

regional news reports

Ithaca

ELECTIONS HELD

Ithaca — Elections to three organizations at Immaculate Conception were held recently. New parish council members are William Bontempi, Jack Dougherty, Michael Leary and Helen Shultz. Newly elected members to the school board are Mrs. Joan Loehr and Leon O'Branski.

The Home and School Association also elected new officers. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Benedict, co-presidents; Mrs. Francis Fox, vice president; Mrs. Zoltan Combas, secretary and Dr. Eugenia DeLuca, treasurer.

MINI-CONCERT

Ithaca — A Mini-Concert was presented recently at Immaculate Conception School. Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Cooke, fourth, fifth and sixth grades sang a variety of folk, spiritual and popular numbers. Sister Mary Lee Bishop was accompanist.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Dryden — Father Thomas Cleary, pastor at Holy Cross Church, reports that his parishioners treated the diocesan questionnaire sent to each parish, in a unique way. For four Sundays, during sermon time at Mass the congregation divided into groups, discussed and tabulated their answers on the questionnaire, which was copied and printed up for their use. Each week they treated about five questions.

GRADUATE MASS

Dryden — Baccalaureate Mass was held for Catholic Dryden High School graduates last Sunday. A recognition brunch was held afterwards for graduates and their parents.

PARISH COUNCIL

Trumansburg — Newly elected parish council members of St.

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James the Apostle are Dr. Ralph Low, Joe Sladock and Eileen VandeMark. Tom Smith is chairman.

Canandaigua

MAY CEREMONIES

Shortsville — May was officially closed at St. Dominic's parish with a traditional ceremony. The Rosary and Altar Society sponsored a living rosary, benediction and the crowning of a statue of the Virgin. Services were conducted by Father John F. Wolloch and a flower wreath was placed by Mary Dardivini.

HOME-SCHOOL

Canandaigua — The year end meeting of the St. Mary's Home School Association was held May 24. Father Joseph Hart spoke on how to be effective parents. New officers for the coming year were inaugurated. They are: George Celinas, president; Jack Scharr, vice-president; Mrs. Romaine Berczek, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Fleenor, treasurer.

TOWN MEETING

Canandaigua — St. Mary's had its first "town meeting" June 4 and the sixty-odd people who attended were so pleased with it that they are going to do it again. The purpose of the meeting was to give the parishioners a chance to give their opinions, thoughts, and complaints, about the Church and its many changes. The basic questionnaire being used throughout the diocese was used as a starting point for discussion.

The people broke up into many small groups and at the end of the evening those who wanted to ask questions or air complaints addressed the group at large. The feeling of the group was very positive, according to Father William Charbonneau, pastor. The consensus of the group was that changes are much easier to accept when they and the reason for their implementation are understood.

Auburn

RECEPTION HONORS SISTER REPARATA

Auburn — Sister Reparata recently celebrated her 50th anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph, with a reception at St. Alphonsus School where she is an active member of the staff as a classroom assistant.

Sister Reparata studied at Nazareth Normal School, holds a B.A. from Nazareth College and an M.A. from St. Bonaventure University. Her teaching career on the elementary and secondary level includes Holy Rosary and Immaculate Conception, Rochester, Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls and St. Mary's, Elmira.

Sister Reparata's name was Mary Muldoon before entering the congregation Sept. 8, 1920.

Sister Reparata has also been involved in extension programs for teachers and catechetical program.

CDA OFFICERS

Auburn — Officers for Court Auburn 263, Catholic Daughters of America, were installed recently at the K of C home by Mrs. Rose Stanziana, district deputy.

Installed were: Miss Gertrude M. Kennedy, regent; Miss Catherine M. Hockeborn, vice regent; Miss Ella M. Delaney, second vice regent; Mrs. L. Gordon Hartnett, financial secretary; Mrs. George E. Payne, treasurer; Miss Dorothea E. Nolan, recording secretary; Mrs. Herman J. Lingenfelter, monitor; Miss Mary C. Murphy, lecturer; Mrs. Leon G. Miner, trustee.

Father Clarence Gardner offered a Mass before the installation.

CHOICE PHONE

Auburn — CHOICE, a pro-life telephone referral service for women facing a problem pregnancy, is advertising this telephone number: 252-0089.

Service was initiated June 18 and volunteers will be on duty from 2-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mrs. Ann Murphy, CHOICE president, indicated the service responds to the need for information concerning alternatives for a woman facing problem pregnancy from the time she suspects her pregnancy until she is able to make adequate plans for her future and that of the child.

Father James Enright, CHOICE treasurer, said the most pressing need now is for contributions to sustain efforts to make the service known so CHOICE may offer optimum help in the community. Contributions may be sent to Father Enright, St. Mary's Rectory, 15 Clark Street, Auburn.

SUMMER READING

Auburn — A summer reading program will be offered at Holy Family School during July and August, according to an announcement by Msgr. Joseph Sullivan, pastor.

The program will be under the direction of Miss Nancy Marshall, reading teacher at Auburn High School and will be open to any and all students regardless of age or school regularly attended.

Classes will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon, five days a week at Holy Family School, with no student expected to attend classes for more than one hour each day.

The program is geared to help students improve existing skills and acquire new ones. A small amount of testing will be a part of the program.

Any parent wishing to enroll his child in this program may contact the child's teacher.

principal, or Miss Marshall before the end of the school year.

Hornell

FAREWELL PARTY

Hornell — St. Ann's parishioners will give a reception June 24 for Father Paul Cuddy, who soon will be leaving his position as chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital. The party will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at the K of C home on Main Street.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Hornell — Officers for next year for St. Ann's Parish Council are Josephine Ciancaglini, president; Edward Cannon, vice president and John Bartell, secretary.

ROSARIANS INSTALL

Bath — Father Robert Smith, pastor of St. Januarius Church, Naples, was guest speaker at the annual installation banquet of the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Mary's held at the Vineyard Restaurant in Naples June 11. The new officers are Mrs. Olga Keefe, president; Mrs. Marie Stricker, vice president; Mrs. Jean Mackowiak and Mrs. Josephine Warren, secretaries, and Mrs. Bernice Melnyk, treasurer.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Canisteo — The Senior Citizens held their monthly dinner June 15 at the Canisteo Methodist Church.

ECU-TEEN CHOIR

Canisteo — Several young people from St. Joachim's are performing locally as members of the Ecu-Teen Choir. Their most recent performance was "The Time is Now" June 10, at Hornell High School Auditorium.

RUMMAGE SALE

Dansville — St. Mary's Guild is sponsoring a rummage sale June 21, 22 and 23.

ANNIVERSARY

Hornell — The priests of Steuben County gathered at St. Ann's rectory May 29 to help Father Herbert Sturmer celebrate the 48th anniversary of his ordination. Father Sturmer formerly was pastor of St. Pius V parish in Cohocton.

CHILDREN'S RADIO

Homell — Father Lewis Brown, associate pastor of St. Ann's, has begun a radio program called Sunday School, for children of Christian background. The 15-minute program of scripture stories and music begins at 9:30 Sunday mornings on Station WLEA.

GRADUATION

Homell — The highest average in the class of 1973 at St. James Mercy Hospital was posted by a young man — one of the three in a class totaling 19 nurses.

Philip Brown of Hornell received the Medical Staff Award at the class banquet at Big Elms. Sheila O'Hara of Erie, Pa., won the Women's Board Award for second highest average.

The nurses were graduated June 3 at St. Ann's.

FR. WIDMAN FETED

Homell — More than 200 friends of Father John A. Widman turned out for a farewell party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Curry.

Father Widman is leaving St. Ignatius parish at the end of this month to continue his studies toward a master's degree in literature at the State University College at Geneseo. He has been here since November, 1971, and has been administrator of St. Ignatius for the past several months. He is a retired Navy chaplain.

Marie Patti had charge of party arrangements, with Mrs. John Fennelly, Mrs. Robert Haley, Mary Lisi and Betsy Morrissey.

Elmira

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Corning — Mrs. Joseph Bavisotto of St. Mary's Church has been elected to the Corning Catholic School Board. St. Mary's is represented also by Gene Tunney. Elected an alternate member of the board from St. Mary's was Paul Quattrini.

Steak Out at Home Plate

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