

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

One of the beauties of marriage is that it can be a purifying commitment. No one knows you as well as your spouse, and it is through this intimate knowledge that your strengths and weaknesses are reflected back to you. This can be scary and discouraging at times because honesty can be harsh. With a gentle touch and unfailing forgiveness, however, it can be a unique path to mutual holiness.

New Church Website

We are pleased to announce the launching of our new website. See addresses on the top of the back cover of the bulletin.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus is saying to you what He said to Zacchaeus, "I must stay at your house today." It does not matter if Jesus "intended to pass through Jericho to another town." In families we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to "pass through" annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.

Walton Food Bank Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets will be distributed again this year (over one hundred sixty were needed last year). Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated for the purchase of turkeys and hams. Please make checks out to: Walton Ministerial Association.

FYI: The grant money from the State Regional Food Bank has been cut for the fiscal year which means there is only **\$513 per month** for over 100 families. Thank you for your generosity.

To What Extreme

would *you* go to see Jesus? (Luke 19:1-10) Even though the sycamore's branches are low and widely spread, there is that risk of Zacchaeus making a fool of himself by climbing above the crowd like a child. We do not know his back-story, but we presume Zacchaeus has heard stories about Jesus, and now he sees the crowd. Hearing about Jesus is no longer enough. He wants to see him, but because he is short of stature, he cannot. He impulsively runs ahead and climbs that tree.

He sees, is seen, and with childlike faith enters into a life-changing/life-giving relationship with Jesus.

Book Club This Monday at St. Peter

The Book Club is this Monday, November 4, 3:30 pm in St. Peter's Rectory. Discussion will be on your St. Francis of Assisi book.

New Delhi Catholic Charities Office

In order to make it easier for those who qualify and receive their services, Catholic Charities has opened an office in the Delhi Senior Community, Seven Main Street. Their office is open Mondays and Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

"From Renewal to Deepening"

A "From Renewal to Deepening" program will be held Wednesday, December 4, from 1-8:30 pm at the Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham:

"The Word of God in the Celebration of the Liturgy"

"The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy as a Document for the 21st Century"

"Where We Pray Shapes our Prayer"

The program includes the presentations, Evening and Night Prayer, dinner and refreshments. If you would like to stay overnight, accommodations are available at \$55, call 518.783.3536. Cost: \$70 (\$60 by 11-15)/518.453.6645

Help: Delaware Opportunity Baskets

Currently Delaware Opportunity will not be distributing Christmas baskets this year because of fund cutbacks. Local efforts are being made to make this program happen. If you would like to help spread Christmas goodwill to 24 of our local families, please make out your check to Delhi Food Bank, put 'Christmas Baskets' on the memo line, place in an envelope marked 'Baskets', and place in the collection basket.



Offerings



Dominican Retreat Conference Center 518.393.4169

November 15-17: Retreat for women concerned with alcoholism: "*Recovery: The Heart of the Matter*" Director: Sr. Maureen Murphy, OP. A 12 Step Way to get to the *heart of the matter*, work the steps, discover and recover.

November 22-24: Heart and Soul Quest: "*A Spirituality of Peace for Difficult Times*" Director: Sr. Carol Davis, OP brings compassion and creativity to the process of teaching and traveling with others on paths of healing, love and light. Explore ways of practicing peace, being true to self, compassionate presence and listening, and honoring our interrelatedness with the Source of all love and life.

Weekend retreats: \$195 (age 65 & over \$180)

Peace & Justice

Did you know:

What can we do?

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, **January 17-19, 2014** (*snow date: Jan. 24-26*) at **Serenity on the Lake in Queensbury**. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$150. Some financial assistance will be available. For more information or to register contact: Mrs. Kathy Whimple, 518-469-0779 or Mrs. Pat Mousaw, 518-792-8942 (h), 518-222-1160(c), rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

Walton Schools Week-End Backpacks

Items may be dropped at Townsend Elementary, Ogden Library, or United Presbyterian, 58 East St.:

- peanut butter (18 oz)
- peas, beans, corn, carrots (8 oz)
- soup (chick, veg beef, tom) (10 oz)
- oatmeal (individual packet box)
- pasta, ravioli, beefaroni (indiv)
- granola, fruit 'n nut bars
- tuna (5 oz)
- pork n beans (11 oz)
- instant breakfast
- single serve cereal
- Ramen noodles
- raisin box, small

Faith Formation

Religious Education: classes for St. John, St. Peter, and Holy Family began September 29. Holy Family students may attend at either St. John or St. Peter as there will be **no** classes held at Holy Family. Register in class: \$15 per family.

RCIA: If you are interested in becoming a Catholic and want to learn more about our faith, RCIA class can answer your questions. Call the office.

Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive

Food donations may be dropped off at Holy Family for the Colchester Food Bank. Items needed: cans of pasta, tuna, stew, chili, pasta sauce, fruit; jelly, graham crackers, spaghetti, peanut butter; boxes of mashed potatoes, stuffing; soap, toilet paper, personal care items. Thank you for your continued support.

Delhi Food Bank

Open Mondays, Thursdays from 1-3 pm at United Ministry. Items needed: powdered milk, condiments, canned meats, biscuit mix, dried herbs/seasonings, spaghetti sauce, tuna, cereal, soup, crackers, canned fruit and vegetables, macaroni 'n cheese, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, Jello, pudding, rice, flour, sugar.

Walton Food Bank

spaghetti & sauces	tuna
egg noodles	soups (vegetable, chicken noodle, etc.)
saltines	macaroni 'n cheese
canned fruit (peaches are a favorite)	pasta
peanut butter	cold & hot cereal
canned vegetables (corn, peas, gr. beans)	spaghetti-type foods
Jello/puddings	Ramen noodle soups
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	cake & cookie mixes

Lights, Fans, Candles

The Sacristans at our Masses are responsible for setting up for our Liturgies ~ please leave the above details in their hands. Their time preparing the altar is a spiritual one so please be respectful.

1 Offertory Envelope a Month ~ 1 Check!

Request a convenient once-a-month offertory envelope. Call the office to request this option.

The Priory Retreat, Chestertown, NY 518.494.3733

November 1-3: Guided Silent Retreat Weekend. Do you want to connect more deeply with God and yourself? Does God Want you to stop delaying? Set aside the pressures of daily life and do now. Experience a guided silent retreat where you can refocus and find God through scripture, prayer, nature, and silence. You will meet individually with a retreat director to receive daily scripture and review your experience. Return home taking with you a deeper connection to God, yourself and all of life.

Connie Messitt, CSJ and Pat Mousaw.

2014 Memorial Weekend Lawn Sale

Want to get rid of stuff?

Start saving your unwanted items
for our 2014 lawn sale to be held on Memorial
Day weekend, Saturday

May 24th. At Saint Peters
for the benefit of our Church.

Any questions call Joe at 746.7554

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