

# regional news reports

## Elmira

### RESTORATION

**Elmira** — St. John's Church has spent more than \$21,000 to repair damage caused last June by Tropical Storm Agnes. Items replaced included a tile floor, stoves and a refrigerator in the church hall. The meeting room in the rectory was repaired and the church organ was overhauled, according to a recent progress report. The church was allowed a \$10,000 Small Business Administration loan, with \$5,000 of the loan forgiven by the federal government. Parish officials reported that there were sufficient funds in the treasury to meet remaining bills. The largest amount expended was \$12,405 for labor and materials paid to a local construction company. The tile floor cost more than \$3,000, while the organ repairs topped \$1,000 the report said.

### BAKE SALE

**Apalachin** — A bake sale will be held at St. Margaret Mary Church after all Masses on Palm Sunday to raise money for vestments and a new chalice. Donations should be left at the rectory on Saturday, April 14 from 3 to 5 p.m.

### MEN'S RETREAT

**Horseheads** — Men of St. Mary Our Mother Church will have their annual retreat May 4, 5 and 6 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua. Reservations should be made by phone, or mail to the church rectory as soon as possible.

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION

**Apalachin** — A Day of Recollection will be held for all women of St. Margaret Mary Church here on March 31. The affair will be held in Waverly from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Further information may be obtained by calling Carol Travis at 607-625-2032.

## Hornell

### LENTEN READING

**Hornell** — Father Paul J. Cuddy, chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital, discussed Lenten reading with 60 members of Hornell's Fortnightly Book Club during a recent meeting in Christ Episcopal Church parish center. He pointed out that a result of the ecumenical movement is the bringing together of people in their studying and understanding of the Bible and the finding of the many things they have in common. The speaker used both the Douay-Rheims and King James versions of the Bible, recommended the Arch Books Bible. Stories for children published by the Lutheran Concordia Press and suggested

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Lenten study of books by Dr. Barclay, a Presbyterian minister.

### YOUTH SERVICE

**Wayland** — "Choose Life" was the theme of a service held in St. Joseph's Church March 21 by area young people. The homily was given by Father Daniel Holland, diocesan coordinator for the year of renewal. Sponsors were units of the Wayland Area Council of Churches, including Wayland United Methodist, Springwater United Methodist Church, the United Churches of Christ, Sacred Heart Church in Perkinsville, and St. Joseph's. Another special service arranged by area churches will be "The Cross Walk" on Good Friday, a pilgrimage from the Wayland to the top of Selbig Hill, with 14 stops along the way.

### LAYMAN'S ROLE

**Canisteo** — "The role of a lay person in the Church" was the topic of a recent panel discussion at St. Joachim's Parish Center. The program, one of a series of Lenten discussions sponsored by the Canisteo Valley Council of Churches, was led by Rev. David R. Owen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Canisteo.

### CHOIR

**Canisteo** — St. Joachim's Choir rehearses each Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass. New members are welcome.

### COUNCIL OFFICERS

**Bath** — St. Mary's Parish Council officers are Richard Osgood, chairman; James O'Neil and Elizabeth Hainsworth, education chairmen; Arthur Moran and Joseph Hudzinski, finance; finance ex officio, James Brown; Rosemary Bruce and Ellen Snyder, human development; Roger Telarico and William Dinehart, liturgy.

### STUDY CLUB

**Bath** — It is not too late to join a Lenten study club sponsored by the St. Mary's Rosary and Altar Society. Arrangements may be made by calling Mrs. Barbara Perry at 776-6920.

### BUSING

**Bath** — Children who will attend St. Mary's School for the first time this coming year and live outside the Haverling School District, must have their transportation application in by Apr. 1. Forms may be obtained at the School office.

## Auburn

### ROSARY OFFICERS

**Auburn** — Officers of the Rosary Altar Society of St. Aloysius Church, installed March 13 by Father Edward Shamon, pastor, are: Mrs. Herman Lingenfelter, president; Mrs. Isabel Chase, vice president; Mrs. Mary Bodine, recording secretary; Mrs. Vernon Pinckney, financial secretary; Mrs. Sebastian Cannata, treasurer, and Mrs. Marcelina Carabajal, chairman for shut-ins.

### LENTEN SERIES

**Auburn** — The fourth session in the Adult Lenten Series, Human Sexuality, will be at St. Mary's at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 1.

**Waterloo** — Poverty will be the topic of the interparish Lenten series to be held at St. Mary's School in Waterloo at 7:30 p.m., April 1.

### CAYUGA CCD

**Cayuga** — Informal monthly classes for grades 6-8 in the homes of CCD teachers feature programs suggested by the CEDAR center to help make

religious education more viable for students in St. Joseph's parish. January featured a film strip "Parable of the Talents," followed by discussion of the student's own talents. Area residents expanding on the theme at the February meeting included an Auburn Correctional Facility inmate who told how he had failed to put his talents to good use. Mrs. Virginia Germer, trained as a book illustrator, showed how she used her talents as a substitute teacher and Brownie leader. A trio of folk singers ended the program. The March program focused on "The Way of the Cross." In April, the students will go to Syracuse to see Godspell.

## Canandaigua

### RIGHT TO LIFE

**Canandaigua** — The Rochester Right to Life Committee will present a program at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, in St. Mary's school auditorium. The public, regional meeting is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Geneva and Canandaigua. Speakers will be Tom Garlick, president of Right to Life; Pat Dykstra, a member of the board, and Dr. Gregory, Gehred of Birthright.

### FUN NIGHT

**Canandaigua** — Father William Charbonneau, pastor of St. Mary's, was awarded a copy of Joe Miller's Joke Book and a bogus subscription to a sermon magazine at the Home-School Association "fun night." Sister Mary Alma, principal, received an eight-foot poster portrait of John Wayne. Other prizes included gilded brooms and doorknobs. Only the refreshments were "real," said Norm Donovan.

### TRIP FUND

**Canandaigua** — Eighth graders at St. Mary's are selling school shirts to raise funds for a projected trip to the Ontario Science Center in Toronto.

## At Holy Family

# Educational Programs Mesh

**Auburn** — CCD teachers in the Holy Family religious education program have responded favorably to the availability of the parish's first full-time religious education coordinator, according to Miss Carol Techman who assumed her duties as coordinator in September.

A graduate of LeMoyne College with a major in theology, Miss Techman attended the Boston College Summer Institute on Religious Education and Service and was a coordinator at St. Mary's in Glens Falls before coming to Auburn.

There was a functioning Saturday school of religion with teachers already recruited when she assumed her duties at Holy Family, as well as a school, which will consolidate this June with two other parish schools to open next September as Blessed Trinity School.

Miss Techman concentrated this year on working out program details and orienting staff to the ways a coordinator can help make religion more viable for the students. The direction of the Paulist series used at Holy Family is towards "experiential knowledge," she said, with emphasis on pulling classroom learning into everyday life experiences. Consultation with teachers, serving as a resource person for lesson planning, scheduling special activities, suggesting varieties of teaching techniques and emphasizing continuity in program development have been major goals.

### COLLEGE CHOIRS

**Canandaigua** — The combined choirs of Hamilton and Kirkland colleges presented a concert here under the auspices of the Canandaigua Clergymen's Association. The students were overnight guests in private homes then continued their tour of Buffalo, Cleveland, Montreal and New York.

### MEN'S RETREAT

**Rushville** — The men of St. Mary's, Rushville, and St. Theresa's, Stanley, will begin their annual weekend retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua on March 30.

### BLUE AND GOLD

**East Bloomfield** — The annual Blue and Gold banquet for Cub Scout Pack 54 drew 270 scouts and parents to St. Bridget's parish center. Father Elmer McNamara, pastor, gave the opening prayer, and the Rev. John Kamaras, pastor of United Methodist, the benediction.

## Ithaca

### SHARING SUPPER

**Ithaca** — St. Catherine of Siena Parish will have Mass and a sharing supper tonight, March 28. After the soup and bread supper, an offering will be taken, half of the money to go to St. Benezet Guild for use in Tompkins County, and half to the Campaign for Human Development. On March 30, there will be rummage and food sales to raise money for altar boys' cassocks. Volunteers should call Jan Topoleski, 257-1293, or Mary Jean Caluek, 257-1368.

### 'SEAGULL'

**Ithaca** — Immaculate Conception's Focus Club will discuss "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" on Monday, April 2, at the rectory, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

### SPECIAL ED.

**Ithaca** — Anyone interested in a religious education program for children who are mentally retarded or physically handicapped is asked to contact Sister Clare, 273-2707.

### WALK

**Ithaca** — The Ithaca Walk for Children will take place Sunday, April 8. It will be a fifteen mile hike, with local citizens, Cornell and Ithaca College students participating. Funds raised will go to the international organization, My Friend's House, and the Greater Ithaca Activities Center. Good used clothing will be collected during the week of April 2 for the World Service. For further information: Marvel Hatfield, 272-9239; Edith Wells, 387-8145.

### CONFIRMATION

**Watkins Glen** — The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at St. Mary's of the Lake Church May 13 by Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty. During Lent, adult education classes on Friday nights are concentrating on the sacraments.

### MISSION

**Penn Yan** — April 9-13 is designated Parish Mission Week at St. Michael's Church, with Father Roger Elliott, C.P. Masses, confessions, evening services, and home visitations will take place.

This page is intended to capsule news from throughout the diocese. It will not, however, contain all the news from our area correspondents and other stories will be found throughout the paper. Our correspondents now have deadlines of Wednesday. Anyone wishing news in the Courier-Journal should keep the deadline in mind.



CAROL TECHMAN

—Miss Techman continued the sacramental program which emphasizes parental involvement. A preschool religious education class was initiated in February.

Next year the parish coordinator will assume responsibility for teacher recruitment for preschool through high school. This recruitment had been carried out in the past by Father John Glogowski, associate pastor. A program change anticipated next year will be the return of the middle school program to the parish. The Saturday school of religion currently involves grades 1 thru 5, with the middle school and high school program run out

of CEDAR. (Christian Education Department, Auburn Region.)

Miss Techman feels it is good for the older students to attend centralized classes, as this helps break down parochialism. The pooling of resources permits more stimulating programming at the high school level where student numbers drop off.

Miss Techman pointed out the parish coordinator can contribute greatly to the expansion of essential adult education opportunities. Sacramental programs that put the emphasis on parents as primary educators underline the need for adult education as most parental religious education ended before Vatican II influences where fully explained. Adult education also influences the recruitment of teachers, she said, especially at the middle and high school level where students are the greatest challenge to the teacher's own body of knowledge.

Programs she would like to see developed include discussion groups, films and lectures, pre-baptismal classes for parents, and refresher courses in the basics of religion.

Holy Family is in the process of establishing a parish council through its pastor, Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan. This council will increase the parish's ability to assess and respond to parishioner education needs through established lines of communication, Miss Techman observed.