



Holy Cross Antique Show

In costumes from an earlier time, these Holy Cross women will direct activities at the parish antique show and sale this weekend in the school auditorium, 4488 Lake Ave. Twenty-three dealers will display their wares from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and from 11 until 8 Sunday. Snacks, lunches and dinners will be served under the chairmanship of Joanne Wild, front right. Seated with her is Kay White, chairman, and standing are Carol Welch and Sheila Donofrio, who have charge of publicity. Missing from the photo is Mrs. Pat Ernst, cochairman.

Addition to Church Begun at Port Byron

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Port Byron — When Father Robert Kress, pastor of St. John's Mission Church here, raised the gold-painted shovel at ground breaking ceremonies, Sunday, March 28, it represented a big undertaking for the approximately 100-family parish. Area families and individuals have pledged \$35,000 towards the estimated \$52,600 addition.

"Coffee and donuts" after Mass and a chance to mingle with fellow parishioners to discuss parish undertakings, can go a long way towards strengthening parish solidarity. But it's rather awkward where there is no adequate meeting room for church-based activities. This is especially important in parishes such as St. John's, where the pastor resides elsewhere. Father Kress lives in Montezuma where he is pastor of St. Michaels.

"Now we will have a building in which we will be able to provide a well rounded program of spiritual and social activities," commented Father Kress. "When finished, the parish can take satisfaction from knowing its efforts will further the honor and glory of God and the salvation of souls."

Construction of the 54-by-34-foot addition on the east side of the church began April 1. Laurence Gray of Elbridge is the contractor. The addition consists of a 19 x 10 foot kitchen, rest rooms, hall with portal doors, and was designed by Dan Leary of Syracuse with adaptability, from church suppers to classrooms, in mind. Leary is the

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son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Leary of Port Byron.

The need for recreation and classroom facilities long recognized, planning was crystallized and picked up momentum under Father Kress' guidance and in his words, "All other alternatives explored, it was time to tackle the building." The men of the parish obtained pledges to defray costs. A five-man building committee was then elected by the parish.

The parish hall will eliminate the need for the 140 elementary school children in the released time program from being dispersed to the fire house, Masonic Temple, American Legion Post, and the church. Ninety junior and senior high school students meeting in area homes will have a gathering place.

St. John's has come a long way from 1858 when local Catholics organized and converted an old schoolhouse on King Street into a church. Those were the times in church history when the priest celebrated Mass in homes and arrived on horseback.

The white wooden house of worship typical of many of the smaller churches in the area, was built in 1901 when Father D. M. Donahue was pastor. The Altar Society raised money for furnishings in much the same spirit today's Altar and Rosary Society is planning to furnish the new kitchen.

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Pat on the Back For Helping Hand

Mildred Johnson, founder and director of the Virginia Wilson Interracial and Helping Hands Center, on Joseph Avenue, has been named recipient of the annual Rochester Rotary Award.

Presentation of the award took place at the Rochester Rotary Club meeting Tuesday, April 13 in the Large Hall of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Rochester Rotary Award is presented each year to an area recipient who has made an outstanding contribution to the intellectual, cultural, industrial, or civic life of this community.

Mrs. Johnson founded the Virginia Wilson Center in memory of her mother who for many years served Rochester's underprivileged community. Prior to its present storefront location which opened in 1968, Mrs. Johnson ran the Center from her home. Operating without public funds, the Center has been called a "crisis social agency" and provides emergency food, shelter, advice and friendship to those in need.

Mrs. Johnson also assists members of the innercity ghetto in legal difficulties. She frequently accompanies people to the police station and the courts and assists them in obtaining legal counsel. She visits people in the city jail and the county penitentiary and takes inmates various items they need while confined.

She helps people who need assistance from the Department of Social Services make proper applications. She counsels young people who come to her with alcohol and drug problems and belongs to the County Narcotics Division. She organized the Big Brother movement in Rochester.

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Waverly Speaker

Waverly — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the guest speaker at a Communion breakfast jointly sponsored by the St. James of Waverly Catholic Daughters and the Rosary Altar Society on April 25.

After the Communion breakfast Bishop Hogan will travel to Owego to address an afternoon session of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Tickets to the Communion breakfast may be obtained by contacting the office staff at St. James Church.

Fashion Show

The Rochester Guild for Crippled Children will present a fashion show at the Rochester Club at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 15.

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