Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

Lent Reconciliation

St. John at 7 pm

March 9: Communal Reconciliation
March 10: Individual Reconciliation

St. Peter at 7 pm

March 16: Communal Reconciliation
March 17: Individual Reconciliation

Spring ahead~Daylight Savings next Sunday!

Lasagna Dinner

Please join our Knights of Columbus for their lasagna dinner next Sunday the 13th after the 11:15 am Mass at St. John. Come enjoy a warm delicious home-cooked dinner with salad and beverage for $7.50. Donated desserts would be appreciated!

Catholic Relief Services Appeal

Your donations help:

- feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees,
- give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Bolivia and Ethiopia,
- offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants,
- reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers,
- advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and abandoned, and
- send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disasters

Thank you for your continued benevolence.

Stations of the Cross held every Friday during Lent~ 6 pm at St. Peter and St. John the Baptist; 3 pm at Holy Family.

OFFERINGS

St. John:	$1,260
Holy Family:	219
St. Peter:	1,355

Bishop's Appeal Final Count

Our parishes close the Bishop Appeal for 2015 with the following tallies:

	Pledges	Families	Total	Deficit
St. John:	58	183	$13,394	$9,537
St. Peter:	44	122	12,340	9,750

Thank you for your pledges and gifts as stewards of God's work.

Volunteers Needed: Holy Week

Sign-up sheets are in the Church entranceways for Holy Week ministries and Adorations. Ministers, please volunteer to help out at the Mass you will be attending.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Books are a wonderful tool of knowledge and inspiration, BUT, I bet you have some that you won't read again or you can get the information online. This week pass at least one book on to a friend, a school, Friends of the Library, a nursing home ...

We must also learn the
wisdom of placing ourselves
on the margins so that
the Lord will find us.
The Lord will not find us
at the center of our self-assurance.

Pope Francis

IGNITE 2016

Experience the power at the 8th annual IGNITE for Men, Saturday, March 19, at Onondaga Community College SRC Center! Great speakers to impact your life: Rudy Ruettiger, former Notre Dame football star; Randy Raus, CEO/Life Teen; Fr. Joe Freedy, Director/Vocations, former starting quarterback, University of Buffalo.

Past conference feedback: "Attending these conferences has had a big impact on my daily life as a Catholic. I love being with so many men who are looking to learn more about our wonderful faith." "Awesome day of prayer with fellow Catholic men, great speakers, too!"

Delhi Food Bank

Please bring a needed item or two when attending Mass (or you can drop off at United Ministry on Mondays or Thurs-days 1 to 3 pm). Items needed:

powdered milk, condiments, canned meats, biscuit mixes, dried herbs & seasonings, spaghetti sauce, tuna, cereal, soup, crackers, canned fruit & vegetables, mac 'n cheese, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, Jell-O, pudding, rice, flour, and sugar.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind." John 9:2

Figuring out blame is a trap that it is easy for even loving couples to fall into. One of the sweetest phrases I hear from my husband is, "Honey, you were right." Said honestly, it can be a healing balm.

O most gentle Jesus,
by Your precious blood, deliver
us from all evils.
By Your most bitter death
give us a lively faith, firm hope
& perfect charity, so that with
our whole hearts we may love
You with all our soul & strength.
Make us persevere in Your service,
firm & steadfast in good works,
so that we may be always able
to please You.

~ St. Clare of Assisi

Foundations of Lent I

The most important thing anyone can do for this season is to "return to the Lord with your whole heart. Joel 2:12 That is the root meaning of repent: to turn away. Catholics have traditionally expressed sorrow for sin and the desire to live as genuine disciples of Christ through three traditional disciplines of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer -- which help to turn us toward Christ as the true source of happiness. These are forms of self-denial: we deny the tendency in us to seek happiness in physical pleasure, in economic security, or in power.

Lenten disciplines prepare us to receive the grace of Easter. By virtue of Christ's victory over death, our relationship to pleasure, property, and power is no longer a matter of following our own selfish inclinations but of gratefully receiving all that the Lord has to give us.