



What's New in the Parishes

HOLY APOSTLES. "The Spirituality of the Layman in the Modern World" is the theme of an Evening of Reflection to be sponsored by Holy Apostles Adult Sodality, Monday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. in Holy Apostles School Hall. Open discussion will follow the introductory talk by Father Robert Kanka, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, Rochester. All interested adults are welcome. Refreshments will be served at program's close.

ST. PATRICK, Rochester. Annual Summer Festival of this parish will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19. Many attractions are planned. Everybody is welcome and invited to bring friends. Free parking, at corner of Brown St. and Plymouth Avenue North.

ST. JOSEPH, Ruff. Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q sponsored by Rosary and Altar Society will be held Saturday, July 25. Serving from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1.75 each for adults; \$1.00 for children 12 years and under. Mrs. William Fratter and Mrs. Joseph Hoh, chairman and Mrs. Howard Klock and Mrs. George Popp, co-chairmen.

ST. MARY, Waterloo. Annual Summer Social at St. Mary's Parish, on Center Street, Waterloo, will be held July 28 and 29 on the parish grounds. This year's social "will be the biggest ever, with games, food, and drink for young and old. The public is invited."

BLESSED SACRAMENT. Hot dogs, pop, peanuts, ice cream games for the young and the young at heart are planned for the Blessed Sacrament Parish Picnic, Sunday, July 26 in the West Area of Powder Mill Park from 2 to 7 p.m. The picnic will be a box lunch affair but for those who do not wish to pack a lunch there will be food available at a small charge. Tickets for food and beverages may be purchased after Mass on Sundays or at the Rectory. The price of the tickets are \$1.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Reservations for food must be made before Wednesday, July 22. Parishioners needing transportation may make arrangements for a ride to the park and back the end of Mass on Sundays or at the Rectory. Members of the committee are Donald H. Fox, chairman, Edward Wynne, William Conway assistants to the chairman, Mrs. Eric Smith, ticket chairman, Mrs. Bernard Soehner, transportation chairman, Robert Lynch, food chairman and Walter Cox, Tom Cotton and Vic Westcott, games chairman.

ST. BRIDGET. This church, located on Gorham Street, will hold its annual festival on the school grounds on Friday and Saturday nights, July 17 and 18. At 7 p.m. there will be many game booths for the children plus booths for adults, and refreshment booths. Louis Noto, chairman, assisted by Frank Ferrari, co-chairman.

HOLY TRINITY, Webster. Annual children's picnic of St. Monica's Christian Mothers' Society at Holy Trinity School grounds at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16. Games for all age groups, refreshments, and special surprises for the children will be the order of the day. Mrs. Allen Lyle is in charge of games, Mrs. Harry E. Smith, prizes, Mrs. Harry Kestler, refreshments, and Mrs. Anthony Strazzeri, arrangements.

ST. LAWRENCE, Greece. Third Annual Festival of St. Lawrence Church on the Church grounds, 1013 North Greece Road, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 6, 7 and 8 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Many new attractions and surprises promised. Committee comprises Clarence Chauncey and John

Tschiederer, chairman; Andrew Sperr and Paul Subran, co-chairmen; with these co-workers: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bauer, John Burley, Mrs. Charles Cummings, Gerald Hessel, Jack Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kahane, Lyle Klier, Richard Lansen, Mrs. Joseph Lester, Eugene Meisenzahl, James Owens, Mrs. A. Schulz, Douglas Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stanton, Mr. John Tschiederer, Ed Vermeire, John Webster, Eugene Wegman, Frank White.

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD. Preliminary plans for the Annual Fall Festival scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7.

French Bishops Conference
Paris — (RNS) — France's Catholic hierarchy has formed a new national "governing" body patterned somewhat after the National Catholic Welfare Conference in the United States and similar groups in some 50 other countries.

The action was taken at the close of a plenary session of the French episcopate attended by 12 cardinals, archbishops and bishops and presided over by Achille Cardinal Liénart, Bishop of Lille.

To be known as the Permanent Council of the French Episcopate, the new body is aimed at placing "the conduct of Church affairs on a more democratic basis than hitherto."

Catholic authorities here said the new setup was intended to increase the powers of the bishops and was a direct outcome of the Second Vatican Council which had recommended a greater cooperative role for them at national levels.

Altars face People In California
Oakland, Calif. — (NC) — Bishop Floyd L. Begin has granted pastors in his diocese permission to offer Mass facing the people if they desire. Until now permission had been granted on an individual basis.

The permission was granted on the condition that a family is given and that the Mass is conducted in dialogue with the people.

Bishop Begin also urged pastors to foster the practice of receiving Holy Communion at weddings, funerals and evening devotions held in conjunction with missions, novenas and Forty Hour devotions.

Nursing School Built
Freiburg, Germany — (NC) — A school to train lay nurses for supervisory positions is being built here by the German Catholic Charities. The school will enable the present four-month course to be expanded to a full year. There are nearly 35,000 Catholic lay nurses in Germany.

Los Angeles — (NC) — In many ways Bishop Miguel Gonzalez Ibarra is living in the primitive ages of faith.

It is not unusual for him to arrive for a visit at one of his parishes mounted on a donkey. But the bishop does not mind for in his 20,000 square kilometer Mexican diocese the atmosphere is not so much that of Palm Sunday as of Easter morning.

He has 16 widely dispersed parishes in his diocese of Autlan de la Gran in Jalisco. His people are poor, but they have deep faith.

German Day Set August 9

Rochester's citizens of German descent celebrate their annual "German Day" on Sunday, August 9, at the Monroe County Fair Grounds on East Third Street. About 3,000 citizens sponsor the celebration of German-American Societies.

GERMAN DAY, objectives strengthening the cultural ties between America and West Germany, furthering the friendship between the two countries and having all who come a good time with music, songs, folk dances, gymnastic exhibitions and good food and drink.

BRUNO SCHEPPER from the staff of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in New York City will bring the greetings of the old country.

The Fair Grounds will open at 1 p.m. The program starts at 2:30 p.m. It features a mass chorus of singers of the Teutonia Liedertafel, the Badischer Maennerchor and the Rochester Saengerchor; Bavarian folk dances by the Bavarian Society "Alpengruen" in native costumes; tunes by the Youth Music Group of the Verein der Donaudeutschen; the acrobatic group of the Labor Lyceum Turners.

The Monroe County Park Band, directed by John Cummings, will entertain for two hours, followed by Henry Heister's Band and Harold Tausch's Royal Bavarians.

A special attraction will be a "German Wine Garden" with all the Old-World trimmings. Everyone is welcome!

The officers of the Federation are President, John Boerschlein; 1st Vice, President, Ellen Schmitt; 2nd Vice President, Harold Tausch; Secretary, Friederich Grasserberg; Treasurer, Robert Hochreiter.

For further information please contact Eric Voismeyer, BA 5-2470.



Shower For New Perinton Convent

MRS. WALTER SHANE, of Crescent Hills Rd., Perinton, president of the Women's Club of St. John of Rochester Parish, delivers the first gift parcel announcing the shower to be held in the school hall Sunday afternoon, July 19, for the new Sisters of Mercy's convent on Oakwood Drive. Accepting the gift is Sister Mary Francine, convent superior, as Sister Mary Joseita and the Rev. John W. LeVeque, pastor, look on.

'Honest-to-God Sincerity' Basis for Unusual Rite

St. Louis — (NC) — An off-family of Miss Ekberg began to investigate to see if a Catholic Episcopal wedding could be given for more mixed marriages to be conducted by Catholic clergy members of other denominations.

Mr. Joseph W. Baker, canon law advisor to Cardinal Ekberg, Jr., the bride's mother, said that such permission would not be granted in the future, given the same set of circumstances," he said.

He was asked for comment on the ceremony here June 13 in a Catholic church in which Susan H. Ekberg, an Episcopalian, married Patrick C. Barker, a Catholic. Officiating were a Benedictine priest and an Episcopalian minister.

AS KED IF THE event set a precedent, Msgr. Baker said it did.

"While it would be wrong to consider this to be the general pattern, there is no reason to think that such permission would not be granted in the future, given the same set of circumstances," he said.

The circumstances, he elaborated, were the bride's sincerity and her allegiance to her own faith.

Permission for the ceremony was granted by Cardinal Ritter and is thought to be the first ever given in the United States.

The Cardinal's decision was made, it has been disclosed, after the prospective bride and her mother brought to his attention the problem of conscience they said they would face if forced to give up entirely the ceremony of the Church in which they believed.

Cardinal Ritter has gone on record several times during the sessions of the Vatican Council as saying that the consciences of sincere Christians should not be violated.

Shortly after the second session of the Council ended, the

Tests Indicate Hazards In Birth Control Pill

Washington — (RNS) — A public health specialist told the National Catholic Family Life Conference here that medical tests on the use of oral contraceptive pills is raising "serious doubts" as to the health safety of those who use them.

Dr. Herbert Ratner, public health director of Oak Park, Ill., a Chicago suburb, claimed dangers appear to be particularly evident during the post-partum and lactation period, particularly for mothers who breast feed their babies.

He said the dangers arise for both mother and child.

Dr. Ratner admitted that, due to the short period of time the medical profession has had to make its observations on those using the pills, the findings so far are not conclusive.

"But until proven otherwise, we have to conclude that use of the pill is an additional danger," he said.

The Conference, which was considering the rights of the child from pre-natal to college days, was told that when a woman starts taking the pills in the post-partum period to prevent further births, the pills

in portion there are already 45 seminarians attending classes."

The seminary still needs things like a pump, to bring up water from a well, some cows to provide milk for the students, kitchen equipment and other necessities.

Bishop Gonzalez is the first Ordinary of this new Sea One town of 3,000 persons in his diocese had not seen a bishop, in 40 years, he recounted.

"When I visited there I administered Confirmation to boys and girls and their fathers, mothers and grandparents."

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