

# Abortion Topic in Seneca Falls

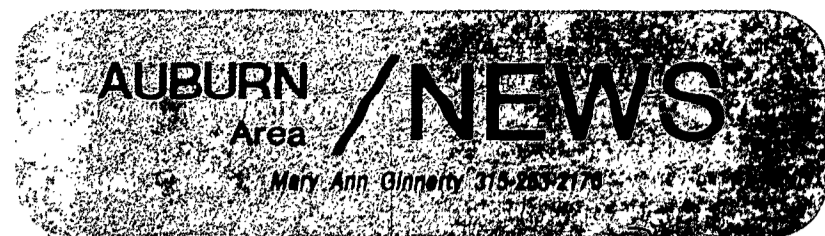
By MARY ANN GINNERTY  
**Seneca Falls** — The Rochester Right to Life Committee's goal to make the public more aware of what abortion is really all about was the underlying theme of the three-member panel presentation recently at St. Patrick's Church at the invitation of St. Patrick's Publicity and Eucumenical Committee.

The Right to Life Committee feels the public is making judgments based lack of information, and that there is a need for more public comprehension of the medical implications of abortion itself.

Slides were presented by Dr. Richard Werner of the Pathology Department at Highland Hospital in Rochester and a member of the Right to Life Speaker's Bureau. He illustrated the normal growth and development of the human child from conception. He also explained and showed illustrations of results of abortion procedures.

Dr. Werner pointed out that while medical opinions vary concerning the point at which the fetus becomes "human", evidence shows human characteristics are apparent during early weeks of development.

The current law permits abortion up to the 24th week of pregnancy. The opinion was expressed by a committee representative that the law is a crime against morality; morality defined as fules of right conduct. It is felt one individual cannot sanction the taking of another life at



**Bruce Zaepfel, Mrs. Peggy Capone, member of St. Patrick's Ecumenical Committee, Mrs. Elaine Kolasch, Dr. Richard Werner and Donald Shepherd, moderator from St. Patrick's.**

any stage of development from conception through natural life expectancy. The committee believes in the unborn's right to life.

The goal of the committee, according to Bruce Zaepfel, publicity chairman, is to inform people of the realities of abortion. The committee does not deny the problems of the unwanted pregnancy, but feels there must be alternative and more human ways than abortion and the taking of human life.

Zaepfel outlined ways that can be employed by local committees to help the general public have more understanding of the

problems, and hopefully effect change of attitude.

Mrs. Elaine Kolasch, volunteer with the Rochester "Birth-right" organization explained the project as service-oriented with the primary focus to provide help for pregnant women, other than abortion.

Crisis center volunteers are prepared to counsel women regarding their pregnancy and alternatives to abortion, help in areas of psychological conflict as well as medical or financial concerns. The office is supported by private contributions and staffed by trained volunteers with psychistic consultation available.

## Summer Mass Schedule Listed

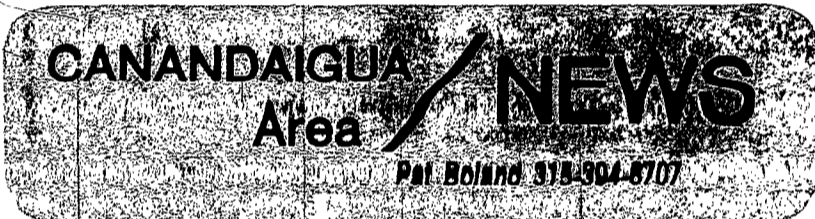
**Auburn** — The summer Mass schedule for the three parishes of St. Jude's Chapel in Fairhaven, St. Thomas in Red Creek, and St. Patrick's in Cato will be in effect from May 27 through August.

Beginning Saturday, May 27, Masses at St. Jude's Chapel in Fairhaven will be 7 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Masses at St. Thomas in Red Creek will be Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Masses at St. Patrick's in Cato remain at 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening and 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Father Larry Kristy on the faculty of Christian Brothers Academy will continue as week-end associate, according to Father Elmer W. Heindl, pastor.



## Four Women Prove The Power of Volunteers

By PAT BOLAND

**Canandaigua** — Never underestimate the ability of a group of determined women, at least that's the lesson the parishioners of St. Mary's Church learned this week.

Dark, dull benches have been given a shiny, bright, new look, and the credit goes to four women who were totally inexperienced in the craft of refinishing.

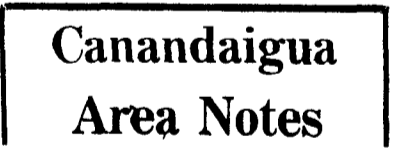
Mrs. James Bement, Mrs. John Doran, Mrs. Claude Hall

and Mrs. George Wade are not new to the art of volunteering, however, and have helped on many church projects before. When the question of refinishing the woodwork in the church came up, they decided to do it themselves.

The project took seven days, beginning after 8 a.m. Mass every day and ending in mid-afternoon. By themselves they stripped, cleaned and lacquered 160 church pews, the choir loft, the altar rail and all the natural wood along the walls and windows.

How did the women feel about tackling such a staggering project? "We just didn't think about it," said Mrs. Hall, "until we were done. After we finished, we fully realized what a tremendous church it really is."

Would they do it again? "For the Church, yes," was her unhesitating reply.



**Clifton Springs** — On Thursday evening, May 18, the entire congregation of St. Felix Church participated in a Living Rosary to honor Mary during May. This service was sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society.

**Victor** — Members of the Legion of Mary, St. Patrick's Church, attended the Living Rosary Service at Notre Dame Retreat House, Sunday. The Rosary, which is being sponsored by the Monroe Curia of the Legion of Mary, is meant to give witness, physical and spiritual, to the Right to Life Movement.

**Canandaigua** — Mass for the members of the Rosary Society, both living and dead, was offered at Notre Dame Retreat House, Monday. Dinner and installation of officers followed. Officers are: president, Mrs. Ivan Gotham; vice-president, Mrs. Vincent Polimenti; recording secretary, Mrs. David Skinner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Thomas MacGregor; treasurer, Mrs. Barry Meath; hospitality, Mrs. Jerald Zimmerman.

Father William Spellecy was the guest speaker.

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## Auburn Area Notes

**Auburn** — Miraculous medal Novena at Holy Family until May 29 conducted by Father Daniel J. Renaldo, Vincentian Father.

**Auburn** — Pre-Cana conferences, Session 3 and 4 at St.

Aloysius Church May 26 and 28 at 8 pm.

Montezuma + Round and Square Dancing, Paul Vitale's Barn, Beach Road, Saturday May 27. 9 to 1 am to benefit St. Michael's.

## Schedule

**Fleming** — The mortgage burning for St. Isaac Jogues Church has been rescheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday, May 28.

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