

regional news reports

Hornell

CC PROPOSAL URGES NEW GROUP

Hornell — Possible termination of the Hornell Council of Churches and creation of a lay organization called "Hornell Ecumenical Ministries" was considered at a recent council meeting at Park United Methodist Church. The new organization, if it is formed, would be directed by lay men and women with clergymen in advisory roles, said the Rev. Bradley Lines, president of the council.

The proposal to create such an organization would arrange for lay persons to determine and shape united worship events such as Thanksgiving, the Octave for Christian Unity and Good Friday services, said Mr. Lines.

"Involvement in projects such as the current classes in religion for mentally handicapped children would come under the new ecumenical ministries," he said. "The Church Women United, an independent agency, would relate to the organization as one avenue for work by lay women members." Mr. Lines said the proposal to discontinue the council and create the lay ecumenical organization was made by Father Lewis Brown of St. Ann's at the council's fall meeting, and delegates voted to place the matter before supporting church officials, solicit opinions and send representatives to another meeting to cast determining votes.

SCOUT AWARDS

Hornell — St. Ann's Cub Scout Pack 9 held their Blue and Gold Banquet recently in the school hall. The tables were decorated with blue and gold centerpieces the cubs had made at their den meetings.

Cub Master Robert Boyle presented the following awards: Ronald Boyle, Wolf Badge; Den Chief's Cord; Andrew Murphy, Bob Cat Badge; Mike Wulforst, Denner Cord; Paul Mahoney, Denner Cord; Jerry Hillman, Denner Cord; Chris Mazzella, Denner Cord; Jim Tracy, Asst. Denner Cord; Mike Emerson, Asst. Denner Cord; Shawn Brown, Asst. Denner Cord; Tom Wall, Asst. Denner Cord. All the Cubs received the new Cub Scout Progress Award including Ted Argentieri, Tom Lawrow and Rich Argentieri. Mrs. Donna Argentieri, Asst. Den Mother's Badge; Mrs. Kay Wall, Den Mother's Badge; Mrs. Elaine Boyle, Den Mother's Badge. Pack 9 surprised Mr. Boyle with a Cub Scout I.D. bracelet.

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MEN'S RETREAT

Bath — Gilbert Ferris of St. Mary's is taking reservations for the upcoming men's retreat to be held March 29-31 at Notre Dame Retreat House. Telephone him at 776-2302.

ROSARY MEETING

Wayland — The Rosary Society meeting will be held at St. Joseph's tonight, March 20 at 7:30. A travelogue covering the 14 Counties in the Finger Lakes Association will be the program for the evening and Conrad Tunney will be the guest.

LENTEN SERIES

Canisteo — The Council Lenten Series will be held at St. Joachim's Parish Center, Sunday, March 24 at 8:15 p.m. with the topic Parents and Teens under discussion.

CONFESSION

Canisteo — Grade three will participate in Learning About Confession at St. Joachim's rectory, Saturday, March 23 at 1 p.m.

MUSICIAN CHOSEN

Hornell — Congratulations to Margaret Dunning, a seventh grader at St. Ann's School, who was recently chosen to participate in the Steuben County Music Festival. St. Ann's was the only Catholic school in Steuben County that participated.

BOARD OFFICERS

Hornell — New officers were announced recently for the CCD Board at St. Ann's. Rudy Schneider is the new chairman assisted by Barbara Arnault as vice-chairman and Sister Ambrose as secretary. Outgoing officers are Gail Mularz and Hildreth Smith who, with Father Lewis Brown, have been directing the operations of the board.

FIRST COMMUNION

Hornell — Parents of children who will receive First Communion at St. Ann's are invited to bring the children for an interview on March 22, 23 and 27. There will also be other interviews in April. It is hoped all First Communions will take place before June 2 at which time the youngsters will enjoy a parish First Communion breakfast. For further information, contact Fathers Lewis Brown, Robert MacNamara or Sister Vincenza Cogliostro.

MASS OFFERED IN WOODHULL

Addison — Through the courtesy of the pastor and officers of the Methodist Church of Woodhull, St. Catherine's was extended the opportunity to bring Lenten services to parish family members in Woodhull and the surrounding area. The Friday night Mass, originally scheduled for St. Catherine's at 7:30 p.m. will be transferred to the Meeting Rooms of the Methodist Church and will begin at 8 p.m. The dates are March 22, 29 and April 5. Although this is intended primarily for the benefit of the members of St. Catherine's parish living in that area, the Masses will be open to anyone who wishes to attend. There will be no services at St. Catherine's in Addison on those Friday nights.

Elmira

PARISH VOTES

Apalachin — Ballots showing parishioner opinion on the construction of a proposed new building for St. Margaret Mary's will be collected March 23 and 24. The ballots were distributed this week by the parish council.

The building would serve for religious education classes and various parish functions. The council will renew its efforts to find a CCD director. A pastoral consultant will meet this month with the CCD Board and the Council.

REGISTRATION

Elmira — The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Charles Borromeo Church will sponsor an afternoon of recollection for all women of the area on Sunday, March 24. Registration will be at 2 p.m. Mass at 5. Refreshments will be served. Father Elmer Schmidt of St. Vincent's, Corning, will be the speaker. Mrs. James Le Mark heads the committee.

Canandaigua

ROSARY, ALTAR

Newark — Mrs. Alice Salisbury of Phelps showed slides on early Christian art at the March meeting of St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society. Mrs. Stanley Niemiec and her mother, Mrs. Jan Kuczmanski also demonstrated the Polish art of painting Easter eggs.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Palmyra — The Human Development committee of St. Anne's is now preparing a monthly newsletter. The newsletter will contain both human development services offered and needed. The first issue contained an appeal for clothing for an orphanage in Korea, volunteers for a coffee hour after Sunday Masses, and a list of items needed by some of the residents at Newark State School. Some available services were also listed, along with committee members' phone numbers.

MEN'S CLUB

Canandaigua — The newly organized Men's Club of St. Mary's will hold its first parish event March 26. Called Cana night it will offer parishioners a chance to renew marriage vows. The evening will begin with a Mass at 7 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Robert Collins, director of the Family Life Department. The service will feature traditional nuptial liturgy and music. After Mass, there will be four different seminars on marriage and the family. Cake and refreshments will follow the seminars.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Canandaigua — Under the direction of Sister Marie Albert, pastoral assistant, St. Mary's has formed a Welcoming Committee. The purpose of the committee is to make new parishioners feel at home in the parish and to inform them of the times of services and also organizations within the parish family. The committee is preparing a brochure detailing this information. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thum and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Duckett are the co-chairman of the group and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Donovan, secretary.

Auburn

SCHOOL GROWS

Waterloo — Through the efforts of Father Albert Shamon and the support of St. Mary's, the

seventh grade class at the school will be re-instituted for the 1974-75 term, according to a parish spokesman.

Student registration with Sister Mary Cumbo has been in progress, with classes to be limited to 25 students each.

TRINITY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Auburn — Blessed Trinity School has scheduled kindergarten and new pupil registration for the Fall from Monday through Friday, March 18-22.

Registration will be from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1-15 to 4 p.m. daily at the school. Evening registration Tuesday evening, March 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. only.

Kindergarten children and parents may visit classrooms at the time of registration. Children registering for kindergarten must be 5 years old and those for the first grade must be 6 years old by Dec. 1. A baptismal certificate will be required for registration unless baptized at St. Alphonsus, Holy Family or Sacred Heart.

Registration forms for children already attending Blessed Trinity were sent home last month.

A non-refundable registration fee will be applied to the September book fee.

The Blessed Trinity School board announced a tuition increase for the next school year from the current \$31 per family to \$4 per family for 52 weeks.

The hike from \$136 to \$208 per year is to meet rising costs to maintain the high level of education, according to a school board spokesman. The same tuition rate will be charged to all families regardless of the number of children attending the school. A proposal to charge an additional fee for the second and third child from a family was considered, but was dropped in favor of the straight family rate.

BOOK FAIR

Auburn — The Blessed Trinity Home School Association is sponsoring a Book Fair on March 23 and 24 at participating churches after each Mass. The Book Fair is being held for the benefit of Blessed Trinity School Library.

Volunteers from the association under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steigerwald, co-presidents of the organization, will be in attendance at each of the churches to sell the books.

To relieve bookkeeping procedures, anyone interested in purchasing a book is asked to pay cash at the time of selection. The price paid for any book is also tax deductible.

ACIES RITES

Auburn — Acies, the Legion of Mary's annual rededication will be held at Sacred Heart Church Sunday, March 24 at 4 p.m. Bishop Dennis Hickey will preside.

CDA TO MEET

Auburn — Court Auburn #263, Catholic Daughters of America, meeting will be at the K of C home, Monday, March 25, and will include a 6:30 p.m. Mass followed by an Italian Style Dinner. The CDA will initiate new members Sunday, March 31.

TIME CHANGE

Auburn — St. Aloysius has changed the hour of Wednesday evening services during Lent from 7:30 to 7 p.m. The Stations of the Cross and benediction will be observed.

Ithaca

LATIN AMERICA SEMINAR TOPIC

Ithaca — An Ecumenical Committee on Latin America, made up of representatives of six local churches, the United Ministries on Higher Education, and the Committee on U.S./Latin American Relations at Cornell, is presenting a series of six seminars on Latin America. The seminars are held on consecutive Monday evenings at participating churches.

Colombia: Issues are People was the topic March 11 at First Presbyterian Church. The condition of the people was depicted in a film, The Legend of the Paramo, by Gabriella Samper of Bogota, who was present for the discussion.

St. Catherine's Church hosted the March 4 seminar, where two government and economics graduate students, Sergio Abranches and Luciano Coutinho, led discussions on the high growth rate in Brazil today and specifically, who is paying the price of this growth. Supplementary materials for the session included a recent speech by Brazilian Archbishop Dom Helder Camera.

The Feb. 25 meeting at the Congregational Church featured Prof. and Mrs. Salon Barraclough speaking on Chile and its movement toward Democratic Socialism. The professor, an agricultural economist of Cornell, served as a UN project leader under three Chilean administrations.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Ithaca — A human development committee has been established by the Newman Community of Ithaca College. As a first step, volunteer jobs in the Ithaca area are being listed in the community's weekly communicator. The committee plans to participate in a training course in association with the Cornell Human Development Committee and those of two city parishes. The course is conducted by the Office of Human Development in Rochester.

SACRAMENT STUDY

Ithaca — Workshops to prepare fourth-graders for Penance and First Communion will be held at Immaculate Conception Church. The Penance workshop March 23, 2-5 p.m. will include a film on forgiveness. Participants will make ceremonial banners and crosses and invitations for their families. On April 6, the same children will take part in a First Communion workshop, 2-5 p.m.

FAMILY SUNDAY

Ithaca — The theme for Family Sunday, March 10 at Immaculate Conception Church, was Marriage and Celibacy. Presentations were made on the two life styles by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chalone of Trumansburg and Father David Mura and Sister Clare Walsh. Discussion followed. Seventy parishioners attended.

This page is intended to capsule news from throughout the diocese. It will not, however, contain all the news from our area correspondents and other stories will be found throughout the paper. Our correspondents now have deadlines of Wednesday. Anyone wishing news in the Courier-Journal should keep the deadline in mind.