Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 26, 2020

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

Join Our Justice Series Discussion

Join us at 7 pm Wednesday in Father Willis Hall for light refreshments and discussion on: "Racial Justice - - History and Psychology"

Delhi Food Bank

Please bring a needed item or two when you attend Mass: spaghetti sauce, tuna, cereal, soup, crackers, canned fruit and vegetables.

You may also drop off directly to the Food Bank at United Ministry on Mondays or Thursdays 1-3 pm.

Tax Statements

If you would like a statement of your 2019 offertory for your tax returns, please call the office. If you had requested a statement in the last few years, no need to call - - you will automatically receive it.

Retreats

January 31-Feb. 2: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart"~* A weekend away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing.
$205 ($190 for 65+) [payment-over-time option available]

February 14-19: *Five Day Silent Centering Prayer~* Centering Prayer allows us to enter into this present moment by inviting our Loving God to enter into it with us - consenting to God's divine action within the depths of our being. Come take time for silence, prayer, presentation, and reflection as we explore this graced moment through the days spent together.
$425 ($190 for 65+) [payment-over-time option available]

Dominican Retreat Center *518.393.4169*

History Redeemed

Isaiah's prophecy in the First Reading is quoted by Matthew in his Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89; 132:11-12).

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26). It marked the beginning of the end of the kingdom. It finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile.

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall. His Gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations symbolized by the "Galilee of the Nations."

Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men"—gathering people from the ends of the earth. They are to preach the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God. By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed. Dr. Scott Hahn

Family Perspective — Bud Ozar

When Jesus called His disciples, they came *immediately*. Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done *immediately* but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

The finger of God has written us all down and our book shall be opened on the day of revelation.

Rosary

Sundays: 8:50am St. Peter; 10:40am St. John

First Saturdays (weather permitting)
10am Delhi Rehabilitation Elm Living Room

Marriage Moments — Susan Vogt

I am a Democrat or I am a Republican. (adapted from 1 Corinthians 1:11-12) Even if both of you have similar political leanings, you certainly know people who have different opinions about religion or politics. Find someone who disagrees with you this week (maybe your spouse) and listen carefully to understand more than to persuade.

Mass Available on TV & rcda.org

If you unable to attend Mass, the Albany Diocese streams Mass live each week on its website: rcda.org. If you have cable or satellite, you can watch Mass on EWTN.

Parenting Pointers — Susan Vogt

Most of us have both friends and enemies (or at least people we dislike). Talk with your child about who each of you dislike and why. Then turn the tables -- can you find it in your hearts to bless even your enemies today? Try.

Helping Hands at Church

Our churches are in urgent need of more hands to help with our Masses, faith formation program, and church liturgical season set ups. Calls to date: 0. If you have time to help out, call the office.

Adoration

Don't forget to put aside a few minutes to stop by one of our Adorations to spend some quiet time in the rest of our Lord:

St. Peter on Tuesdays ~ St. John on Thursdays

All hail, thou Sun of righteousness,
Upon our night aris'n!
May sin no more our souls oppress,
And bind in darksome pris'n.

Let those that lie in slumber fast,
Because the darkness reigns,
The light behold, and straightway cast
Aside their gloomy chains;

And greet the light that makes them free,
The bounding joy it brings;
And share the calm felicity,
That looks to heav'n and sings.

O Jesus Christ, our hearts aglow,
Thy blessed advent hail;
On us Thy healing virtue show,
And o'er our ills prevail.

And let us walk as those whose eyes
Have seen the light of heav'n,
Till light shall in our souls arise,
When night and gloom are driv'n.

John Brownlie

Only 6 weeks before the 2019 Bishop's Appeal closes!

Bishop's Appeal to Date

	Deficit	Gifts
St. John the Baptist:	$11,626	40
St. Peter's Church:	5,434	31