Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2014

Please pray for those in special need of prayer:
David Adams, Peter Burghart, Teresa Aliperti, John Coniglio, Teagra Hoyt, Ray Bivens, John, Rich, Walter W., Carmen, Connie, Ronnie Hunter, Barbara Pratti, Ruthe Scalzo, and Robert Bivens.

Please pray for the soul of Louis Aliperti, who passed away on February 9. May he rest in the peace of our Lord.

President's Day

Parish offices will be closed this Monday, February 17, for Presidents' Day.

All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner Benefit

Interested in supporting Catholic Charities of Delaware and Otsego Counties (CCDO)? This organization has been very generous to flood victims and many others in our area. Buy a ticket to their Annual All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner: Wednesday, February 26, at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta from 5 to 8 pm. Adults: $10, children: $5, children under 5 years: FREE.

Contact: George Mack, 865.5326.

Baked Goods for St. Peter's Coffee Hours

We need donations of cookies, muffins, doughnuts, fruit, cheese, or crackers, etc. for our monthly fellowships. If you would like to help out by dropping off food the week before or when you attend Mass, please contact May Falknor at 746.6394. Next coffee hour is Sunday the 23rd.

Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive

Food and personal care items may be dropped off at Holy Family to help support the Colchester Food Bank.

Items needed: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce, fruit; jelly, graham crackers, spaghetti, peanut butter; boxes of mashed potatoes, stuffing; soap, toilet paper, personal care items. Thank you.

⌖ OUR OFFERINGS ⌖

St. John:	$2,637
Holy Family:	376
St. Peter	1,369

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Jesus declares that our righteousness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees. In what does that righteousness consist? *"Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."* In particular, if someone has anything against us, we are to choose to take the initiative and *"go first and be reconciled."*

Such a predilection for mercy is *"what God has prepared for those who love Him."* The wisdom that Saint Paul speaks *"to those who are mature"* is a wisdom that revels in such reconciliation. "*If you trust in God,"* choosing life, good, and mercy, *"you too shall live"* ~ you shall live the life of the Blessed Trinity.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

President's Day can be more than a day off work, a time when government offices are closed, or stores have sales. What does it mean to lead? What does it mean to protect and to seek the common good? These are questions for both spouses and presidents.

Give your first thoughts to God,
make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament,
say the Rosary well; be collected;
keep out bad thoughts,
make your evening meditation well,
examine yourself daily.

Blessed John Henry Newman