

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—

Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 11:15 AM

Lector: Norma K

Eucharistic Rock, Peter, Dennis

Server: Toby

Bring up Gifts: Open

FAITH FORMATION WEEK: JULY 9TH—JULY 13TH

Volunteers are needed for Faith Formation Week, JULY 9th—13th, 2018 from 8 AM—1:30 PM. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & THOSE RECENTLY CONFIRMED CAN EARN IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR GRADUATION! Registration packets have been mailed. If you do not receive a packet, please call St. Joe's Rectory at (716) 532-5100. The Faith Formation Schedule for 2018—2019 will be available soon.

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.

CAMP TURNER SUMMER PROGRAM

Camp Turner brochures are available for all students in grades 3—8th at the back of church. The brochure and website offer descriptions of the summer camping program. It also explains how to register. Don't let the price scare you...financial assistance is available.

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE

"He took bread, blessed it...and gave it to them."
(Mark 14:22) Hopefully our family says a blessing before meals. What we eat becomes part of our body. As your family eats together, be mindful that God is in each of you. Together we are the body of Christ.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Welcome. It's the way Catholic Charities Marriage Counseling Center wants clients to feel from the moment they arrive. The center has served Western New York for more than 50 years and offers a Northtowns site in Amherst and a Southtowns site in Hamburg. The center's professional staff specializes in relationship counseling and provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for couples who are working on difficult problems. To schedule an appointment, call 716-839-4406 Monday—Friday between 8:45 am and 4:45 pm. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. "Love your neighbor." Gal. 5:14. Appeal 2018 is still ongoing. Donate at www.ccwny.org/donation.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Couples who are finding it hard to stay married deserve our prayers and assistance. Pray for a couple you know who is struggling in their marriage. Perhaps your prayer is for yourself. If your marriage is in a rocky period consider trying Retrouvaille or The Third Option.

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 each week and would like to receive communion or just to talk to someone about their faith, please contact Norma Kazmark at (716) 799-5416. Thank you.

LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY

Deepen Your Prayer Life; Help Others Do the Same! Work for the New Evangelization! Are you a woman or man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small group? On Saturday, JUNE 16th at Christ the King Seminary Retreat Center in East Aurora there will be a Facilitator Training—Retreat for the "Lord Teach Me to Pray" (LTMTTP) Ignatian prayer series. There is no charge for the retreat or materials. Come and discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the "Lord, Teach Me to Pray" prayer series, you are also invited! For information and registration please go to www.lordteachmetoprayer.com, click on Facilitator Training—Retreats and scroll down to Buffalo, NY for registration form, or call (504) 439-5933.

GOSPEL MEDIATION

Have you ever felt judged by your family? St. John Paul II noted that the family "is the cradle of life and love" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 40). Yet unmet expectations and divergent priorities can cause tension in even the most loving family situations. This is true for us, and it was true for Jesus! In today's Gospel, Jesus has returned home from Nazareth. A large crowd gathered, and Jesus finds himself facing stiff opposition from his family. This was likely Jesus' large extended family. The Semitic language has no specific words for extended relatives, so everyone is "brother" or "sister." The entire clan has gotten wind of Jesus' preaching, and they are not amused. "They set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." To make matters worse, the religious authorities even accuse Jesus of being possessed by a demon. It's a mess by any standards. The family's perspective is perhaps understandable. In Jewish culture, teachers and scribes underwent intensive schooling and apprenticeships, none of which Jesus had done. For them, Jesus' bold preaching threatened the reputation of their family! Jesus' words to his family can seem controversial. "Who are my mother and my brothers?" Yet Jesus knows what he is about. He has always known he would be about the business of his Heavenly Father. And what is that business? It is the business of the new covenant and the Kingdom of God. In this Kingdom, we are all adopted sons and daughters of the King, Jesus begins, even now, to expand the perspective of listeners. Being welcomed into this family does not depend on our families of birth or ethnic origin, but a wholehearted commitment to "do the will of God."

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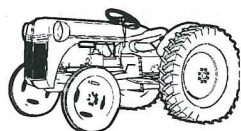
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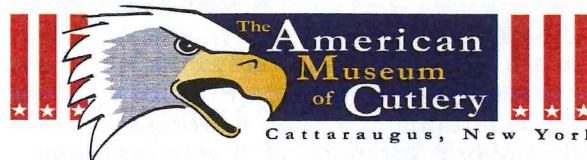
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