

Ministry of the Sick Training

Beginning Tuesday, September 15, a six week Pastoral Care to the Sick, Elderly, and Homebound will be held from 6 to 8 pm at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 175 Williams Road, Troy. This program will be held Tuesday evenings through October 20 and will provide information on: the art of pastoral visitation; communication skills; illness issues; spiritual assessment; grief and loss; etc. There is a \$40 fee (includes book and materials).

Registration is necessary (limit of 28 attendees!)~ deadline: Friday, September 4. For a registration form or need additional information, please call: 518.641.6818 or email: Maria.Schollenberger@rcda.org.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus warns in the Gospel "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about 'outside influences' but also about 'inside influences.' The values our children carry for a lifetime are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That is the good news! That can also be the bad news!

Alpha Course Begins

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Alpha Course beginning Thursday, September 10 at the Red Brick Church, 58 East Street, Walton! Two sessions will be offered each Thursday: start off with lunch at 11 am or dinner at 6 pm.

For additional information or to reserve your spot, please contact Charlie at 865.5024 or email: Charliemays@alphausa.org.

Second Reading Reflection

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27: At every Mass we hear the Word of the Lord proclaimed, but if the Word we hear does not get translated into action, it is like a seed that gets blown away rather than planted in good soil. Saint James reminds us in his letter that we are to be doers of the Word, not just hearers. Those who take the Word of God to heart and act on it will care for orphans and widows, the poor and the homeless, the hungry and the sick.

True worship is not a matter of simply going to Mass or saying prayers. It is a matter of acting on the Word that has been planted in us by God.

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

The challenge: make times of disagreement times of growth. Number 2 'C' ~ Compromise

This classic negotiation format is well known but often neglected in the heat of anger. Each mate gives up something for the sake of the relationship. For example, I'll come and watch your softball game this week if you'll join me in some recreation I enjoy (maybe a book club) next week.

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September 20: *Spirituality in the Footsteps of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina*~ Breakfast at 8 am, Rosary & Conference begins at 10 am; Mass at noon, Lunch, Conference at 2 pm, Divine Mercy, Benediction & Adoration, Healing service, as well as Veneration of Relic of St. Padre Pio. Cost: \$35.