

# Ah, Winter!

By Sarah Child



Now in the middle of my 12th complete winter bordering on this Great Lake, maybe I am mellowing towards the climate's harsher moments.

As the wind howls murderously all around and causes our windows to shake and the well-built roof to have doubts about itself, I take pleasure in the long nights, the warmth of a pink robe and the convenience of central heating.

Mornings begin by filling the coffee pot by the kitchen window in order to watch the 16 pheasants emerge from the barren woods and poke their way across the deep glistening snow of the meadow. Their plumpness pleases me. They are getting enough to eat.

A ride on a Saturday morning errand and my heart stops for a second with pure joy as I catch sight of a lonely red barn silhouetted against a background of a stand of pines and the January snows. Overhead are brilliant blue skies and puffy white clouds.

Out behind the house the birds have overcome their initial resistance at finding the bird feeder moved closer to the house. One tiny sparrow is fighting another. At first only the drab lady cardinals would come. Now, their brilliantly plumed mates stop between flights from the spruces to the white birch and on to the woods.

On a Saturday morning the thermometer reads 6 degrees but miracle of miracles the sun is out and so by 10 a.m. we are all of us including the baby bundled up for an outing on the ice.

Besides us there are two or three boys and a man with a plow clearing the snow from the man-made rink. We breathe deeply in the cold air and spin around and take our falls. The baby on her new sled is pushed around the edge and she loves it.

Oh those poor people who have never seen or felt or lived the cold and snow and ice.

## Catholic High Schools Slate Entrance Exams

The Catholic high schools of the diocese will offer the ninth grade entrance exam, Saturday, Feb. 6, beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Students of all faiths, from public or parochial schools may apply for one of the almost 2500 openings in the class of 1975 at Aquinas, Bishop Kearney, Cardinal Mooney, McQuaid Jesuit, Nazareth, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Agnes, and DeSales of Geneva.

"Most of the schools will award scholarships as a result of this exam," remarked Father Joseph Gersitz, SJ, president of the Principals Association.

"Although these schools use a common exam," he said, "it should be taken at the school of first choice. Through the cooperation of all the principals, qualified students for whom there is insufficient space at one school will be invited to attend the school of their second or third choice."

Father Gersitz urged parents to contact first choice school prior to the time of the exam.

## Sick, Dying To Be Topic At Meeting

Father Douglas Morrison, chairman of pastoral care at St. Raphael's Hospital, New Haven, in the Archdiocese of Hartford, will speak on the care of the sick and dying at diocesan clergy conferences next week in Rochester and Elmira.

Father Morrison, a St. Bernard's Seminary graduate in 1956, has distinguished himself in pastoral counseling and the hospital apostolate since 1961. Certified as a supervisor chaplain in the National Association of Catholic Chaplains and holding a masters degree in counseling, he lectures at the Yale Divinity School, while serving patients at St. Raphael's.

Conferences are slated for Becket Hall in Rochester on Tuesday, Feb. 9 and Thursday the 11th, and at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira on Wednesday the 10th. Sessions will run from 10:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Other speakers in the program will be Miss Marie Weidman of the Catholic Family Center, Father Daniel Tormey, chaplain of Rochester General Hospital and Dr. Robert Kline of Strong Memorial Hospital.

## Pastoral Office Statement

Father Thomas Lenhard has been granted a leave of absence. He will be studying outside the diocese for an indefinite time.



## CANCER CRUSADE

Mrs. Leo J. Kesselring, 333 Thayer Road, Fairport, has been named Special Gifts Chairman for the 1971 Cancer Crusade of the American Cancer Society, Monroe County Unit. The appointment was announced by Crusade General Chairman, Eugene T. Clifford. Mrs. Kesselring's group, including 8 captains and 40 volunteers will kick off their 1971 efforts at a 9:30 coffee hour Tuesday morning, Feb. 9, at Oak Hill Country Club.

## Professional Drama Scheduled at Mercy

"Death of a Salesman," Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, will be presented at a student assembly at Our Lady of Mercy High School Feb. 4 by Barry Weissler's National Theatre Company under the direction of Osvaldo Riosfrancos.

The National Theatre Company is on a nine-month tour of the East, Midwest, and Southern United States. This is the first time that Miller has permitted the play to be presented by a professional company on an extensive student tour.

## ST. GREGORY'S PARISH SETS UP PRAESIDIUM

Marion — A new Legion of Mary Praesidium, Our Lady of Lourdes, has been organized in St. Gregory's parish. Mrs. William Gasper is president; Mrs. Roy Titus, vice president; Mrs. Edward Mueller, secretary, and Mrs. M. B. Morrison, treasurer. Father Richard Nangle is the spiritual director.

## Keeping Tabs

The Holy Name of Mary Society of St. Stanislaus parish will hold a card party at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, in the auditorium. Mrs. Joseph Orzyk is chairman.

Most Precious Blood parish will hold a Mardi Gras celebration Saturday, Feb. 13, beginning with cocktails at 7 p.m. and a buffet at 8. Johnny Capone's orchestra will play for dancing from 9 until 1. For reservations: Sue Eisle, 254-5809, or Bev Aleo, 254-8942.

Judge Joseph Pilato will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Catholic Widowed Parent Club, at 8:30 p.m. this Friday, Feb. 5, in St. Theodore's school hall. Reservations may be made at the meeting for a bowling party Feb. 27.

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Gregory's, Marion, will sponsor a bake sale after Masses Sunday, Feb. 7.

The annual card party at St. Agnes, Avon, will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, under the auspices of the Rosary Society.

The Church of the Holy Name, Greece, will hold its annual dinner dance for the benefit of the school of religion this Friday, Feb. 5, at Cardinal Mooney High School. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m.

The annual card party sponsored by the Sacred Heart Society at Holy Ghost will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the school hall. Pat Goodlein is general chairman. Sue Goetz has charge of tickets.

The St. Christopher Social Club will attend Mass at St. Michael's, at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and have an installation dinner afterward at the Monticello Restaurant, 800 Jefferson Road. For reservations: Jeanne Wittman, 647-9672, or Paul Aguglia, 458-8953. A bowling party is planned for Feb. 28; information from Ernie Willett, 352-5940.

Mrs. Charles Mulligan of Seneca Parkway will entertain the 12th Seton Branch at luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Mrs. Rudolf C. Siebert of East Avenue will be hostess to Seventh Seton members at tea and a white elephant sale, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7.

The February meeting of the

St. Christopher Guild will be held in the new church on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. William Keeler of the Motor Vehicle Bureau will talk about defensive driving.

A demonstration of plastic kitchenware will be sponsored by the Rosary-Altar Society of Our Lady of Queen of Peace at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 4, as a major fund raiser for the parish. Mrs. John Rogers is general chairman.

CCD teachers of Mother of Sorrows parish will be guests of honor tomorrow night at a dinner in the church hall.

The Holy Name Men's Club of Holy Cross Church will give "an old-fashioned Saturday night church dance, for adults only," on Feb. 13 in the school hall. A social hour will start at 8:15, with dancing to the music of the Stardusters from 9 until 1. Dollar tickets may be obtained in advance through Rocky Ardino, 865-2954; at the door, the price will be \$1.50.

The Rochester Catholic Adult Club will celebrate Valentine's Day at Gordon Vogt's East Rochester home, late Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14. The club plans a bowling party for Sunday, Feb. 21, and a cabin party in Webster Feb. 28.

The mid-winter dance sponsored by the Aquinas Band Booster Club will be held Saturday, Feb. 13, at St. Francis Xavier Hall on Bay Street. Supper will be served at 7:30 p.m., with cocktails preceding the buffet, at 6 o'clock. Dancing will begin at 9, to the music of Dick Zona and his orchestra. Tickets may be purchased through Mrs. John Reinhardt, 473-4923.

The Rev. Mr. Peter Bayer, a deacon assigned to the Office for Human Development, will address an open meeting of the adult discussion group at St. Margaret Mary's at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7. His topic will be "Concern for the Disadvantaged."

Josephine Lombardo, who serves the city as community relations adviser and liaison with neighborhood associations, will speak at the Feb. 10 meeting of the Irondequoit Council of Nurses. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at Sibley's Irondequoit Plaza store.

## Collegians To Assist at Auburn Mass

Auburn — Collegians from the Auburn Community College Newman Club will play guest roles in the celebration of the Eucharist at 12:45 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church next Sunday, Feb. 7.

At the invitation of the Parish Council, club members met with Father Philip Billotte, Donald Lawler and Mary Martin to plan details of a guitar Mass to be held following the regular Sunday morning Masses. All parishioners and friends of Sacred Heart are invited to attend.

Father Ronald E. Gaesser, ACC chaplain, will be the celebrant and will deliver a discussion-type homily on the theme, "Bridge Over Troubled Waters", emphasizing values between generations which are shared by all age groups.

Collegians David Gernak, Bill Donovan, and Judy Szymanski have helped plan the informal liturgy. Guitarists will be Paul Breschue, Patrick Amarando, and Sam Giangreco. Vectors will be Louise D'Agostino, Donovan and Gernak.

A nursery will be provided staffed by Youth Club members. Mrs. Catherine Shaw is in charge of the coffee hour to be held following the Mass.

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