

'Man of Year'

The religious education staff of Immaculate Conception in Ithaca recently gave Father David Mura, Ithaca's "Man of the Year" a surprise party. Left to right are Father John S. Malone, pastor, Father Mura and Father Mura's mother.

Ithaca Area Notes

Watkins Glen — St. Mary Guild will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday, March 17, at the Watkins Glen Elks Lodge from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a buffet.

Penn Yan — A Fashion Show was recently held in St. Michael's Church Hall. The Home-School Association sponsored the affair with proceeds used for the school's physical education program and reading supplies. Over 100 different outfits were modeled.

St. Michael's School Week, a week of specially planned activities was held last week. Parents observed physical education classes and an Open House and a Science Fair were held. A special Mass was said and "February Happenings" was presented by the fourth grade.

Odessa — St. Benedict's housekeepers for March are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lo Presti, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, Miss Wilma and Mae Kadlicek and Mrs. Fred Fredola.



Auburn to Remember

Mrs. C. Alan Bouley, Father John Mulligan, Msgr. James Cuffney, pastor of Auburn's St. Mary's Church, and Mrs. Louis Marino review a scrapbook of Father Mulligan's Auburn career at a recent community reception for the former associate pastor of St. Mary's. Father Mulligan was recently named co-pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester.

Auburn FISH Unit Needs Volunteers

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — "Time, love, and neighborliness" are in desperate need as the Auburn Area FISH (Friends in Service Here) launches a week-long campaign to attract new volunteers. Now in its fourth year of service, the demand for FISH services has increased with 1700 calls for service received last year.

Approximately 120 volunteers are doing various forms of work. Transportation is the service most in demand. The elderly require trips to the doctor's office, young children have need to get to the Cerebral Palsy Clinic several times weekly, and the shut-in occasionally needs help with errands.

In addition to answering calls for assistance in Auburn, volunteers have provided transportation to hospitals outside Auburn, such as Willard State Hospital, and the Buffalo and Rochester Facilities. Two persons in need of regular medical treatment are being taken to hospitals in Syracuse.

Other options for volunteers
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include providing companionship for the elderly, and reading or letter writing for shut-ins. Such non-emergency assistance helps to meet needs that are not met by already existing programs.

FISH volunteers have been successful in locating clothing and household articles for persons on limited incomes.

FISH has five telephones, one of which is manned from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. During other times calls are answered by the Auburn Police Department. All calls are received by the FISH captain on duty.

Anyone interested in becoming a FISH volunteer for emergency or non-emergency service for an eight hour shift or two four-hour shifts once a month, day or evening, may call the Volunteer Center at 191 Genesee Street or FISH, 252-0535.

Mrs. James P. Beardley, chairman of FISH, has appointed Mrs. James D. Cuddy, Mrs. Jay D. Mason, and Emmanuel J. Ferrara to lead the volunteer drive.

"Mystery of the Church" Is Lenten Series Topic

By PEG PEASE

Hornell — Father Foster Rogers, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, was the guest speaker at the first in a series of open programs being sponsored by the Area Adult Education Committee of St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Ann's and St. Joachim's churches.

At a gathering in St. Ann's Assembly Hall, Feb. 23, Father Rogers' topic was "The Mystery of the Catholic Church."

"There are many documents available to plead with people to read and see the Presence and wisdom of Christ in the Church's teaching," he said. "The Church is not just brick and mortar nor is its purpose to dictate. We are weak as members of the church in understanding the history of the Church."

"During the Middle Ages, the Church was a way of life, people helping people. Then with the Reformation, the functions of the Church were explored and a very juridical Church followed."

Father Rogers went on to say, "Our attitude toward Scripture reading has changed; we must move on, search out the 'Theory of Creation' and see that it doesn't answer all the questions. We must be looking for better answers. Cultivate the earth and subdue it, is as far as we have gotten."

"Read the Documents of Vatican II," he urged.

"The sin of man is in his forgetfulness of God. The Father sent his Son for three reasons: to reveal the Father to us, to bring us back to the Father and to show us how to be sons and daughters of God."

Father Rogers then quoted from President John F. Kennedy, "In this life, God's work must truly be our own."

Father concluded by bringing to mind the human images of the quest for unity among the peoples of the Church.

"We are the flock, He is the shepherd. Christ is the vine, we are the branches. The Father is the Vinedresser. The Church is the edifice and Christ is the cornerstone. There will be tensions but only with tension, can we find solutions and ultimately, grow."

Planned Parenthood Referrals Counseled By Area Clergymen

Hornell — Five clergymen met Tuesday night, Feb. 27, to begin work on gathering a group of local persons to serve as counselors for persons referred to them by Planned Parenthood of the Southern Tier, Inc.

The five will also "represent the city ministerial association" in dealings with the family planning organization, the Rev. Oren Shaffner, president of the ministerial group, told them in a letter.

The five are Mr. Shaffner, pastor of the East Avenue United Methodist Church, the Rev. John Dromazos, of the Arkport Presbyterian Church, Father John Widman of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Father Lewis Brown of St. Ann's Church and Lt. Howard Burr of the Salvation Army.

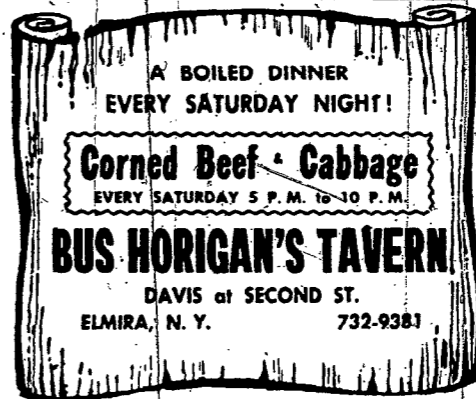
Area Ministers decided to take part in such a counseling service at a meeting of the ministerial association recently when they met with four representatives of Planned Parenthood.

Some of the ministers expressed concern at that time over Planned Parenthood's policy of giving confidential birth control information and devices to young teenagers. The ministers also decided at that time to arrange a clergymen's speakers bureau to speak on the moral and ethical aspects of sex education.

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