

Penny Social News

Last week's Penny Social was a resounding success. We made \$997.50, a new high! Our thanks to everyone who donated in any way. Our special thanks go out to those who put together theme baskets. The response was beyond our expectations. That table alone took in \$504.00. Again, you did not let us down.

The committee met last Sunday and voted to make donations on in the name of the St. John's parishioners to both the Walton and Delhi food banks to help provide needy families with food for the holidays. A donation was also made to the religious education program to help with some of the materials for this week's Advent wreath project.

In the new year, we plan to give our usual donation to the Right to Life bus and put on our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. We also hope to put on a few coffee hours and sponsor a swim party at Delhi Tech for our religious education students.

Free Community Supper

A FREE community supper, consisting of home-made soups, sandwiches, and beverages, will be offered on Wednesday, November 20, from 4:30 to 6 pm at Christ Church, 41 Gardiner Place, Walton. (December Supper will be held on the 18th.)

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes will be on display Sunday, November 17, at the Parishes "Mass & a Meal".

Delhi Community Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Peter's Thanksgiving donation list for the dinner is in on the back bulletin board: cookies, boxes of crackers, olives, and cheese.

The dinner is open to all and is free (freewill offerings are always appreciated!), and reservations would be helpful at 746.3714. Delivery to shut-ins available, call above number by Tuesday the 26th. **Volunteers** should contact Amy at 746.2277 asap, for assigned jobs and time.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In the Gospel Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give testimony" and trust He will give us the "wisdom" to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting--a loving Father is standing with you.

Forgot to Grab a Bulletin ...

no need to worry! Access it on our new website: www.catholicwalton.com, www.catholicdownsville.com, or www.catholicdelhi.com.

Marriage Moments by Susan Voigt

Choose a virtue to practice today. Shhh-- don't tell anybody what it is but consider: charity, peace, joy, patience, kindness, or generosity. At the end of the day, ask your spouse or child if they can guess which one you picked.

Birthright Kingsize Amish Quilt Raffle

Raffle tickets are available at the back of Church for Birthright's Annual Quilt Raffle. Mail your check and stubs for November 20 delivery.

The Smell of Pumpkin Pie

is in the air! A Girl Scout troop, which meets at St. John, has baked pumpkin pies to raise funds for the Walton Food Bank. If you want to help their fundraiser by buying a pie, call 372.6176.

Young Adult Advent Dinner

The Sisters of St. Joseph have planned a 'gift of time' during the busy season of Advent for young adults (18 to 30 years of age) on Wednesday, December 11, 5 to 8 pm. Come for dinner, enjoy a great meal, laughter, and some time for prayer. Meet and greet will be in the lobby of their Provincial House, 385 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. RSVP by December 9, Sr. Jeanne Marie Gocha, 518.935.8194 or jgocha@csjalbany.org.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

If you are and want to learn more about our faith, RCIA class can answer your questions. Call the office, 865.7394.



Offerings



Dominican Retreat Conference Center 518.393.4169

December 6-8: Advent Silent Retreat for Men and Women: "Awakening the Heart" Guest Director: Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jones, noted retreat leader and spiritual director. In the midst of the stress and fragmentation of our lives, it can be difficult to sustain an abiding awareness of God. Step away from your daily tasks and concerns in order to listen with full attention to the Spirit's movement within us--awaken to the divine Presence that is giving itself to us moment-by-moment and breath-by-breath. Through presentations and guided meditations, with plenty of space for individual prayer and reflection, we will prepare our hearts.

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