with Mass, praise, worship, Eucharistic Adoration, & talks. Spiritual staff includes Diocesan clergy, Franciscan friars, Sisters of the Renewal, Salesian, Carmelite, Dominican srs. Info @ campveritas.org.

Youth Passion Conference April 25

The Youth Passion Conference 2020 for youth high school to college-age will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, New York on Saturday, April 25, from 9 am to 5 pm. Cost: \$45

To travel with St John and St Peter, contact Katherine Gielskie 607.437.7474. For more information, contact Hard as Nails Ministries at 888.498.2255.

Reconciliation Saturday at

St. John 3 to 3:30pm.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus cautions in the Gospel it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let this Lent be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

Colchester Food Bank

Items for the community food bank may be left at Holy Family. Some items: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, and pasta sauce.

Transformation: Growing in Our Capacity to Love & to Accept Love

March 13 to 15 Retreat for survivors of sexual abuse. Delve into the transforming journey of healing and coming home to self after sexual abuse. Explore the deeply spiritual path-ways that lead to transformation. There will be conferences & handouts, laughter & tears, stories & music, prayer & support. You are NOT alone.

\$205 (\$190 for 65+) [financial aid or pay-over-time]

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

Right to Life Oratory Contest 2020

What: Pro-Life Oratory Contest -- Write & present an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech about one of the following: Abortion, Euthanasia, Infanticide, or Stem Cell Research (students 10th grade & under may also use the topic, "Why Being Pro-life is Important to Me"). 1st prize: \$100

Who: Open to 6th grade through 12th grade. In addition to the prize money, 11th & 12th graders compete for the opportunity to advance to the state level competition in Albany..

When: Sunday, March 29, 12:30 pm at St John the Baptist Church, 25 Benton Ave, Walton. To register: Call, text, or email Katherine Gielskie, 607.437.7474, katherinegielskie@live.com. Rules: <https://www.nrlc.org/students/oratorycontest/>

Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.