

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—

Sunday, August 12th, 2018 at 11:15 AM

Lector: Ginny Steff

Eucharistic: Rock, Peter, Norma

Server: Bransen or Brynn

Bring up Gifts: Open

FAITH FORMATION CATECHIST/VOLUNTEERS

Before we can begin the Fall 2018-2019 Faith Formation Program, we need adults & past confirmation students who love their faith and wish to pass it on to the young people of St. Joseph and St. Mary's Parishes. Classes will be setup for children, ages 3 years—10th graders preparing for Confirmation. Please pray about this great opportunity to live your faith in the eyes of our young people and call the Rectory to sign up no later than August 5th. A meeting will follow shortly after. The first class will begin Sunday, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018, with the Youth Mass at 9:30 AM.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS/ CHILDREN (RCIA/RCIC) 2018—2019

St. Joseph Church will be starting a new RCIA/RCIC program in the Fall of 2018. If you have an interest in knowing more about the Catholic Faith and have thought about becoming a Catholic, call their rectory at (716) 532-5100 to register for the Fall Program.

ST. ALOYSIUS REGIONAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

God's school at St Aloysius Regional is currently enrolling for the upcoming school year. Openings available in our Montessori Pre-K and K—8th grades. Give your child an experience of God that will shape their lives forever. Ask about our tuition assistance programs and money-back guarantee. All faiths welcome. (716) 592-7002 for information and to arrange a personal tour!

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE

As older children continue their schooling this fall, it's tempting to want to pour all your protective wisdom into them, especially around issues of faith. As they age, however, "share your faith struggles, not just your certainty."

MARRIAGE MOMENT

"The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron." (Exodus 16:2) Sometimes there are plenty of reasons to grumble in marriage – not enough money, something breaks, your spouse forgot to get gas... Let's call for a grumble free day; or at least if a grumble occurs to you, put it in the perspective of all the blessings of your life together.

THE TRADING POST OUTREACH

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with school supplies or clothing, please contact the Trading Post at (716) 353-3034 for a form to complete and submit by the end of August.

Remember that if a St. Mary's parishioner attends a mass at St. Joseph's, their envelopes will be returned to St. Mary's where they will receive credit for their contribution.

Please notify Father Joe at St. Joe's Rectory of anyone having surgery or who is sick and hospitalized at (716) 532-5100 (day or night).

MINISTRY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you have a loved one, or know of someone who is unable to attend Mass. Please contact Norma Kazmark at (716) 799-5416 to make arrangements for receiving the Eucharist.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We will have a Mass here, at St. Mary's on AUGUST 15th at 5:30 PM for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day.

GOLDEN & DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Buffalo wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. Couples who will celebrate their Golden and Diamond Anniversaries of Marriage in 2018 are invited to a special Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, OCTOBER 14th, 2018 at 10:30 AM. During the Mass couples will renew their marriage vows. A reception will follow at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Please contact St. Joseph's in Gowanda (716) 532-5100 if you are celebrating this milestone and would like to attend this Mass.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

In today's reading from the book of Exodus, we see the Israelites grumbling to Moses about the lack of food in the desert. When God rains down bread from heaven for them to eat, Moses teaches them about God's life-giving generosity. Moses is telling us that God's generosity knows no bounds and He will satisfy our every need. But the nourishment God sends is much more than food to satisfy our immediate hunger. God satisfies our hunger for eternal life. Through Him we find love that leads to true and lasting satisfaction. As Jesus promises, "whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." We only need to trust and believe.

Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WBEN radio 930 AM, WLOF 101.7 FM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a special second collection TODAY for the Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical Benefit Fund. Throughout the long history of our Diocese, we have been served by hundreds and hundreds of dedicated priests. Today, there are 128 retired diocesan priests incurring the cost of living either on their own or the cost of living in one of our diocesan retirement homes. Obviously, as a Diocese, we must care for the needs of these priests in their retirement years. Medical and dental benefits rely month-to-month on contributions for the parishes of the Diocese or institutions in which priests serve. Please support this fund and continue to pray for our priests, whether serving or retired and for the continued vocations to the priesthood.

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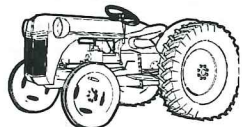
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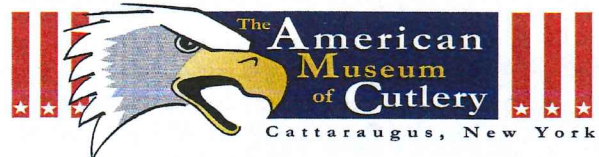
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