Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

Reconciliation Saturday
at St. John from 3 to 3:30 pm.

Please pray for the souls of Marie Fagan and James Hurst. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

Faith Formation Begins

Faith Formation classes start September 17: 8:30 am at St Peter, 10 am at St John. Both churches' programs can use additional volunteers as teachers, assistants, & substitutes. For more information or to find out how you can help, contact Katherine Gielskie 607.437.7474.

Home Missions Appeal Today

The Catholic Home Mission Appeal will help strengthen the Church at home.

The collection will help ease the struggle of these dioceses and form vibrant faith communities by funding religious education, seminarian formation, and lay ministry training.

Thank you for assisting this appeal.

Knights of Columbus Needed

If you were a Knight in the past or if you have an interest in joining, increased membership is needed to help Father regarding issues facing the combined parishes. Please contact Pete Bracci at 267.8336 or braccipj@hotmail.com. The next meeting is on September 11 at 6 pm at Ed Rossley's home (contact Pete for directions).

Mass Available on TV and rcda.org

If you unable to come to one of our Masses, the Diocese streams Mass live each week on its website, www.rcda.org. If you have cable, you can watch Mass on EWTN.

Delhi Food Bank

Please bring an item or two when you come to Mass (or you can drop them off at United Ministry on Mondays or Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm): powdered milk, condiments, canned meats, biscuit mix, dried herbs/seasonings, spaghetti sauce, tuna, cereal, soup, crackers, canned fruit and vegetables, mac 'n cheese, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, Jell-O, pudding, rice, flour, sugar.

Parenting Pointers — Susan Vogt

Sometimes parents of young adults (15-30+) struggle with what appears to be a lack of faith in their offspring. Consider, "Sometimes you must lose faith to find it." Your child may have to let go of "inherited faith" and eventually reflect on what is missing in their life.

RCIA Class

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith or as a Catholic you did not receive all of your sacraments, RCIA can answer your questions. Speak with Deacon Michael Freeman.

Marriage Moments — Susan Vogt

How wise, knowledgeable and beyond human understanding are the ways of God.

Romans 11:33-36

When in the throes of love, one's spouse may seem to also have these qualities. What intellectual trait is your beloved strongest in? What about yourself?

Let us be God's eternally, ourselves and our affections, and our little pains, and our great ones, and all that the divine goodness wills to be ours.

~ St. Francis de Sales

Increase Your Mileage

Is your car on its last legs (wheels)? You can help bring hope to people in need by donating your used or broken down: car, truck, boat, or motorcycle. Get more mileage out of your used vehicle and turn it into a 'vehicle for change' via Catholic Relief Services. Find out how at crs.com. Maximize your tax benefit by donating your used vehicle today. It's as easy as 1... 2... 3:

1. Call CRS toll free at 855.990.4483, or visit us online at crs.org,
2. schedule your free pickup, and
3. your vehicle will be picked up, and you will receive a donation receipt!

Make your wheels have a lifesaving impact!

Family Perspective — Bud Ozar

Like Jesus, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

Dominican Retreat Center 518.393.4169

September 15-17 or 22-24 : Women's retreat~ *What Do You Want Me to Do For You?* Come and enjoy 44 hours away from the daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing. The flexible schedule is varied to meet individual needs and includes: conferences, worship services, opportunity for private consultation/companioning with any of the staff, AND free time. Sr. Kay Kanick, RSM & Sr. Marilyn Vassallo, CSJ
Cost: $205 (age 65+ -- $190).

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 16:13-20

Today's and next week's Gospels are two parts of a single story and are a turning point in the Gospel of Matthew. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which He will build His Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about His passion and death.

In the Gospel today Jesus asks His disciples what people are saying about His identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks His disciples who they believe that He is. Simon Peter answers identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of His passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term 'church' in the Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter, in this Gospel, is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.