



Christmas shoppers reflect the hectic pace many of us know as part of the season. It all leads up to warm, family celebrations of Christ's birthday for most of us. The needy cases, however, on these pages, will not be part of the celebration unless others offer their help.

Don't Forget the Needy and the Lonely

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household tasks. Much of their income goes to doctors and for medicine. They are badly in need of cheerful greetings at Christmas time.

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Billy, age 5, is a mentally retarded boy who with the firm and patient guidance of his devoted foster mother is learning self-help skills. His cheery disposition, impish grin is a source of delight to her. Money is needed for educational toys for him.

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Mrs. S. is a 42-year-old widow. Her three children, oldest is 12, are staying with their grandmother for a while. They hope their mother will be home for Christmas but the doctors are



hesitant to set a date that early. Mrs. S. is recovering from her third heart attack in five years. She hopes her children will have a good Christmas but realizes how long her mother's scant Social Security check must reach.

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Miss P. is a young lady of 18. Her mother died this past sum-

mer and Miss P. is trying to establish a household for herself and her two younger sisters, age 12 and 10. Miss P. has been unable to finish high school and has found great difficulty in securing employment during school hours without a high school diploma.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. live near the dike in southeast Elmira. Their home was devastated by the flood. Mr. O. is suffering from a brain tumor and is in a tremendous amount of pain. The pressures are overwhelming.

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Mrs. L. is a widow living with and taking care of her twin grandchildren, age 10 months. The babies' mother, daughter of Mrs. L., died in childbirth. Mrs. L. has a severe heart condition. She needs a Christmas dinner, bed linen, and clothing for the babies.

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Mrs. C. is a mother of seven. The family is on welfare. Mrs. C. needs furniture, clothing, toys and a Christmas dinner for herself and the children.

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Mrs. H. is a widow who has arthritis severely. Her only daughter died a year ago leaving her with five children to care for. The family lives in very inadequate housing. The family needs a Christmas dinner, clothes and toys.

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Mrs. W. has seven children to care for. The family is on public assistance since Mr. W. was killed two years ago. The family needs a Christmas dinner, toys, furniture.

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Mrs. N. whose husband deserted her three years ago is in ill health. She has five children. She is receiving assistance from the Monroe County Department of Social Services. She is in need of a Christmas dinner, toys and clothing.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. have three boys 12, 10, and 8. Mrs. R. and the boys have some unusual problems which require regular medical attention. Mr. R. earns a little bit over the allowance to make them eligible for Medicaid. As a result any extra money must be paid on medical bills which never seem to be paid up. Christmas is not the most pleasant thought for this mother to face, for it becomes a drudgery. If it were not for those who think of others at this and other times of the year, the R's would not be able to give their children anything for Christmas.

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Mrs. G. has 10 children, ages 18 to 4 years. Her husband died a few months ago, after a long illness. Mrs. G. is currently hospitalized with a complicated medical problem. She has been in the

hospital for a month. At the time of Mr. G's death they were receiving public assistance. When the application is processed

they will receive Social Security. This has caused Mrs. G. worry as she fears they will no longer be eligible for Medicaid.

The Bishop's Public Appointments

- 1—Interdepartmental Staff Meeting—11 a.m.
- 3—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Greece—12:30 p.m.
- 4—Clergy Day of Prayer, North Region, St. Ann's Home—10 a.m.
- 4—Forty Hours' Devotion, Sacred Heart Cathedral—5:30 p.m.
- 5—Priests' Council, Becket Hall—10:30 a.m.
- 5—Confirmation, St. Margaret Mary Church, Rochester—7:45 p.m.
- 6—Luncheon Meeting with Town of Gates Officials, Pastoral Office—Noon.
- 7—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Becket Hall—4:45 p.m.
- 8—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, St. Bernard's Seminary—5 p.m.
- 9—Opening of Hospitality Center of Auburn Correctional Facility—10 a.m.
- 10—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece—11 a.m.
- 11—Meeting with Regional Coordinators, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua—2:30 p.m.
- 12—Confirmation, Guardian Angels, Henrietta—7:45 p.m.
- 14—Financial Advisory Board—11 a.m.
- 14—Confirmation, St. Andrew's, Rochester—7:45 p.m.
- 15-17—Marriage Encounter, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua—8:30 p.m.
- 17—Ray Laws News Conference, WOKR, Channel 13 (check local listing for hour).
- 18—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Convent of Missionary Sisters of Guadalupe—8 a.m.
- 21—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Sisters of Mercy Convent, Joseph Avenue, Rochester—5 p.m.
- 22—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily for Pastoral Office Staff, Pastoral Office Chapel—Noon.
- 23—Christmas Radio Message, Family Rosary Network—7 p.m.
- 24—Family Christmas Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Sacred Heart Cathedral—5 p.m.
- 25—Christmas Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, St. Ann's Home—10 a.m.
- 31—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, St. Stephen's, Geneva—12:15 p.m.

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