

## Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

“Two people went up to the temple area to pray.” (Luke 18:10) Which of you is the better prayer? Be careful about claiming to be better or worse than your spouse lest it be pride or false humility. To play it safe, say a quiet prayer for the good of your beloved right now.

## “Opening the Doors of Faith with Families”

The Diocese is offering an in-service for catechists, youth ministers, spiritual directors, and ministry staff on Wednesday, November 13, at Church of Christ the King, Albany from 9:30 am to 3 pm. This in-service will explore both new and traditional ways to ‘open the door of faith’ with the many styles of family in contemporary society. Join us as we rediscover the sacredness of family life and walk with families discovering how to be herald of the “good news” together.

Presented by Dr. Jo Ann Paradise, National Catechetical Consultant of Our Sunday Visitor. Registration forms in the office.

## Attention: Religious Education Families\*

Who: all religious education families and fellow parishioners  
What: “Mass and a Meal” dish-to-pass family celebration  
When: Sunday, November 17  
4 pm- Mass  
5 pm- dinner  
6 pm- Christmas project  
Where: St. John the Baptist Church, Walton

\*This gathering will take the place of religious education classes on November 17. Please make every effort to attend.

## Operation Christmas Child

Faith Formation classes from St. John and St. Peter will be packing shoeboxes with gifts to send to poor children overseas through Operation Christmas Child, a program of Samaritan’s Purse International. Save your standard-size shoe boxes or plastic shoe box storage containers and bring them to class or leave them at the back of either Church in the basket provided. The boxes are needed asap and will be packed in the next few classes. Please take a flyer from the back of Church for further instructions and information.

Questions? Call Katherine Gielskie at 437.7474.

## 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.

## Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Listen to Jesus in the Gospel: “who humbles himself will be exalted.” It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships, which last a lifetime.

## Offerings

*Dominican Retreat Conference Center 518.393.4169*

**November 15-17:** Weekend Retreat for women Concerned with Alcoholism: “*Recovery: the Heart of the Matter*” Guest director: Sr. Maureen Murphy, OP is a Blauvelt Dominican and a trainer/facilitator of BioSpiritual Focusing. A 12 Step Way of Living invites us to get to the “heart of the matter” and then, working the steps, discover and recover the best of our hearts.

**November 22-24:** Heart and Soul Quest: “*A Spirituality of Peace for Difficult Times*” Director: Sr. Carol Davis, OP, MA, CASAC brings compassion and creativity to the process of teaching and traveling with others on paths of healing, love and light. We know stress. Sometimes just getting out of the door to work is a great feat. Conflict within families, illness, death, violence in our world, in the news and sometimes in our thoughts can take more space in our hearts than peace. But there is also joy and beauty and the power of love. Through it all, peace can come alive within us. Come explore ways of practicing peace, being true to self, compassionate presence and listening, and honoring our interrelatedness within creation and with the Source of all love and life.

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

*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.

Peace & **Justice**

Did you know:

What can we do?

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

**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**

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| 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                      |
| Knorr rices & noodles                     | rice                                    |
|   | cake & cookie mixes                     |

**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.

**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.