

St. Peter's to offer Saturday night dinners

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GENEVA — St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Genesee Street is joining forces with the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva to extend the club's nightly dinner service to Saturdays beginning this week.

The church and its partner, the Beef & Brew restaurant on Main Street, will use the club facilities to prepare and distribute 250 dinners starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

"We intend to keep doing this as long as we can during the coronavirus crisis," said the Rev. Jim Adams, rector of St. Peter's. "Our congregation feels strongly about doing all it can to help families through these challenging times."

St. Peter's, under the guidance of Adams' wife, Sue, has served a Wednesday dinner known as "Neighbor's Night." The meal has been open to the public and over the decades became a neighborhood tradition. The pandemic, however, forced the church to discontinue the event.

The Boys & Girls Club, which partners with St. Peter's Arts Academy on a number of youth services, has responded to the pandemic by creating a nightly dinner service in which more than 200 meals are distributed to Geneva families. The club's dinners are served Monday to Friday and are prepared by Sodexo, Hobart and William Smith Colleges' food service. Club vans and staff serve the dinner curbside and make deliveries to more than 100 homes.

"Injecting good food into families' lives is an efficient way to support the whole family," said Chris Lavin, the Boys & Girls Club's executive director. "It frees up resources for other challenges, like rent and medicines.



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The Rev. Jim Adams, rector of St. Peter's, and his wife Sue are teaming up with the Geneva Boys and Girls Clubs and Beef and Brew to provide Saturday evening dinners.

We couldn't be happier that St. Peter's will join this effort."

St. Peter's team will follow the routine the Boys & Girls Club has established. Dinners will be served in wrapped to-go containers and delivered to each car on a first-come, first-serve basis as the car arrives outside the club's 160 Carter Road location starting at 5 p.m. Saturday. The club's vans and staff will assist the church in delivering dinners to families that do not have transportation. Residents of Geneva can call the club at (315) 759-6060 to be added to the delivery list.

St. Peter's also is planning as part of its Saturday night dinner service to prepare and distribute bags of non-perishable groceries to help families extend the food budget through the week.

"These are harrowing times," Adams said. "Anything the community can do to help children and their families and reduce stress will serve Geneva well."

McDonald won't oppose Reed in primary

Romulus man withdraws from GOP Primary for 23rd District seat

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ROMULUS — A local man who planned to oppose Rep. Tom Reed in a Republican Primary has pulled out of the race.

W. Casey McDonald announced Tuesday he has withdrawn from the 23rd Congressional District Republican Primary.

"Politics is the opposite of social distancing," McDonald said in a prepared statement. "The logistics of gathering signatures for a candidate's designating petition requires people to interact very closely with one another. Therefore, I have ended my campaign for this pri-

mary season as I do not desire to place any of my neighbors or volunteers at risk of contracting the coronavirus."

McDonald launched his campaign on July 13 of last year.

"Now is the time to focus on the health of the nation as we rally together to beat COVID-19," McDonald said. "The problems of congressional membership organizations, with their secret membership, will have to be a battle fought at another time."

While questioning the achievements of Reed's Problems Solvers Caucus, McDonald does not believe there is a Democratic candidate that poses a threat to the incumbent.

"I don't want to be an obstacle to his success," McDonald said. "There is a space in my yard for his re-election sign this election cycle. But primaries should be a time of rigorous debate. Beating the virus is more important than debate this year."

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Newark wants residents to make some noise for those serving during pandemic

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NEWARK — The village of Newark wants residents to join the global effort to express appreciation for those serving the community during the COVID-19 pandemic by making some noise at 6 p.m., starting Wednesday, April 1, and continuing every day at the same time.

"Residents near and far are encouraged to blow their car horns, go outside on their porches and lawns and bang some pots and pans, or

make whatever noise you can to support and encourage those essential workers who are on the front lines," read a village press release issued Tuesday.

"Nurses and doctors, especially, but also EMTs, firefighters, police officers, DPW workers, cleaners, garbagemen, gas station workers, drivers, restaurant and bar workers, grocery and pharmacy workers and countless others are going to work every day to keep others safe and

healthy and to provide necessities for those confined more safely at home."

A similar daily celebration is taking place in Geneva.



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FARMINGTON — Thor R. Baker, 38, of Port Gibson, was charged Sunday by state police with first-degree rape.

SENECA COUNTY

WATERLOO — Kristin E. Teed, 33, of Waterloo, was charged Saturday by village police with second-degree obstructing governmental administration and second-degree harassment.

Teed is accused of blocking a village police vehicle trying to leave the area near her home. Police said she leaned on the car as the officer was trying to leave, aggressively approached the officer, and coughed in the officer's face intentionally.

Teed was given an appearance ticket to Village Court.

WATERLOO — Patrick E. Goodell, 24, of Tyre, was charged Friday by village police with second-degree criminal contempt and resisting arrest.

Goodell is accused of violating a court order of protection by being at a village business with the protected party. He allegedly led officers on a brief chase on foot before being taken into custody.

Goodell was turned over to Seneca Falls police on a warrant and taken to jail for centralized arraignment.

The sheriff's office assisted at the scene.

DWI

The following person was charged with driving while intoxicated:

- Kelly Patrick, 37, of Phelps, by the Ontario County sheriff's office Monday in Clifton Springs.

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The following person was charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs:

- James J. Grant, 49, of Naples, by state police Sunday in Victor. Grant also was charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation.

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