

# regional news reports

## Auburn

### ADVENT WREATH

**Auburn** — Members of area parishes have been invited to an ecumenical community lighting of the Advent wreath in Pomeroy Park on Genesee Street at 6 p.m. each Sunday evening until Christmas.

Families representing various churches are chosen each week to light the wreath.

A brief ceremony will be conducted by clergymen who will also tell the story of the Advent wreath. Area church choirs have been asked to take part and to lead in carol singing.

The wreath was made and will be maintained by the Auburn Jaycees who hope this will be a family event. The ceremony is in the early evening so families with young children may attend.

## Ithaca

### ORNAMENT MAKING

**Ithaca** — Immaculate Conception parishioners are busy making tree ornaments to be put on their Parish Family Tree for Christmas. The tree will be set up in the sanctuary of the church and during the Mass on Sunday, Dec. 23, parishioners will put their own hand-made ornaments on the tree. Ideas for making ornaments were offered last week.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Dundee** — St. Andrew's Altar and Rosary Society recently hosted a parish family Christmas party at Starkey Recreation Hall.

### SUCCESSFUL FUND DRIVE

**Groton** — The people of St. Anthony's Parish have thus far pledged \$102,889 for a new church complex. The announcement was made at a recent victory dinner for all the Memorial Fund Drive campaign workers.

The new church complex will cost an estimated \$250,000. It will consist of a church, rectory, and parish hall. Prior to the drive, \$175,000 had been raised.

## Elmira

### ECUMENICAL PAGEANT

**Spencer, Van Etten** — The Ladies of St. Pius Church will host women of area churches at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 18 for prayer and a social. Rev. LaVerne Fillmore of the Lutheran Church will give the meditation. After carolling and scripture readings, a social will be held in the hall. Mrs. Lillian Williams is chairman.

### FAMILY CHRISTMAS

**Van Etten** — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maki and Mr. and Mrs. John McPherson are chairmen of St. Pius Church's annual family Christmas party Dec. 16. Santa Claus will visit the children with gifts after a buffet dinner at 12:30 p.m.

### MYSTICISM

**Elmira** — Mysticism in Islam was the latest lecture presented recently here as part of the Christian Institute of Man's special 12-week program dealing with Mysticism.

Dr. Huston Smith of Syracuse University was the guest lecturer.

### GAUDETE PARTY

**Horseheads** — The annual Gaudete party, sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary Our Mother Church will be held Sunday.

The special program is open to all adults of the parish and their friends. It will be held in the parish's auditorium.

The parish's choir along with the folk singing group, Celebrate Life, and the Sgre Brothers will be featured at the special program.

### SILVER TEA

**Corning** — A Silver Tea will be held Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall of St. Patrick's Church. The affair is being sponsored by the St. Patrick's parish aides, but women from Corning's other two Catholic parishes, St. Mary's and St. Vincent dePaul, are also invited to attend.

## Canandaigua

### POT LUCK

**Palmyra** — The Daughters of St. Anne held a pot luck ham dinner Dec. 10. Benediction preceded the dinner. All the participants at this party brought a gift, wrapped, with a description on the outside, for needy children.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

**Newark** — The Senior Citizens of Newark met recently at St. Michael's Church. Mass was celebrated at noon with lunch and entertainment following in the church hall.

### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

**Walworth** — At the November meeting of the St. Gregory's Rosary Altar Society, Christmas favors were made for the patients at Newark State School and plans were finalized for the Christmas Bazaar.

## Hornell

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

**Hornell** — Christmas Choir rehearsals at St. Ignatius are held after the Sunday 11:15 a.m. Mass. Any adult in 10th grade or older is welcome. Male voices are still needed.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**Hornell** — The youth of St. Ann's parish will present a Christmas pageant Dec. 23. All ages are urged to attend practice sessions at 10 a.m. on the Saturdays of Advent in the school hall.

### COUNCIL ELECTION

**Cohocton** — Kate Wise, Doug Pelletier and John Molyneux were recently elected to two year terms on St. Pius' Parish Council.

### INFIRMARY PARTY

**Bath** — The Steuben County Infirmary was the scene of a Christmas party sponsored by St. Mary's Rosary and Altar Society Wednesday, Dec. 5. Each patient was presented with a fresh flower. Entertainment was presented by the students of the Jeanette Anderson School of Dance and group singing for all was led by Mrs. Joanne D'Angelo. Refreshments were also served.

### NURSERY NEEDS

**Cohocton** — Enough volunteers have come forth to enable St. Pius Sunday Nursery program to begin. They could use toys, stuffed animals and other items to enhance the program. The nursery started Sunday, Dec. 9 and will be for the 10 a.m. Mass only.

### COUNCIL MEETING

**Naples** — The next meeting of St. Januarius' Parish Council will be Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. preceded by Mass at 7:30 p.m. The people of the parish are urged to attend.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Wayland** — St. Joseph's Rosary Society Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Dec. 11 at the Bryant Hotel in Wayland. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with either steak or roast beef. Tickets available from Rose Landino, J. Perkowski, or C. Trautlein.

### KNIGHT CITED

**Bath** — Ted Banach, deputy grand knight of Precious Blood Council was recently cited as "Knight of the Year" and received a plaque from Matt Yaninas, Grand Knight. The knights

Charitable and Benevolent program drive for handicapped children, went over the top.

### CHRISTMAS DATES

**Canisteo** — St. Joachim's adult Christmas party will be held Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. For reservations call Jennie Soper at 324-1972 or Jane Cronin at 698-4738. The senior St. Joachim's youth will have their dinner Dec. 16 at the parish center at 6 p.m.

### PARTIES SLATED

**Rev. Rexville** — Dec. 17 is the date for St. Mary's adult Christmas party at 8 p.m. at the parish house with a gift exchange. The high school youth will get together Dec. 22 after evening Mass at the parish house. Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. the children of St. Mary's will hold their party.

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