

OUR PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs. Martin has been a member of St. Tarcisius Parish for 50 years. She is home ill now, and misses her daily Masses. She looks forward eagerly to the First Friday of the month when her pastor brings her Communion.

Mrs. Wonder has been a member of St. John's Parish for more than 35 years. She, too, is home ill. Though she misses her daily Masses, she receives Communion from her pastor on the First Fridays, and receives Communion every Sunday — from a lay woman in the parish.

Mrs. Wonder lives in the diocese of Green Bay, Wisc., where a special ministry to the sick has been started in many parishes.

Since the promulgation of the Apostolic Instruction "Custos Fidei" in April, 1969, the laity have been permitted to help distribute Communion wherever the need arises both within and outside of Mass.

The special ministry to the sick provides occasion for the more frequent Communion of those unable to attend the parish liturgy on Sunday, thus joining them with the Sunday Eucharistic community.

Guidelines for the special ministry in the Green Bay diocese specify that men or women, 18 years or older, who are known by their fellow parishioners as exemplary Christians are to be chosen as lay distributors of Communion to the sick.

It is presumed that the parish priest will continue to bring Communion to the sick on First Fridays. The weekly service of Communion is an addition to the priest's contact with the sick, and not a substitute for it.

The normal time for visitation with the sick is after the lay distributor attends Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday, and on the Holy Days of Obligation.

PUBLIC LENTEN EVENTS AT MERCY MOTHERHOUSE

Two special Lenten events, open to the public, have been scheduled by the liturgy committee of Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse. At 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 21, there will be a prayer service, with meditation on the Stations of the Cross. At 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, a community penance service will be held. Both will be in the Motherhouse chapel, 1437 Blossom Rd. Those planning to attend the latter are asked to give two days' notice to the administrative secretary at 288-2710.

Deaths

N. J. Koskie

Hornell — Nicholas J. Koskie of Maple Street died March 3, 1974, at the age of 86. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated March 6 at St. Ann's.

Mr. Koskie, a native of Italy, had lived in Hornell for 75 years. From 1907 until his retirement in 1962 he was active, with members of his family, in a series of retail enterprises. He was a parishioner of St. Ann's Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Hornell Rotary Club. As a World War I army veteran, he was a member also of the local American Legion.

Surviving are two sisters, Teresa Koskie of Hornell and Mrs. Joseph Schott of Brooklyn; two brothers, Karl Koskie of North Hornell and Joseph of Painted Post, and several nieces and nephews.

It is suggested that a lay distributor be assigned to only one or two homes at the most so that he, or she, might be able to establish a special relationship with the people involved, and also limit the amount of time required of a lay distributor.

If the condition of the sick person permits, the lay distributor goes to the home of the sick with his, or her, family. This serves as a sign that Communion is not only a union with Christ, but also a union with the Christian community whom the family represents.

It is hoped that Mrs. Martin, and thousands like her across the country, will be able to join Mrs. Wonder in receiving Communion weekly.

If your Liturgy Committee or parish council would like to consider this special ministry, write to the Commission on the Liturgy, P.O. Box 937, Green Bay, Wisc. 54305, and include \$1.25 for their packet of materials.



Eyes Have It

Photo by Dave Witbeck

Monroe County Jail inmates were given eye examinations by the Rochester Optometric Society using equipment volunteered by Bausch & Lomb last week. The plan was voluntary for inmates. Here Dr. John Guthrie used refractor in an eye test.



Proclamation of Independents

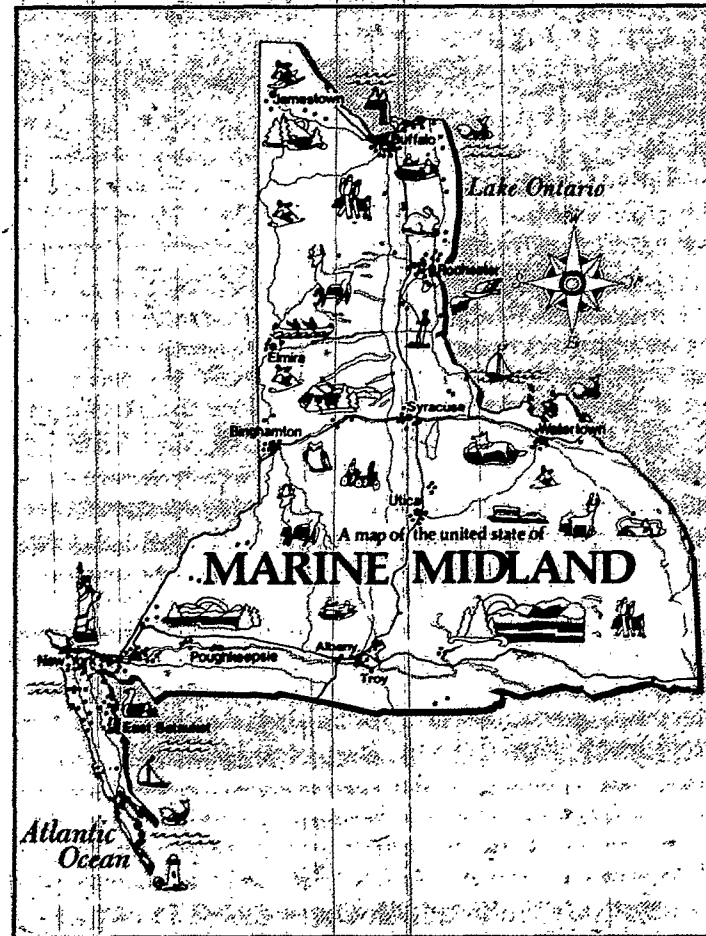
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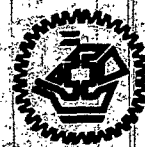
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