

regional news reports

Elmira

HARVEST DINNER

Newark Valley — A family harvest dinner will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church here on Sunday at noon, in the parish hall.

In conjunction with the event, the liturgy and human development committees of the parish are planning a special liturgy.

Plans for a dish-to-pass dinner and entertainment are being coordinated by the Rosary Society and the Parish Council.

PARISH FINANCE

Elmira — The parish finance committee of St. Casimir's Church recently held its first meeting and elected Cyril J. Kuttenkuler president of the committee.

Other newly elected officers are vice president, Mrs. Frances Rodzai and secretary, Sister Marie Stanislaus.

PARISH COUNCIL

Elmira Heights — The parish council of St. Charles Borromeo Church recently approved the expenditure of more than \$6,800 for the installation of aluminum siding on the parish rectory.

Members of the council also expressed disappointment in the lack of interest by many parishioners to join various church committees.

PRE-CANA

Elmira — The last series of pre-cana conferences to be held in Elmira this year got under way Tuesday at Elmira Free Academy. Two more sessions will be held in the current series Nov. 13 and 20 at 8 p.m. in Room 144 of Elmira Free Academy. Couples planning marriage are required to attend the conferences.

Auburn

Auburn — CEDAR will sponsor an Advent workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the CEDAR Center.

Presentation of materials available from the center including books, pamphlets, records and filmstrips on advent prayers and activities will be held

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7:30 to 8:15 p.m. A discussion with catechists on the use of these materials for advent classes and projects will follow.

Sister Margaret Mary Mattie, RSM, of the liturgy office will meet with regional liturgy committees to explain the package.

REGIONAL PRAYER

Auburn Region — Days of prayer for priests and sisters of the region have been announced. Bishop John McCafferty will lead the priests of the Auburn Region in a day of prayer on Nov. 7 at St. Alphonsus Convent. Sisters of the region will join together, Sunday, Nov. 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Stella Maris Retreat House in Skaneateles.

CONFIRMATION

Auburn — Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, recently speaking with the parents of the confirmation class at St. Alphonsus parish, focused on the re-emphasis since Vatican II, of putting the sacraments into context, rather than treating each as an isolated sacrament. He pointed out how the sacraments relate to one another as a continuing initiation into the church and how they affect, not only the person, but the family and parish community.

Following the presentation to the parents, Bishop Hickey met with the confirmation class. He will administer confirmation at St. Alphonsus, Dec. 2.

Canandaigua

ECUMENICAL RITES

Canandaigua — Women of St. Mary's attended the World Community Day Services held at St. John's Episcopal Church. The service was held Nov. 2. Mrs. Harper Sibley was the speaker. Women of the parish also held a day of recollection at the convent Oct. 30.

ROSARY, ALTAR

Clifton Springs — The Rosary Altar Society of St. Felix held its annual dinner recently at the Town Pump. Father William Darling, was the guest speaker. Newly elected officers for the society are: Mrs. Veronica Loughlin, president; Miss Sylvia Antheunis, secretary; Mrs. Frances Zardarik, treasurer.

PARISH COUNCIL

Newark — members of St. Michael's Parish Council recently

held a retreat in the school. Council members to head standing committees was the task started by Chairman John Bailey soon after the retreat. The objective of the standing committees is "to foster and promote the spiritual growth and general welfare of the people in the parish and the diocese." Committees and their chairmen are: Catherine Celso, vice-chairman; Rosemary Bramante and Edward Doane, liturgy; Sister Joyce McGinn and Mrs. Bernard O'Connell, education; John Colocino and Fred DeVries, youth; Ken George, parish life; John Palermo and Pat Smith, finance; Thomas Shear, parish building and property; Dr. V. J. Palmeri and Eva Colon, human development; Mrs. Steve Pitrella and Gladys Talbo, senior members.

Ithaca

MISSION RECRUITER

"Ismail was brought to us by his father. He was just a baby and suffering from severe malnutrition. The mother, we were told had died."

Thus the missionary began her story about a Uganda boy who was rescued repeatedly from the hardships of life with relatives who did not really want him.

"He is now three and a half years old, a veteran of much experience for his years. His future is very uncertain," she concluded.

This is just one of many stories Sister Mary Fisher, a Franciscan Missionary Sister from Africa, can tell you. After several years in Uganda, East Africa, she recently returned to the states and is on a speaking tour as vocation director for her order.

Sister helped train villagers seeking work in industrial towns in steel mills, cloth, cigarette and match factories and breweries. One such town, situated at the source of the Nile River, is Jinga. Sister worked in Jinga in one of the nine Franciscan missionary institutes in Africa. She taught community development, mostly working with youth and women, giving classes in typing, shorthand, English, sewing, cooking, reading, crafts, writing, nutrition, hygiene and child care. There are more than 700 abandoned children living there, she said.

Sister Mary has been in the Ithaca area for the past few weeks, speaking in schools, churches, private homes and group meetings. She will also be heard on local radio and TV, making a plea for mission involvement, as a lifetime vocation or as a mission-helper, giving two

or three years of service. There is work in rehabilitation centers, and centers for the blind; catechetical work and child care. There are needs for social workers, teachers at all levels, paramedics, doctors and nurses, for missions in Ethiopia, Kenya, Zambia, Union of South Africa and Uganda.

Anyone wanting more information can write to Sister Mary Fisher, Franciscan Convent, 172 Foster St., Brighton, Mass. 02135.

Hornell

CARD PARTY

Hornell — A card party for the benefit of the St. Ignatius Religious Education Program will be held in the American Legion Hall, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m.

FOOD NEEDED

NAPLES — Friendship House has immediate need for certain types of commercially canned foods, specifically, complete meals in a can such as spaghetti and meat balls, chicken and noodles, beef stew, etc. Donations should be put in St. Januarius' vestibule.

GUILD MEETS

Dansville — St. Mary's Ladies Guild meets tonight at the hall

with a tureen supper followed by a brief business meeting and social hour. A slate of officers will be presented.

CONFIRMATION

Hornell — More than 100 young teenagers will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation tonight, Nov. 7 at 7:45 p.m. at St. Ann's Church here with Bishop Dennis Hickey officiating.

PENNY SOCIAL

Wayland — St. Joseph's Rosary Society will have a Penny Social Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. Donations of new items, especially Christmas items may be left at St. George's or call Judy Perkowski at 728-5832.

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