

As I See It

Readers Propose Televised Masses

By PAT COSTA

Is there a need for a televised Mass on Sundays in the Rochester diocese? At least two readers of this column think so.

Their letters came in response to a query here to our readers favorite religious TV programs.

Jane Colligan of 95 High St., Victor, writes her preference:

"It's the Mass as seen on Channel 5 in Syracuse every Sunday between 10:30 and 11 a.m. The homily is geared especially to shut-ins and what a moral booster this must be to those who cannot get out to Mass."

She adds that she herself has found the televised Mass a great source of joy and consolation particularly when she was unable to attend Mass a couple of Sundays last winter and concludes:

"I think it would be wonderful for one of our local (Rochester) stations and our diocese to serve those who are ill this way."

Mrs. Frank B. Hennen of

236 Monroe St., Honeoye Falls, had the same idea. She writes:

"Reporting my favorite Sunday morning religious program is to me a sad thing to even consider."

"Have you noticed while there are many Protestant services to choose from on our local Rochester stations — there is not one Roman Catholic Mass for our forgotten shut-ins?"

A third reader turns to the radio to find inspiration. Mrs. Deane Huff of Holcomb refers us to "Silhouettes," heard on WBBF radio at 7 a.m. Sundays.

"This show," she notes, is aimed at young people and uses a low register approach which intersperses conversation on the topic of the program, e.g., honesty, pre-marital sex, with a pop song of the "top 40" genre. The song relates to the topic and the comments just given by the young people."

In this way, Mrs. Huff concludes, "One gets a moral or religious meaning from the

song. Yes, it 'relates.' That's why I like it."

Have you a favorite religious program? Would you too be interested in a televised weekly Mass? Let's hear from you.

Babies! They're good for business. Grocery stores know it. Makers of baby furniture and equipment know it. So do diaper services, clothing manufacturers and pharmaceutical firms along with a host of others that have long catered to infant needs.

Now, television has made the discovery. Babies are good for their business, too—quite apart from the financial remunerations that comes the industry's way via commercials selling baby needs.

Babies attract audiences. About a month ago the daughter-in-law of "My Three Sons" gave birth to triplets. The rating for that particular show — number one in the country. True, the show has been a consistent winner with audiences throughout the years, first on ABC where it debuted and then on CBS.

Did producers of the Fred MacMurray vehicle know that the infants would be such an attraction? Possibly. Possibly not. More likely they were merely looking for new ways to pep up some old scripts. They found out that American viewers — those same ones that were supposed to like violence so much — are nuts about newly-borns.

"My Three Sons" is not the only show this season sporting red-faced, squalling bundles.

"That's Life," the joyous new mini-musical series seen Tuesdays on ABC also brought home a baby a few weeks ago.

Ditto for the young couple on "Petticoat Junction."

And, it'll be the same scene for the kids played by Rochester's Jerry Fogel and Deborah Walley on the "Mothers-in-Law."

Thus far we've had to watch three nearly identical waiting room episodes. But, if we're got to take repetition on TV — we'll take babies over barroom brawls any day.

'Star of Christmas' Adds 40 Showings

Forty extra shows have been added for "The Star of Christmas" program in the Star Theatre of the Strasenburgh Planetarium.

There will be an extra show at 9 p.m. on December 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, and 29, 1968.

A 10 a.m. show is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 and December 21, 1968.

On December 27 there will be an extra show at 3:15 p.m.

Shows at 1 p.m. are scheduled for Dec. 21, 22, and 29.

There will be 5 p.m. shows on Dec. 21, 22, 24, and 29.

Shows scheduled for 2 p.m. will be on Dec. 23, 26, and 27.

Shows at 4 p.m. will be held on Dec. 23, 24, 26, 27, and 30.

These are in addition to the regular show hours which are daily Monday through Friday at 8 p.m. On Saturday at 11 a.m., 2, 3, 4, and 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2, 3, 4, and 8 p.m.

"The Star of Christmas" program closes Jan. 2. According to Donald Hall, education director of the Strasenburgh Planetarium, tickets for weekends are sold out anywhere from one to ten days before showtime; for week nights tickets are sometimes available at the door.

Art Gallery

Schedules

Christmas Show

Three films, "Art and Life in Italy," "Images Medievales," and "Coming of Christ," are scheduled for showing at the Memorial Art Gallery, Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m. The public is invited.

A Gallery Tour will follow at 4 p.m.

The Gallery will close at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve. It will be closed on Christmas Day, reopening Thursday, Dec. 26. The same schedule will apply over the New Year holiday.

Carol Concert

Set for Holy Rosary

A brass quintet from the Eastman School and a recorder group will augment the choir Holy Rosary's traditional Christmas Eve concert.

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New Chapel for TV Mass

Richard Cardinal Cushing blesses the altar in Boston Channel 7's new television chapel from which Mass for shut-ins is celebrated every Sunday. Mass on television in the Boston area has been presented for 14 years. With completion of the new studio chapel, the Mass was telecast in color for the first time. "This is a step forward which cannot fail to make the Mass more real and present to the viewer, more meaningful in its liturgical expression, more satisfying in its religious impact," the cardinal said. (RNS)

Museum Closed Christmas Day

Rochester Museum and Science Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Regular visiting hours will be resumed on Dec. 26 when the museum will be open from 9 to 5 p.m. daily, Monday through Saturday and on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Parish Players Go On the Road

Canaanotus—A drama used in the high school religion program here was taken to Rochester recently for two performances at St. Agnes high school.

Fifteen young people from St. Mary's parish presented "God Writes Straight, With Crooked Lines," a television play by Father Donald Cunningham. The production included two sets—a church interior and a living room—designed by Angela Marie Perrotto, Peggy Lowell and James Deagan.

The following took part under the direction of Father William Murray, assistant pastor of St. Mary's: George and Russell Kimble, Donna Perrotto, Mark Kennedy, Kathy Penner, Mike O'Brien, Bill Benzena.

Mary Ann Wilsea, Barb Calaprisco, Patty Barnett, Dan Phillips, Kathleen Mellor, Carol Chippone, Kevin Donovan and Rob Keller.

Movies

Here is a list of motion pictures currently playing in Rochester area theaters and the ratings given them by the National Catholic Office of Motion Pictures:

Paramount — "Born Wild" (No rating); "Born Losers" (No rating)

Regent — "To Be a Crook" (No rating)

Cinema — "The Subject Was Roses" (Adults)

Warning — "To Sir With Love" (Adults and adolescents); "Man For All Seasons" (General); "Santa Claus vs. The Martians" (No rating)

Monroe — "Funny Girl" (Adults and Adolescents)

Riviera — "Star!" (Adults and Adolescents)

Studio 2 — "Belle Du Jour" (Objectionable in part for all)

Loew's — "Lady in Cement" (Objectionable)

Stoneridge — "Yellow Submarine" (General)

Panorama — "2001: A Space Odyssey" (Adults and adolescents)

Towne — "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (No rating)

Stutson — "Finian's Rainbow" (General)

Fine Arts — "The Producers" (Objectionable)

Little — "The Fixer" (Adults)

Lylell — "Hell Fighters" (Adults and Adolescents)

TV Movie Ratings

Friday, Dec. 6 - Thursday, Dec. 12

Ratings are those given by the former Legion of Decency, now the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, when films were originally shown. A-1: morally objectionable for general patronage; A-2: morally objectionable for adults and adolescents; A-3: morally objectionable for adults; A-4: morally objectionable for adults, with reservations; B: morally objectionable in part for all; C: condemned. No Rating: film has not been reviewed by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (formerly the Legion of Decency). N.B. Before an A-1 classification was established, A-2 indicated morally objectionable for adults.

Movie listings supplied through the courtesy of TV Guide Magazine

Friday, Dec. 20 - Thursday, Dec. 26

Time	Channel	Movie	Rating
4:00 p.m.	8	Dark Mirror	A-2
9:00 p.m.	10	Room At The Top	B
11:30 p.m.	13	The High and the Mighty	A-2
11:45 p.m.	10	The Miracle	A-2

Friday, December 20

2:00 p.m.	13	The Snow Queen	A-1
3:15 p.m.	13	Kathy O	A-3
3:30 p.m.	8	Forest Rangers	A-2
5:35 p.m.	10	All Mine to Give	A-1
9:00 p.m.	8	White Christmas	A-1
11:05 p.m.	10	Sherlock Holmes - Dressed to Kill	A-1
11:15 p.m.	13	Fame is the Narrae of the Game	Not Listed
11:45 p.m.	8	Ivory Hunter	A-1

Sunday, December 22

1:30 p.m.	8	Diary of Ann Frank	A-1
2:00 p.m.	13	Christmas in Connecticut	B
3:30 p.m.	13	The Robe	A-1
5:00 p.m.	8	Song Without Erad	A-2
9:00 p.m.	13	The Great Sioux Massacre	A-2
11:15 p.m.	13	The Prince and the Pauper	A-1
11:35 p.m.	10	Ricochet Wedding	A-1

Monday, December 23

4:00 p.m.	8	Immortal Battalion	Not Listed
9:00 p.m.	8	The Pad and How to Use It	A-3

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m.	8	Holiday Inn	A-1
9:00 p.m.	8	The Smugglers	Not Listed
11:30 p.m.	13	The Man Who Came to Dinner	B

Wednesday, December 25

3:30 p.m.	8	The Keys of the Kingdom	A-1
9:00 p.m.	13	Harvey	A-2
11:30 p.m.	13	Desk Set	A-2

Thursday, December 26

4:00 p.m.	8	Captain Boycott	A-1
9:00 p.m.	10	East of Sudan	A-2
11:30 p.m.	13	That Funny Feeling	A-2

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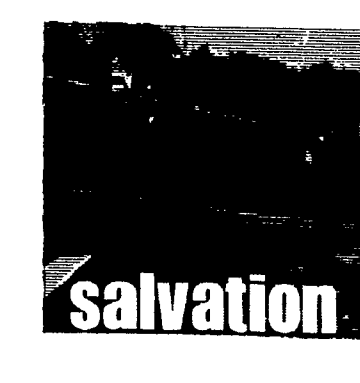


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Sunday, Dec. 22, 7:00 p.m., "Dr. Seuss" (story): How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Bob Karloff narrates the story



'How Far to...' Two thousand years ago, the hillside and set out, for today let us go together.

The streets here, how different is the census. Ah, yes, in facing sleeping in the slum; 200 million sweat each of us daily discard cannot be the House of Bread.

Out of the stifling city the stable must be there, exalted name can be given, you can see up the hillside, massed over what was once.

Oh, that looks like a clinic. Surely they will know the wily rows of beds. Why, then, how weak, how helpless, how in their young faces. The killer, malnutrition, claims world every day. They give sadly few in number and times have they watched do and supplies, they could have.

You are tired from the you ask, "When will we be wrapped up in yourselves very day you have seen? Have you drawn away in hunger, in poverty, that's not how you are supposed to understand that He is or admire, nothing to fear where you feel so sure He...

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