



Parish Honors Priests

The parish organizations of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, honored their pastor and associate pastor at a reception in the church hall in observance of their anniversaries in the priesthood on June 26. Receiving gifts from parishioners and friends are left to right: Mrs. Harold Casper, member of the committee; Father Erwin Sullivan, associate pastor who observed his 45th anniversary; John Colbert, member of the committee; Mrs. Harold Miller, member of the committee; and Father Raymond Wuest, pastor, who observed his 35th Anniversary.

Work Delayed, Food Scarce Among Migrant Farmers

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — "It is hard for the mother of a migrant child to explain to her little one that there is no lunch because it rained and the crops weren't ready for the picking," explained Father Ernesto Loera.

"The migrants have come all the way from Texas to work and work has not been readily available because of weather and crop losses so they are hungry."

Father Ernesto, a Franciscan priest from Mexico, resides at Holy Family rectory in Auburn and works with the Spanish speaking migrants in the Penn Yan area.

"Not only do we have to fill their spiritual needs," he said, "but their material needs as well as there is an intimate correlation between them. Many times faith enters through the stomach, not only the brain."

Father has been distributing food to tide them over until work is available or other agencies can offer assistance. One problem is locating the migrants, as camp locations vary from season to season.



FATHER ERNESTO

"We must approach them first as friends before they feel comfortable asking for help. The current food shortage became apparent only when I went to their trailers and jokingly began poking around and found the cupboards bare. I discovered food was brilliant with its absence. It is only the families we have known for several seasons that will ask outright for assistance."

"Last week I found families living on 35 cents worth of beans for the day, along with small portions of tortilla. I'm not particularly concerned with nutrition at this point, but in food to fill empty stomachs."

"Some of the families I have visited have been able to borrow advances on their anticipated salary. In some cases the families are big and depend on the income from the older youths, but only the father is working. For some there is no work at all. It is not customary for them to seek welfare. They prefer to work or go without."

Those wishing to assist Father in his work may leave non-perishable food at the Holy Family garage. Suggested items are flour, beans, cooking oil, canned meats, juices, soups, peanut butter, breakfast cereals, coffee, rice, and sugar.

Ithaca Area

Notes

Ithaca — Immaculate Conception Church has a new associate pastor, Father Richard Beligotti. He will fill the position vacated by Father Oliver Stokes. The two priests are exchanging parishes. Father Stokes has gone to St. Margaret Mary's in Apalachin, where Father Beligotti spent the past year. Father Beligotti has been ordained for four years, his first three years being spent at St. Cecilia's in Rochester. He has a twin brother, also a priest, at St. Charles in Elmira.

Ithaca — Donald L. Bennett has been elected grand knight of Ithaca Knights of Columbus, council 277. He succeeds John Barrett. Other officers are: deputy grand knight, Frank Ferrare; chancellor, Robert Johnson; warden, Guy Giordano; inside guard, Jeffrey Bangs; outside guard, William Kenney; treasurer, Ernest Jackson; recorder, John M. Harson and advocate, James J. Clynes Jr.

Ludlowville — All Saints Parish will have its parish picnic Sunday, July 23, at the Tompkins County Fish and Game Club. Robert Zifchock is 'contact' man. Father White will begin saying a Saturday evening Mass at 5:30 on a trial basis. Flood relief collections have been taken up.

Watkins Glen — Catholic Daughters of St. Mary's of the Lake Church had their annual picnic at Roma Franzese's home. St. Mary's Guild of this parish will hold a Bake Food Sale in the parish center, July 15 and 16.

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Parish Elects 'Exec' Panel

Ithaca — Immaculate Conception parish council has chosen its executive committee. Francis Spadaro, 1561 Mecklenburg Road has been elected president, succeeding Mrs. Clarence (Jeanine) Brashear Jr.

Other officers elected are Nan True, vice president and Richard Barrett, secretary.

These officers, with the addition of the pastor, Father John S. Maloney, and Parish Council members Mark LaFrance and Joseph Tatascore comprise the new Executive Committee.

Spadaro is principal at Glenwood School, Ithaca. His top priority for the coming year is 'communication' between the council and parishioners. Responsibilities of the council are divided into five areas: education, finance, worship, human development, and program and resource.

Auburn Area Notes

Auburn — Annual Triduum in honor of St. Anne will begin Tuesday, July 25 at St. Mary's and be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Masses will be offered in the morning at 7 and at 12:10 noon. The Triduum will close with mass on Thursday evening, July 27.

Auburn — The 20th reunion of the Class of 1952, Holy Family High School will be held at Riordan's, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. following a 5:15 Mass at Holy Family Church. Reservations should be made before July 21. Dr. Thomas E. Donnelly and Mrs. Margaret Boyle Savage are committee co-chairmen with Paul Piwinski in charge of reservations.

Owasco — St. Ann's Church, Chicken Barbecue and Bazaar, Sunday, July 23, 12 noon to 6 p.m.

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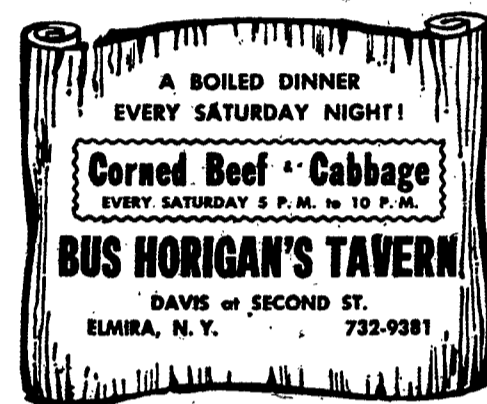
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