

regional news reports

Elmira

ARREST MADE

Elmira — City Police have arrested and charged Harold Van Houten with second degree arson and third degree burglary in connection with the fire which destroyed a major portion of St. John the Baptist Church, Dec. 27.

Van Houten, 20, was arraigned in Recorder's Court, Thursday, Jan. 17, and was turned over to the Chemung County Grand Jury.

CONFIRMATION

Elmira — Confirmation will be administered by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey on March 5 at St. Casimir's Church. Interested candidates should contact the rectory if they have not participated in a recently held meeting to discuss guidelines for receiving the sacrament.

WORKSHOPS

Horseheads — A series of four training workshops on youth will begin Jan. 29 at St. Mary Our Mother Church.

The workshops will lead to formation of a parish Youth Board, which will study, evaluate and recommend programs for the youth of the parish.

The membership of the board will consist of adults. Each existing program concerned with youth has been asked to send one representative to the workshop sessions.

The workshops will be conducted by Martin F. Palumbos, a graduate of St. John Fisher College and the holder of a Master's Degree from the State University at Brockport, and Sister Jean McAtee, RSM, of the youth ministry of the Diocesan Division of Religious Education.

The sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the A.R.C. Other workshops will be held Feb. 5, 12 and 16.

PARISH COUNCIL

Owego — Father Douglas Hoffman, director of Pastoral Ministry for the Diocese of Rochester, is scheduled to be the main speaker tonight at St. Patrick's Church Parish Council meeting at 8 p.m. in the church hall.

SHARING SUPPER

West Elmira — A sharing supper will be held on March 6 under the joint sponsorship of Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society and the parish's Mothers Club. The supper will benefit the needy.

DIMES GRANT

Elmira — A \$15,000 grant has been given to the Chemung County Chapter of the March of Dimes to be used for programs at St. Joseph's Hospital and Arnet-Ogden Memorial Hospital.

One portion of the grant will provide funds for a pediatric nurse practitioner from the Pediatric Health Care Associates of St. Joseph's Hospital.

The major portion of the grant will be used for the development of a training program for the new Neonatal intensive care unit at Arnet-Ogden Hospital.

Nursing personnel working in obstetrical and newborn care at

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both hospitals will take the specialized training. Hospital personnel in the same fields and working for medical facilities in Tioga, Schuyler and Steuben counties in New York and Bradford and Tioga counties in Pennsylvania will also receive the training.

The St. Joseph's portion of the grant will allow the nurse practitioner to participate in a follow-through counseling program for parents of the acutely ill newborns hospitalized in the facility.

Because of the approval of the new unit for newborn care the Birth Defects Center at St. Joseph's Hospital was phased out on Dec. 31. That center has been funded by the March of Dimes since 1967.

Ithaca

ST. PAT'S DANCE

Ithaca — Tickets are now on sale for the annual St. Patrick's Day Dance held by Immaculate Conception Parish. The dance will be held on Mar. 16 from 9:30-12:30 at the new parish hall and this year's music will be provided by Gordy and the Boys. Tickets are limited to 500. Ticket chairmen are Mrs. Kay Ryan and Mrs. Eleanor Parker.

Auburn

PARISH COUNCIL

Auburn — Father Douglas Hoffman, head of the Office of Pastoral Ministry, and Father John S. Hayes, regional coordinator for the Cayuga-Seneca Region, were invited to observe at the Jan. 7 Holy Family Council meeting and to offer their comments and suggestions. The council installed its first officers in May 1973.

Father Hoffman indicated that, as parish councils in general share similar types of problems, the Pastoral Office intends to provide parish council training sessions based on the needs of the councils.

James Walker, President of the Holy Family Parish Council, reported on council plans to view a slide presentation on parish councils available through Father Hayes and Sister Ellen Ward, regional coordinator for education.

Father Hoffman has also attended parish council meetings at Sacred Heart in Auburn and St. Ann's in Owasco. Arrangements for his attending other parish council meetings in the Auburn area may be made through Father Hayes.

CEDAR LECTURES

Auburn — As part of a continuing education program sponsored by St. Bernard's Seminary in cooperation with CEDAR, Father Sebastian Falcone, will conduct the second in a series of non-credit seminars on the contemporary Church, tonight at CEDAR.

Also tonight, Father Leopold Protomastro, OFM, Cap, will deliver the second lecture in a credit series on the sacraments.

Registration for both events is at 7 p.m. The speakers start at 7:30 p.m.

CEDAR PROGRAM

Auburn — CEDAR recently announced its winter program will include a program for first Eucharist catechists.

The first session, Thursday, Jan. 31, will feature background material on the Sacrament including scriptural development, liturgical development, concepts of presence, meal sacrifice, thanksgiving, and Eucharistic devotions.

The second session, Thursday, Feb. 7 will cover methods and materials for preparing children for first Eucharist, including lesson plans, audio-visual aids, activities, and parent materials.

Both sessions will be at CEDAR from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

SUPPER MEETING

Auburn — The Auburn Court #263, Catholic Daughters of America, will hold a supper meeting and Mass at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 28 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Canandaigua

CHANGE OF PACE

Canandaigua — The members of St. Mary's Home School Association were entertained at a recent meeting by a new group doing an "old" thing. The group, about 40 youngsters from the sixth grade sang a selection of old songs like "Peg O My Heart," and "Bill Bailey." The children have been working for a few months under the direction of Mrs. Zita Reedy, one of the sixth grade teachers. They have also sung at several of the area nursing homes.

ONE ANSWER

Naples — Since the beginning of January the people of St. Januarius have begun to conserve energy in a rather unusual way. Daily Mass from Monday through Friday is now said in the rectory. This enables the pastor, Father Robert Smith to keep the thermostat in the Church at 50 degrees during the week.

UNITY SERVICE

Palmyra — The Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity was held this year in the Palmyra Baptist Church on Jan. 20. Father Sebastian Falcone, academic dean at St. Bernard's Seminary, delivered the sermon.

Hornell

ADULT EDUCATION

Hornell — St. Ann's Adult Education committee presented Father Sebastian Falcone Jan. 22 to launch a series of 4 lectures on the Sacrament of Matrimony.

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Father Sebastian gave the scriptural background. Area priests will participate in talks on mixed marriage ceremonies, preparation of young people for marriage, and the position of divorced Catholics today. Those interested in signing up for the series may do so by contacting Father Lewis Brown at the Rectory, 324-0410.

USHERS' PARTY

Hornell — Ushers who have not received their invitations to the ushers' party Jan. 25 at St. Ann's are asked to contact Jerry Griffin, 324-1681, to make reservations.

RUMMAGE SALE

Bath — St. Mary's Home-School Association will sponsor a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, Jan. 25 and 26. Clothing and usable household items may be donated by calling Charlotte Sestak, 776-6418.

REGENTS WINNERS

Hammondsport — New York State Regents scholarship winners from St. Gabriel's are Ann Banach, Richard Krug, Gretchen Cyr and Jeff Bauer. Prattsburg's lone recipient is Michael Latour of St. Patrick's.

TEEN SEMINAR

Hammondsport — A Teen Seminar for St. Gabriel's juniors and seniors will be held at Notre Dame Retreat House Jan. 28-30. Further information may be obtained from Father Charles McCarthy at the rectory.

PULPIT EXCHANGE

Dansville — Members of the Dansville Ministerium exchanged pulpits the weekend of Jan. 19 and 20.

Father Richard O'Connell, pastor of St. Mary's Church preached at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. C. Calvin Sheasley of the United Methodist Church spoke at St. Paul's Lutheran and St. Peter's Episcopal. Rev. William Kyler from the Assembly of God preached at the Baptist Church. Rev. Calvin Croston of St. Peter's Episcopal preached at St. Mary's, as did Rev. Theodore Warren of St. Paul's Lutheran. Rev. Robert McKee of the Presbyterian Church preached at Sparta Methodist and United Methodist Churches. Rev. Kenneth Daningburg of Free Methodist spoke at the Assembly of God.

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