

St. Januarius Spreads A Sense of Community

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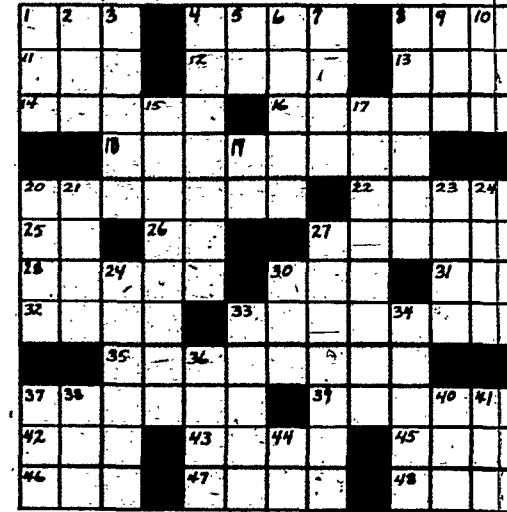
Naples — St. Januarius Church nestles comfortably here in the vineyard-clad hills. A striking building-of-modern design, it is both inviting and inspiring. The two motifs of the Church, the grape country and the mountainous surroundings, are brought out by the Swiss roof, the poured concrete panels and the many miniature windows which dot the walls and are a dominating factor of the Church.

These windows are shaped like grapes and their colors are also grape colors, from purple to shades of gold and red.

Inside the church, a large

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1. Also
 - 4. Spouse
 - 8. Snoop
 - 11. Make a mistake
 - 12. Solar disc
 - 13. Regret
 - 14. Shield
 - 16. Natives of Asia
 - 18. White lustrous metal
 - 20. Small cogwheel
 - 22. Plant
 - 25. Like
 - 26. Musical note
 - 27. Impel forward
 - 28. Swift
 - 30. Be sick
- DOWN
- 1. Beverage
 - 2. Mineral rock
 - 3. Musical instrument
 - 4. Bone behind ear



crucifix hangs suspended from the ceiling. Designed and donated by Fritz Wasser, formerly of Naples, the beams of the cross were made from an old barn, and the corpus, of bronze, is a realistic and suffering Christ. The artist entitled his work Christ in Turmoil.

Probably as unique as the structure itself, is the feeling of community which emanates from this parish. As one enters the Church to attend Mass at 10 a.m. the fragrance of freshly-brewed coffee permeates the Church.

This is due to another unusual design: the parish hall is in the church proper, and separated from it only by folding doors.

Thus, at social functions, if these doors are left slightly open, the red light burning in the sanctuary seems a silent reminder that Christ is truly a part of our daily lives.

Coffee and doughnuts are served after this Mass, strangers are spoken to, and made to feel welcome.

There is an elderly woman giving away homemade pincushions. She says that she has made and given away over 500 so far.

Father Robert Smith, pastor, encourages social life within the parish; for we are, he says, social beings. He believes that having these social activities within the church will help create a small nucleus of Christianity.

If this small group becomes strong and effective, it will act like the proverbial pebble in the pond, causing ripples, touching and influencing the community at large.

St. Januarius is an integral part of the community here. Many, besides the 253 registered parishioners, attend the three large social affairs of the year: the St. Patrick's Day Dance, the St. Boniface Party, and the Oktoberfest.

The senior citizens of Naples hold their meetings in the church hall, and the church is a depot for Friendship House, a counseling and service center of Middlesex.

The parish is active in the Naples Council of Churches, and participates in the four ecumenical services held each year.

CORRECTION

The Courier-Journal last week incorrectly referred to Father Gerald Connor as rector of Becket Hall. Father John Hempel is rector. Father Connor is spiritual director.

Answer To Crossword On Page 23

- 5. By
- 6. Crews
- 7. Within comb. form
- 8. Orison
- 9. Hasten
- 10. Affirmative word
- 15. First
- 17. Impertinent
- 19. Within
- 20. Brazil estuary
- 21. Danube tributary
- 23. Mercury antiseptic
- 24. Lairs
- 27. Top ornaments
- 29. Torment
- 30. Social insect
- 33. Malicious burning
- 34. Greek market place
- 36. Female singing voice
- 37. Cut of pork
- 38. Mouth
- 40. At this time
- 41. Lamprey
- 44. French article

Father Smith and other ministers began this year the blessing of the grapes, which will now be another yearly ecumenical service.

St. Januarius also contributes volunteers to the Naples Occupational Therapy Ecumenical Sessions. (NOTES) Twice each month out-patients of Willard State Hospital come to one of the church halls in Naples for a

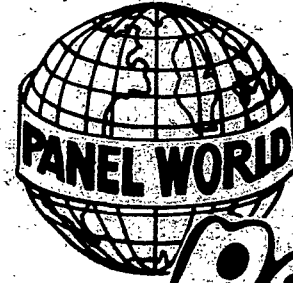
period of recreation and therapy. Volunteers from the Naples churches serve a hot lunch and assist the therapists.

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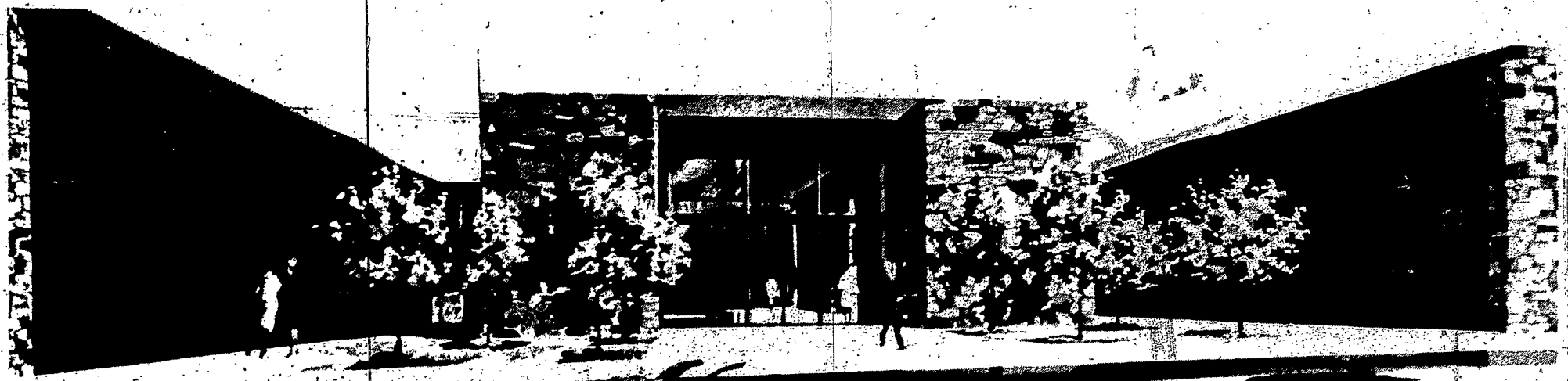
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