Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 8, 2020

Project Backpack

Thank you for your help: • deodorant • toothbrush/toothpaste • t-shirts • sweat pants • socks • pencil boxes • composition notebooks • scissors • Crayola washable markers (thick and thin) and • colored pencils.

Annual Delhi Thanksgiving Dinner

The Annual Delhi Thanksgiving Dinner is on! This year, with circumstances being what they are, the Thanksgiving Dinner will be offered for delivery or pickup only. Orders must be placed by November 15 by calling 746.7219. Freewill offerings accepted.

Missionary Co-op: Haiti

At Masses next weekend we will hear about the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti's work and commitment to serve the poor of Haiti. The second collection is dedicated to this ministry, and the funds will support the thousands of families in the poverty-stricken area of Christ the King in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Your gifts can help provide medical care, nutrition supplements and food, education scholarships, support for orphanages, and efforts to rebuild the medical clinic. Our Haitian brothers and sisters are struggling with severe food shortages, political unrest, and the uncertainties we are all facing with the virus but more challenging in Haiti where health care is meager.

For more than 40 years, the ministry has been serving impoverished Haitians in the values of the Gospel, providing sacramental and spiritual support through its programs, and by also providing immersion trips for those who want to experience more of Haiti and the Outreach's ministry.

Father Frank Rouleau lives in Port-au-Prince serving as Chaplain, Director of Parish Twining for Outreach, and as translator/guide for visitors. He comes this weekend to share Christ's mission and invite you to be a part of our diocesan ministry. Information: outreachtohaiti.org.

Members of the Wedding Matthew 25:1-13

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first 'betrothed' to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together. This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in the Gospel.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (Mark 2:19). In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join Himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (Hosea 2:16–20). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were 'betrothed' to Jesus in Baptism (2 Cor 11:2; Eph 5:25–27) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (Rev 19:7–9; 21:1–4). As St. Paul warns in his Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not know the day nor the hour. We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God–virtues that are extolled in the First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes. If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (1 Kings 17:16). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (Prov 8:22–31, 35; 9:1–5), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet that will satisfy our souls. Dr. Scott Hahn

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Hopefully you are both healthy, but just suppose your spouse approached you today and said, "The doctor said I only have a year to live." Share your feelings about this news. Then talk about how you would spend this next year if it were true. Can you do one of the actions this year?

To savor Your words is my delight, O Lord,
honey itself is not sweeter.

Free: Catholic Moms Summit

Discover How to Find Lasting Balance, Peace, & Joy!

Scheduled online for next weekend, November 13-15. Enjoy honest conversations and practical use-it-today guidance on the following topics:

Parenting:	Be the mom your kids need
Home:	Create a happy home for your family
Balance:	Find peace amidst daily struggles
Work:	Set personal goals and meet them
Spirituality:	Make time for your own prayer life

Enjoy over 65 women presenters online for free:

Kimberly Hahn-- "Chosen & Cherished"
Lisa Brenninkmeyer-- "Biblical Wisdom for Your Marriage"
Laura Berquist-- "Every Mom is a Homeschooler"
Sr. Helena Raphael Burns-- "You Can't Have It All"
Kendra Tierney-- "Liturgical Living"
Amanda Teixeira-- "Proverb 31 Guide to Family Finances"

List of presenters and to register: cardinalstudios.org.

Grief Program: Coping with Life Alone

A one-day program for men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse due to death, divorce or separation will be held at First Church in Albany, 110 North Pearl Street Saturday, November 21, 9 am to 4:30 pm. Remote attendance is available. Registration required: Jim 845.569.9452 Take the first step on the road to recovery from one of life's most traumatic experiences.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

What does it mean to be wise? How is it different from merely being smart? Wisdom is often associated with age, but sometimes the fresh perspective of a younger person can reveal wisdom. Watch for a wise act or decision of your child. Comment on it. That is being a wise parent.

Faith Formation

The next meeting in Church for Faith Formation is November 15. The topic: Eucharist and Adoration. (Please plan to have at least one adult from your family attend these monthly sessions with your students.)

Father, bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom.

For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest.

For those who are serving, give them courage.

For those who served, we offer our gratitude.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The bridesmaids in the Gospel were considered 'foolish' because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish -- pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.

Compassionate Friends Candle Lighting

On Sunday, December 13, at 6:45 pm, the Oneonta Region Chapter of The Compassionate Friends will observe The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting. Due to Covid-19, the ceremony will be held online this year via Zoom. The annual event is a time to remember our departed children and to openly acknowledge the special place they have in our hearts. Anyone who has lost a child of any age is invited to attend. All participants: register in advance by going to tcfoneonta.org and click on the registration link on the home page.

Participants are encouraged to join the meeting at 6:45 pm and have on hand a photo of your child, a small candle, and a lighter. During the ceremony, each family will be given an opportunity to say a few words about their child, share the photo, and light the candle in memory of their loved one. More information: Diana Friedell, 607.433.2089 or visit www.tcfoneonta.org.

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