

Pastoral Care Workshops

If you are interested in volunteering as a visitor to the sick, elderly, homebound or if you are involved in Pastoral Care Ministry as a Coordinator, Parish Visitor, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, or Faith Community Nurse, there will be workshops on six Thursdays: September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6-8 pm at All Saints Catholic Academy, 10 Rosemont, Albany. Cost: \$40 (book & handouts).

Presenters: Yervant Kutchukian, and Nancy B. Gendron, chaplains at AMC. [Registration in office.]

Cancer Support Ministry Training

The East Worcester United Methodist Church is offering an eight session cancer support ministry training beginning September 24 based on the Cancer Treatment Centers of America training. The training will run Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm through November 12. Presenters: Rev. Nancy Dulkis and Lisa Wilcox, both cancer survivors.

Each participant will receive a study guide, supplemental materials, and a journal. There is no charge for the training (donations are accepted). Class size is limited so please contact Nancy Dulkis ASAP at 607.638.9727 or ndulkis@stny.rr.com.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the 'vineyard' entrusted to us in the Gospel. Successful families are constructed by *laborers*, who work hard on family relationships & not by couch potatoes.

Young Adults: Catholics on Call in Albany

October 10-12! Young adults 18-30 are invited to the Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham to obtain a better understanding of vocation, prayer, and discernment. Support is available as you make decisions for your future. Call Sister Rosemary at 518. 674.3818/catholivsoncall.inalbanyny@rcda.org.

Fanning the Flame: Ministry in a Missionary Key

Mark **October 25** on your calendar: the annual Autumn Diocesan Gathering from 9 am to 3pm at LaSalle Institute, 174 Williams Road, Troy. Gather with our diocese to pray, learn, and be nourished to live Pope Francis' call to us. Sr. Donna Ciangio, OP, will offer the keynote address.

September 4 *Evangelist* will have brochure and registration form. Visit www.autumngathering.org for registration. Cost is \$25/person (\$10 for box lunch).

"All You Who Are Thirsty, Come to the Water"

September 26-28: Annual Delaware County Women's Weekend Retreat ~ *"All You Who Are Thirsty, Come to the Water"*. Take 44 hours away from your daily routines for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing. Enjoy conferences, worship services, opportunity for private consultation/companionship with any of the staff as well as free time. Director: Sr. Esther Kennedy, OP. Contact: Janice Bowker at 865.6778 or Mary MacGibbon at 865.6416 for information or about carpooling. Cost: \$195 (65+ is \$180).

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Monday is National Eat Dinner Together Day!

Faith Formation

Religious Education: Classes begin this Sunday, September 21. Registration forms back of Church~\$15/family.

Catechists are needed at both Parishes. Training, teacher's guides are provided as well as personal support. [Helpers are needed and welcome.] Pass your faith on to future generations! Please see Father if interested.

Virtus training is required for anyone who is helping with our religious education programs: September 30 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Church in Oneonta (will be held in Rectory basement). Please call the office to register so Coordinator at St. Mary has a headcount for materials.