



The Play's the Thing

Stage attraction will be part of the St. Agnes High School Open House, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. A live rehearsal of an upcoming school play is one of several exhibits and demonstrations planned to introduce visitors to the educational and extracurricular activities of the school. Thespians, left to right, are Tony Jerris of Fowlerville; Jean Hickey, Good Shepherd; Larry Nagle, St. Jerome's; Kathy O'Brien, St. Pius X; and Danny Meade, St. Mary's in Scottsville.



Pittsford 'Manse' Sets Open House

St. Louis Parish will welcome parishioners and members of the community this weekend to the opening of the recently renovated "Manse." The historic Hargous house is located at 52 S. Main St., Pittsford. The open house is Saturday, Oct. 27, and Sunday, Oct. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Federal-style home will serve the parish with library facilities, CCD offices, music instruction rooms, a health office and faculty reading and dining rooms.

The Hargous mansion and property for the church and school were purchased in the 1950's. Father John A. Reddington undertook the renovation, with Philip R. Winkler as architect, and Stuart Bolger, restorationist, as consultant.

The original salmon-colored bricks have been stripped of many layers of old paint. The mansion dates from 1812, and is a fine example of post Colonial symmetry.

The house abounds in traditions and tales of runaway slaves and secret passages to the underground railroad. The attic still holds a wooden cage, said to have been used to imprison the mad wife of a former owner.

The interior of the Hargous house has been redecorated with a deep gold color scheme carried out in carpeting and provincial print wallpaper. One of the outstanding features of the house

is a spiral staircase. The entire lower floor will be used as a library, and wall to wall bookshelves now flank the several fireplaces and their Federal style woodwork.

In conjunction with the open house, books and audio-visual materials will be on display. They may be purchased and donated to the library. All donated items will be clearly labeled for proper acknowledgment.

Mrs. Arthur Fantaci is chairman of the open house. Her assistants include Mrs. Thomas Giblin, chairman of class gifts; Mrs. Paul Fox, in charge of art projects, and Mrs. John O'Hara, chairman of district gifts.

Contributions are being handled by Mrs. John Schroth, and invitations were written by Mrs. Roger Burden's committee.

Mrs. John Walsh heads the reception committee and Mrs. John O'Leary, CCD.

MOS Sets Latin Mass; Choir Adds Grace-note

A Latin High Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Mother of Sorrows, 5000 Mt. Read. The adult choir will sing Mentzel's Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto and Cesar Franck's Panis Angelicus.

The midnight Mass of Christmas also will be a Latin celebration. Other Latin Masses are scheduled for Feb. 24, which is the last Sunday before Lent, and for Easter.

The choir of about 25 voices customarily sings the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, standing in sight of the congregation. The group embellishes its performance with an unusual grace-note: a spoken message of congratulation to some person or family from the parish, or from its larger community.

Members of the choir "seek out and publicly recognize" people who do good things for others, according to the director, Caroline Effinger. Those cited are contacted ahead of time so that any who treasure anonymity may keep it, but "we feel an open pat on the back is more than deserved" by many, Mrs. Effinger said, and "we want to tell them of our appreciation or understanding, and to inform them of our prayers and best wishes."

Mrs. Effinger added that the Mother of Sorrows choir, didn't want "credit" for this extra activity, but in announcing its special Masses, would like to pass along to other parishes this "idea of which we are rather fond."

Academy Wins Press Awards; Adviser Honored

Sister Marie Catherine, SSJ, former faculty adviser for Nazareth Academy's school newspaper, Gabriel, was honored Oct. 12 at a luncheon given by the board of directors of the Empire State School Press Association and at the association's annual awards dinner, in Syracuse. The school won three first trophies and other awards.

Sister Marie received an engraved gold quill pen in recognition of more than 30 years membership in the association, and for service on the board of directors as president, vice president and secretary during her long career.

She served as adviser to the Gabriel for 32 years until her retirement from publications work last September.

The Lanthorn, school yearbook, won first place in its division and individual first place awards were won by Mary Lee Nannan, 345 Magee Ave., for prose in the school's Spectrum magazine, and Elsie Eckert, 351 Augustine St., for poetry in the same publication.

Both the Lanthorn and Gabriel received all New York State ratings in the publications contest. Editors of the winning publications are Carol Culligan, Lanthorn; Patricia Paolotto, Spectrum, and Barbara Ramsey, Gabriel.

In addition the school also won several second-place prizes and an honorable mention.

The idea is used every Sunday, and there is no likelihood of a shortage of people deserving bouquets, Mrs. Effinger thinks. "The only thing we might run out of," she said, "is Sundays."

CIM Lectures Start Tuesday

Elmira — The Christian Institute of Man (CIM) launches a new series of lectures Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. at the Park Church when Huston Smith of Syracuse University speaks on "The Meaning of Mysticism: Who is a Mystic?"

The lecture series will cover the topic, "Mysticism: the Personal Experience of God" and will run on Tuesday evenings through Dec. 4.

A second series on the same topic starts Jan. 8 and will conclude Feb. 12.

CIM is an outgrowth of the Elmira Area Adult Committee Christian Formation Board of the Southern Tier.

Other titles in the series include "Mystical Traditions in the Orient," "Jesus Christ and the Mystical Life," "Jewish Mysticism," "Evolution of Christian Mysticism," and "Mysticism in Islam."

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