

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.

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.

Expressions of Thanksgiving

Gratitude is best served by voluntary expressions as suggested below:

Give from your table- numerous agencies and food banks offer opportunities to feed the hungry at holiday times of the year.

Bless your bread- given out at our Masses.

Count your blessing- our papers come stuffed with Black Friday ads. Instead of starting a 'wish list' or shopping, make a family 'thanks list' and read it at dinner.

Grace before dinner- have each member place grain seed, stuffing cubes, or candy corn – signs of God's gifts -- into a goblet. Pass the goblet and have each person hold it while naming a blessing. Then say grace or read Psalm 67.

Celebrate the Eucharist- attend our 8 or 9:30 am Mass, which is a *graceful* way to begin the day focused on God's blessing in praise and thanks.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Thanksgiving and Christmas are traditionally times when adult children return home and blended families re-gather in unique and complicated ways. This can be both joyous and stressful as family systems reshuffle. Don't let the holidays be a battlefield. If your family is perfect, work on letting go of pride and be humble

Help Needed for Christmas Baskets

Delaware Opportunities will not be distributing Christmas baskets as a result of fund cutbacks if they do not receive help from the community. If you would like to help, make your check out to Delhi Food Bank, put 'Christmas Baskets' on the memo line, place in an envelope marked 'Baskets', and put in a Mass collection.

Called by Name II Cards Due

Please return your completed cards in the next few days and place in the baskets provided.

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.

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Access it on our website at www.catholicwalton.com, www.catholicdownsville.com, or www.catholicdelhi.com.

Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Thanksgiving Community Service in Walton on November 24 at 7 pm at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church across from Delaware Valley Hospital on Route 206.



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)