

### Mass. Supper Set For Capri Club

Capri Club members will assist at Evening Mass at St. Joseph Church, 108 Franklin St. at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 1, to be followed by a supper at the Moose Club, 441 East Ave. Rev. George S. Wood, moderator, will speak.

A business session will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. with election of officers slated. Music for dancing will be furnished by the Valley View Boys from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Supper reservations can be made prior to Thursday, Feb. 28, by calling Al Alessi, IDEWOOD 6-6499 or Mary Lippa, BEVELY 5-5310.

### Washington Film Set At Museum

A color film on the "Boyhood of George Washington" is featured in the film program to be presented on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences at 3 p.m.



Joseph Strolia and Father Valukевичius at organ in St. George's Church.

### Quest For Peace Ends

Poverty, exile and the hangman's noose are part of the memory of the new organist at St. George's Church, Rochester.

Joseph Strolia thinks he has at last found the goal of a forty-year quest for peace and a home. He has wandered across Europe, through America and into Brazil in search of that goal.

HIS TREK began in 1910 when he was captured by Russian troops and scheduled for execution. He was then a soldier in the pocket-size army of his tiny country astride the Baltic Sea.

Lithuania declared its independence of Russia in 1918 but has enjoyed only a few years of freedom since then—a target for Russian, Polish, Nazi Germany and finally Soviet weapons.

Moscow now controls the two million Lithuanian population.

MR. STROLIA was liberated from his Russian captors by do-or-die Lithuanian commandos. During the years of Lithuania's freedom, until Nazi troops came in 1939, he composed over 100 musical pieces and another 75 during World War II.

Turned out from his homeland by Soviet invaders in 1940, he endured the hardships of a displaced persons (DP) camp in Germany until he won permission to come to the United States.

And it was his music which gained him entry here.

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### Poster Contest Penn Yan Pupils Take Top Prizes

Penn Yan — Out of some 800 health posters entered in competition from an eight county area contest sponsored by the New York State Dental Association, St. Michael's School, Penn Yan, walked off with first, second and third prizes in the 7th and 8th grade divisions.

### St. Agnes Dads To Hear Debate

At the monthly meeting of the Saint Agnes Fathers' Club on Thursday, Feb. 26, at the school cafeteria on East River Road, the Debating Team of Saint John Fisher College will be guests.

ROBERT WAX, program chairman for the Fathers' Club, has announced that the Fisher Debaters will give the pros and cons on the development of atomic weapons.

Subject for the evening will be — Resolved: That Further Development of Atomic Weapons Be Prohibited By International Agreement.

This is a timely subject, and one that is being hotly debated internationally.

UNDER THE direction of Reverend John R. Cavanaugh, C.S.B., the Debating Society has gained widespread recognition. They have participated in debates with some of the leading colleges in the country. The debaters and their moderator will be guests of the Fathers' Club at a Smorgasbord which will begin at 6:30 p.m.



### Health Poster Award Winners

St. Michael's students in Penn Yan, who recently took top honors in a poster contest sponsored by the New York State Dental Association, are shown above examining their work. Front row, from left, are Frank Powell, Margaret Supple and James Armstrong. In back row are Dr. Henry Larve, Dundee, chairman of Dental Week in Yates County; Dr. Allan Nash, president of the Yates County Dental Society, Penn Yan, and Mrs. Agnes Knapp, dental hygiene teacher at St. Michael's School.

### Noted Franciscan Dies

### Father Plassmann Rites Held

Solemn Requiem Mass was held Tuesday, Feb. 17 for the Very Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., 79, rector of Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University.

Father Plassmann, known to thousands of St. Bonaventure alumni as "Father Tom," died on Friday, Feb. 13, 1959.

A native of Westphalia, Germany, Father Plassmann gained international recognition as an author, educator and linguist. Ordained a priest on June 9, 1906, he came to St. Bonaventure in 1919 after studying in Rome, the Holy Land, Germany and Belgium.

WELL KNOWN locally as a frequent speaker on behalf of St. Bonaventure's, Father Plassmann was often referred to, in a reverent sense, as "God's Pickpocket," because he begged from alumni, friends, strangers and all denominations to achieve the goal he had visualized for the University.

In 1956, Father Plassmann celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Highlight of the observance was the presentation of the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross, an honor conferred by the late Pope Pius XII.

AN AUTHORITY on ecclesiastical art and symbolism, he was frequently consulted by architects and designers. He was also the author of several books, including "The Priest's Way to God" and "The Seven Words of Mary."

A linguist, he spoke Hebrew, Syriac, Latin, Greek, German and Spanish, and in addition was well versed in Oriental languages and their dialects.

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### McAuley Heads To Attend Meet

Mother Mary Magdalene and Sister Mary de Pazzi of the Sisters of Mercy, president and dean respectively of Catherine McAuley Junior College, will attend the annual meeting of the Conference of Catholic Colleges and Universities of New York State, Feb. 20 at the College of New Rochelle.

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