



# Annual Parish Gala & Auction

Saturday, October 20, 2012

5:00pm—9:00pm

Hilton Garden Inn – Hoosick Street, Troy

## RESPONSE & RESERVATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Are you able to **join with us** for our Gala & Auction?  Yes  No Total Number in your Party \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tell us the first and last names of everyone in your party. By default each party will receive one bid number. If other members of your party would like their own number, please check the box next to their name.*

	Additional Bid Number
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*Prior to September 15<sup>th</sup>, Gala tickets are \$40.00pp; after September 15<sup>th</sup>, Gala tickets are \$45.00pp.*

Will you use our free childcare service at the event?  Yes How many children ages 3 and up? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you willing to **donate** a gift or service toward our Auction?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe your donation with a brief statement and an estimate of its market value. This information will be used for the auction booklet and your tax receipt. *(If you're looking for ideas, there are a few listed on the reverse side.)*

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When, approximately, will you bring your donation to the Parish Center?

Attached  by Aug 30  by Sept 2  by Sept 9  by Sept 16  by Sep 23

3. Would you like to be a **benefactor** for the evening? For \$25.00, your business card or personal message will be reproduced in the evening's booklet.  Yes  No *(If yes, be sure to attach your business card or personal note, due by September 20<sup>th</sup>.)*

4. Are you willing to **volunteer** for our Gala & Auction?  Yes, during the event  Yes, prior to the event

If yes, please contact Dave Hans, (518) 479-0136 or [bhans@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bhans@nycap.rr.com), or else we'll be in touch soon.

**Mail check/s (payable to "Church of St. Mary") along with this completed form to us at:**

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### INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES and IDEAS

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#### Donations for our Auctions

*Any donation—small or large—is a blessing!*

- **Various Talent Services** (maybe an ACCOUNTANT might donate a year's free tax prep; a BAKER might donate a homemade pie for Thanksgiving dinner; maybe a group of YOUNG KIDS will donate a day of spring clean-up at someone's home; maybe a CHEF will donate his/her foodstuffs and services to visit your home and prepare a "soup-to-nuts" extravaganza; maybe a TOOL-SHARPENER will donate free sharpening for your lawnmower blades; a PHOTOGRAPHER may donate a family sitting and portrait; a YOUNGSTER might offer free dog-sitting and dog-walking services for a week; an ELECTRICIAN might donate a free re-wiring a room in someone's home; a MASSEUSE might donate a 60- or 90-minute massage; a BABY-SITTER might donate a night's watch; a COMPUTER TECH might offer a free wireless router with free installation at someone's home; a PIANIST could donate a free lesson or two; a HAIRSTYLIST/BARBER might donate a free cut or style/color; a MECHANIC could offer a free oil change and/or tune-up; a CRAFTER may donate a few home lessons in paper-crafting...the possibilities are endless considering all the talents in our parish!)
- **Items** (maybe someone who enjoys knitting, needlework or crochet could donate a beautiful HANDMADE AFGHAN or THROW; maybe an artist could donate a PAINTING, PORTRAIT, or POTTERY ITEM, etc; a craftsperson might donate one of their CRAFTS—a homemade bird house, for example, or some other desired item; maybe a golfer donates a GOLF FOURSOME at the country club; again...endless possibilities!)
- **Gift Baskets** (always a great opportunity to let your personality shine!)
  - **Maybe a gift basket that represents you and/or your family:** an Italian DINNER BASKET filled with pasta, cheeses and sauces; a WINE & SPIRITS BASKET filled with your favorites; a READER'S BASKET filled with some children's books or favorite classics; a SOMETHING OLD SOMETHING NEW BASKET with housewarming goodies; a CRAFTER'S BASKET with lots of the tools and items used in paper crafting; a PICNIC BASKET filled with favorite hors d'oeuvres and a bottle of *vino*; ...just to list a few!
  - **Maybe a gift basket that shows off your interests:** for dog lovers, a DOGGIE DAYCARE BASKET with toys and treats; for sports lovers, a TEAM BASKET with memorabilia from a game or visit; a wine connoisseur might donate a WINE BASKET filled with recommendations; a collector might whip up a COLLECTOR'S BASKET filled with interesting items that any collector might cherish; for those who like to go out on the town often, you might put together a NIGHTS ON THE TOWN BASKET with popcorn for a night in, tickets for a movie night, restaurant gift certificate for an evening's dinner out; maybe you like beauty & fashion, a PAMPERING BASKET with cosmetics, creams, perfume and a scarf could be just right; maybe a NEWBORN BASKET filled with you-know-what...and many more!
- **Gift certificates/cards** (you—or someone you know, work for, or work with—may donate A GIFT CARD OR CERTIFICATE to your favorite RESTAURANT, FUN PARK, ATTRACTION, THEATER, EVENT, MALL OR STORE, BOUTIQUE OR SPA, SERVICE PROVIDER, and any other gift you can think of!)
- **Vacation time/place** (some people own A TIME-SHARE and may be willing to donate a week to our auction; maybe you own A SUMMER OR VACATION HOME and would be willing to donate it for a weekend, or a week or even two; maybe you have A FAVORITE RESORT & SPA that you frequent each year—you might ask them if they would give a free night's stay with dinner and breakfast; ...again, the sky's the limit on possibilities!)
- **Be a benefactor** for the evening...for \$25.00, you can send us a business card or personal message to be reproduced in the evening's booklet. (*Your business card or personal message is due by September 20<sup>th</sup>*)
- **And so many more ideas could come to your creative imagination...please consider how you might offer a donation of any kind to our auction.**

#### Volunteers of Time & Talent

- **Assist our Gala & Auction Committee** with one or more of the various elements of planning, preparing and executing the evening's events! Help us for an hour or two, or a day or two...we'll appreciate all your help.
- While **offering Childcare** at the Parish center that evening, we will need a small number of care workers.
- **Take the initiative** to invite your extended family and your friends to sign-up and join with us for a great night of socializing and fun!
- **Consider asking** your employer or your favorite restaurant or store to make a donation to our auction. (If they do so, please let us know so that we can thank them and send them a tax donation acknowledgement.)