

regional news reports

Msgr. Gefell Cites Gospel In Hospitality Fund Drive

Auburn - "We are to reach out to those in need as we make our religious tenets part of our everyday life," said Msgr. Joseph G. Gefell, in support of current fund raising for the Auburn Hospitality Center.

Msgr. Gefell, pastor of St. Alphonsas, is coordinator for the Cayuga-Seneca Region.

As regional coordinator, he said, "It is my special responsibility to proclaim the gospel in all matters, and the message of the gospel is perfectly clear. The Hospitality Center project takes on an immediacy, as this community with a correctional facility does not have adequate facilities for visitors to the institution.

"The occasion to help people in need gives us a unique opportunity to fulfill the Gospel message — naked and you clothed me, sick and in prison, and you visited. When you did it to these the least of my brothers,

you were doing it to me."

The Hospitality Center is across from the prison. It was developed by civic and church groups in a former service station for the use of visitors to the city, many of whom come from afar to see their relatives and friends at the prison.

The center, open daily under the direction of Keith Batman and volunteers, has served 4,500 people since December 1972.

It provides shelter, snacks and babysitting service. It offers information about prison regulations, help with visit-related problems, emergency loans and coordination of charter buses from metropolitan areas.

Msgr. Gefell said the Episcopal Churchwomen of Central New York will match funds raised in the community up to \$2,500. The Diocesan Office of Human Development will match funds raised in Cayuga County parishes up to \$2,500, as additional incentive.

Mt. Saviour Fete Drew 17 Thousand

By DICK BAUMBACH

Elmira — The annual Mt. Saviour Monastery Fall Festival here was termed a huge success by festival officials, Sept. 15 following a turnout of more than 17,000 persons.

Festival goers were treated to presentations ranging from a mini concert with members of the South Side High School Choir performing to a demonstration by the Mark Twain Cadets Drum and Bugle Corp.

Numerous other groups also performed at the all day festival.

The program also featured a street of shops with homemade articles offered for sale. An arts and crafts area was set aside to provide demonstrations of various hobby programs.

Proceeds from the event go towards helping the monks pay their expenses for the coming year. A final total will not be available for several weeks.

The festival also provided the opportunity for old friends to get together and for newcomers to meet each other, which generally meant they bumped into them during the crowded affair.

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DATE CORRECTION

Naples — The next meeting of the Monday night Adult Instruction Class at St. Januarius will be Sept. 30, not Sept. 23 as previously announced.

YOUTH EVENT

Canisteo — Youth Together, junior and senior high school students, will meet at St. Joachim's parish center Sunday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. The first Teen Dance will be held Oct. 12 with music by "The Barge."

MEMORIAL GIFT

Canisteo — Sallman's "Head of Christ" was presented recently to the Galeazzo Memorial Building in memory of Tony Galeazzo. It was a gift of the St. Joachim's Men's Club.

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