

## Rice Bowl World Facts

- Nearly one-eighth of the world's population suffers from hunger.
- In sub-Saharan Africa the typical young girl carries 4 gallons of water 4 miles each day.
- About 33% of food produced for human consumption is *thrown away* each year.
- Youth number 341 million in developing nations and 17 million youth in developed nations were not employed or enrolled in education or training programs in 2010.
- There were 700 natural disasters, such as hurricanes, typhoons, and floods, between 2011 and 2012. These disasters affected more than 450 million people.

*"In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children .... How can I become a little poorer in order to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher?"*

~ Pope Francis

## Pilgrimage to Shrines of Canada

Travel and see Our Lady of the Cape, St. Anne D'Beaupre, and St. Joseph's. Traveling September 7 to 12 with Father Torres from Our Lady of Hope, Whitehall, New York. Call Louise Minnick at 865.6048 for information and reservations. \$100 deposit must be received by Easter.

## Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

A Marriage Challenge for couples married awhile: try something new together this week: a new food, recreation, book, interest, ... You may have settled into a comfortable lifestyle, but routines can get boring.

## Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus He says to us: "Come out!" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

## Book Club This Monday

The Book Club is meeting at Hilda's Place this Monday, April 7, at 3:30 pm: "Rediscover Lent"

## *Retreats*

*Dominican Retreat Conference Center 518.393.4169*

**April 25-27: *Stitching into Mystery: Yarn Craft as Contemplative Practice***~ Where is God in the work of your hands? Enter into a weekend of quiet and reflection that comes so naturally as you knit, purl, chain, and crochet works that will be used by yourself or as gifts for others. Deepen your relationship with God by using scripture and other readings to contemplate the mysteries of the Divine.  
Director: Sr. Barbara Rapp, OP

**AND**

**"All Generations Shall Call Me Blessed"** scripture weekend for men and women: The Book of Ruth appears as a story of the relationship of women who seek to deal with loss, risk, change, and survival. Through the eyes of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz we are invited to explore the mysteries of those moments in our lives that challenge us to ask *"Is it possible to begin anew?"*  
Director: Sr. Marilyn R. Vassallo, CSJ

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

## Congratulations

On March 23 women across the Albany Diocese were honored at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as *"Women Saying YES to God."* Congratulations to our ministry members who faithfully serve our parish communities each week:

Sheila Ayres	Rosemarie Leitenberger
Kim Bifaro	Kenna Levendosky
Janice Bowker	Rachael LoRusso
Doreen DeFalco	Brigid Maguire
Betty Early	Fran Midgley
Eileen Esposito	Sue Morales
May Falknor	Valerie Neuer
Dr. Denise Freeman	Annemarie Nichols
Jeanne Gannett	Lynn Oles
Kelly Gates	Regina Ordmandy
Emily Harmer	Kathy Smith
Linda Harrington	Mary Ann Stanczyk
Hilda Hoffman	Adriana Steffens
Alice Kane	Jean Withrow
Katherine Kaufman	

Interested in becoming part of a ministry team at your Church, feel free to call the office for details.