

# regional news reports

## Canandaigua

### RECOLLECTION

**Clifton Springs** — Father Leopold Protomastro, OFM, Cap., will conduct an afternoon of recollection Sunday, April 8, for the people of St. Felix parish. A lecture and discussion in the hall, 1:30-4 p.m., will be followed by Stations of the Cross and benediction in the church, and then another lecture-discussion and refreshments.

### CARDS, FASHIONS

**Clifton Springs** — The Rosary Altar Society of St. Felix will sponsor a dessert card party and fashion show at 7:30 tomorrow night at the Clifton Springs Country Club. Mrs. Bev Cheney is chairman. Tickets, \$1.50.

### WELCOME

**Palmyra** — The newly organized Daughters of St. Anne held a "welcome shower" recently for the new pastor, Father William Hickey, bringing him new housekeeping equipment and an outdoor grill. His mother, Mrs. Joseph Hickey of Auburn, was a guest.

## Auburn

### SCHEDULE CHANGE

**Weesport** — The Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's will be at 7 p.m. beginning April 7, with Sunday masses at 9 and 10:45 a.m. as usual.

### DEATH THE TOPIC

**Auburn** — The fifth topic in the Adult Lenten Series, "Death With Dignity" will be discussed at St. Alphonsus at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8.

### NOVENA

**Auburn** — The Novena to the Sorrowful Mother continues Friday at 6:45 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church.

## Elmira

### HOSPITAL CITES MAINTENANCE MAN

**Elmira** — Adolph "Otto" Lubnow, a maintenance employe at St. Joseph's Hospital, has been

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presented the institution's Oppy Award for outstanding service to the hospital.

Lubnow has been employed by the hospital for 45 years except for a brief period of service in World War II.

He was cited for his "dedication and cooperative attitude in all matters that concern themselves with patient care either routinely or out of the ordinary," and was commended for his attitude toward his fellow employes.

The Oppy winner received his award in ceremonies held recently. His picture will be displayed in the hospital cafeteria and his name will be added to the permanent Oppy ledger which hangs in the main lobby of the hospital.

### RUMMAGE SALE

**West Elmira** — The annual rummage sale sponsored by the Rosary and Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be held May 4 in the church hall. Donations will be accepted starting April 30. Pickup service can be arranged through Mrs. Mary Ann Donovan, 734-7268, or Mrs. Susan Bullock, 734-1202.

### RECOLLECTION

**Elmira** — The Sacred Heart Ladies Society of St. Anthony's Church will hold a Day of Recollection Sunday, April 8, 1-5 p.m., with Father Vincent Panepinto.

## Hornell

### FILM SERIES

**Hornell** — Youth groups of area churches will continue their Lenten film programs April 7 at United Presbyterian Church and April 9 at Hornell Senior High School. The Gospel According to Matthew will be shown April 14 at First Baptist Church. All programs begin at 7:30 p.m.

### LENTEN MUSIC

**Hornell** — Brahms' Requiem will be sung in the Hornell High School Auditorium on Palm Sunday, Apr. 15 at 8:15 p.m. by the Hornell Area Arts Council Chorus directed by Dr. Melvin LeMon. There will be no admission charge.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Wayland** — Retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House for St. Joseph's women are scheduled for May 18-20, Sept. 7-9 and Oct. 18-21. Reservations for the May Retreat should be made with Mary Smith by April 15.

### BENEFIT DANCE

**Hornell** — The annual DeSales dinner dance sponsored by the Women's Board of St. James Mercy Hospital will be held May 5 at the Hornell Country Club. Mrs. Thomas Smith and Mrs. Robert Strausser are chairmen. Proceeds will go into the scholarship fund.

### CONTEST WINNER

**Wayland** — Colleen FitzPatrick of St. Joseph parish, representing Wayland Central School, won an oratorical contest in Auburn last month.

### ACIES

**Dansville** — The Legion of Mary Curia held its annual Acies ceremony March 25 at St. Mary's. Father Paul J. Cuddy, chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, was guest speaker.

### INTERFAITH

**Hammondsport** — The four churches of Hammondsport joined together Mar. 20 at the First Presbyterian Church for supper and a film strip on Key 73. The Rev. Clair W. Statham of First Methodist Church presented the film. The group was welcomed by The Rev. Richard S. Buterbaugh, pastor of the host church. Other clergymen present were The Rev. Leo Dyson of St. James Episcopal Church and Father Charles J. McCarthy of St. Gabriel's.

### 100 JOIN FOURTH DEGREE

**Hornell** — More than 100 candidates were taken into Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, at a recent ceremony at St. Ann's. The class was named for a former pastor, the late Msgr. Lawrence W. Gannon.

The exemplification, the first held here in more than 30 years, was conducted by Paul G. Rombaut of Rochester, master of the Fifth New York District. It was followed by Mass and a banquet and dance for more than 300 members and guests. Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey was guest speaker.

The new members are from Hornell, Canisteo, Arkport, Alfred, Almond, Wellsville, Rochester, Auburn, Elmira, Bath, Geneva, Dansville, Mt. Morris, Horseheads, Ithaca, Newark, Seneca Falls and Waterloo.

## Ithaca

### NEW CEREMONY

**Ithaca** — Sack cloth and ashes, traditional symbols of Lent, were made graphic for the people of Immaculate Conception in a ceremony that opened the penitential season. For the first time, parishioners witnessed the burning of last year's palms to the ashes of Ash Wednesday. Those attending the ritual received sack cloth squares marked with crosses that the seventh and eighth graders had made under the direction of Sister Kathleen. Jane Reed and Mary Edsel planned the continuing series of Wednesday night services.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Ithaca** — March 17 was a big day for Father John Maloney, pastor of Immaculate Conception. As a birthday present, the school children gave "The Life of Father Maloney" with Irish songs and dances and skits tracing his development from infancy. In the evening, the annual St. Patrick's party was held in the parish hall.

### ST. PIUS X LISTS ACTIVITIES

**Van Etten** — Father Bernard Kuchman, pastor of St. Pius X, will conduct days of recollection April 8 for women and girls, and April 15 for men and boys. The programs of prayer, reflection and discussion will run from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. In charge are Janet Sullivan, Helen Berkley and Theresa Maki; Ed Miller, Roger Berkley and Fred Maki.

Twelve children of the parish will make their First Communion May 13. They are instructed Saturday afternoons by the pastor.

A bakesale for the benefit of the parish will be held Saturday, April 21, at Ben's Market, under the direction of Florence Cotton, Frances Janski and Janet Sullivan.

## At St. Mary's Continuity Is Her Job

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

**Auburn** — "The coordinator is the person who takes on the function of seeing all the religious education activities in a parish hang together, provides continuity and sees all is well integrated into the total program," explained Miss Patricia Mellish, religious education coordinator at St. Mary's.

When Miss Mellish came last September, she found a well organized CCD program serving approximately 550 children in the first grade through high school. She is available to St. Mary's school for program evaluation and individual teacher consultation.

A graduate of Nazareth College with a BA in theology, Miss Mellish has done graduate work in religious studies at LaSalle in Philadelphia. She has taught middle school and has served previously as a religious education coordinator.

As coordinator, Miss Mellish incorporates current material into one unifying theme and assists teachers at all levels in carrying out their plans. She feels that the coordinator can inspire members of the parish to contribute to religious education according to their talents and abilities, thus widening the base of parishioner involvement.

Teacher development has been through frequent meetings at a particular grade level to provide help with lesson planning, projects, background material in scripture and teaching techniques. While the program remains constant, the challenge lies in ways to bring the text book alive and relevant to everyday experiences.

Some teachers attended a recent diocesan workshop. Miss Mellish would like to see ad-



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ditional formal training, preferably on an interparish basis. She feels that while teachers need to work on their own grade level, they benefit from programs that put their grade level into perspective.

A great asset to her role, she says, is her inclusion in weekly staff meetings with Msgr. James D. Cuffney, pastor; Father James Enright, associate pastor; Sister Dorothy Quinn, parish assistant; Sister Barbara Joan, school principal. Awareness of what is going on in all aspects of parish life puts the coordinator's work into perspective.

This year parental involvement in the sacramental program continued and Miss Mellish views this as an important aspect of adult education. She has instituted a 10-week evening course in Scripture which is still in progress. A 6 week Lenten series, an interparish effort by St. Mary's, St. Alphonsus, Sacred Heart and Holy Family, is underway.

## Busing Deadline Near For Auburn Students

**AUBURN** — The deadline for parochial school busing requests is April 16, according to Auburn school officials.

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Transportation will be provided for pupils in kindergarten through grade 8 who reside within the City of Auburn and live more than one mile from the nearest available parochial school, according to Board of Education policy.

Requests must be filed for children who are entering a parochial school for the first time, and for those children who will attend a different parochial

Also eligible for transportation are those pupils in kindergarten through grade 8 who reside within the Auburn City School District, but outside the limits of the City of Auburn and more than six tenths of a mile from the nearest available parochial school.

For your Easter selections

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