

# COURIER-CALENDAR

**Holy Spirit** — Valentine dinner-dance 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, Island Valley; music by Tempo Trio. Tickets from Anne and Jake Martin, 288-1221.

**Holy Name of Jesus** — Our Lady's Guild and Mens Club wine-tasting party, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18; admission \$1, reservations by Feb. 15 with Bob and Ginny Mueller, 865-1411

**Mother of Sorrows** — Valentine card party sponsored by Rosary Altar Society, Friday evening, Feb. 14; tickets \$1

**St. Francis Xavier** — Annual spaghetti dinner in school hall, 116 Bay, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23; adults \$2.50, children \$1

**St. Margaret Mary** — Lenten series on basic Catholic beliefs, five consecutive Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 19, 8 p.m., after 7:30 p.m. prayer services in church

**St. John's, Spencerport** — Marriage Encounter information night, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, rectory library; Jack and Elaine Kovaleski, 952-0138.

**Northwest Area Senior Residents** — Meeting 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, St. Peter and Paul school hall. Friends welcome.

**Holy Angels Guild** — Luncheon meeting, to plan membership drive, Monday noon, Feb. 24, Maplewood Inn, 1500 East Ave.; reservations with Miss Rose Gagliano

**Catholic Daughters** — Court Our Lady of the Genacle, "God Bless America Night," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, St. Philip Neri school, Mrs. Armand Miale in charge

**BOCES** — Displays and demonstrations highlighting vocational education week, Feb. 10 through 13, Eastview Mall, Greece Town Mall, Middtown Plaza

**Women's Council, Chamber of Commerce** — Spring lecture series begins Thursday noon, Feb. 13, Chamber Building, 55 St. Paul; Margaret Thistle of Sibley's on women's involvement in the community. Reservations through 454-2220, ext. 18

**Interfaith Gathering** — Annual dessert tea given for church women of all denominations by women of Temple B'Rith Kodesh, 2111 Elmwood; Wednesday noon, Feb. 26; reservations by Feb. 19 with Church Women United, 454-6443.

**Bank Personnel** — Dinner, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, Eddie's Chop House, for local members of National Association of Bank, Women and Bank Administration Institute; Priscilla L. Cummings, M.D., speaker

**Heart Association** — Blood pressure screenings, Saturday, Feb. 15, noon-2 p.m., Naum Brothers, Pittsford; Sunday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Ave.

**Forum on Justice** — Thursday, Feb. 13, 12:15 p.m., rather than today, First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Plymouth.

**Women's Forum** — Series sponsored by YWCA and Cornell Industrial and Labor Relations School, "Ego Building," noon-2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, YWCA, 175 N. Clinton; Reservations with Loretta Davis, 546-5820, ext. 67.

**Speech Communication Association** — At SUC Brockport, student-faculty discussions with two touring Polish students, on women's rights, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, Seymour College Union ballroom, with reception afterward, on U.S.-Poland relations, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, Blue Room, Edwards Hall; free, public

**Water Quality Standards** — Department of Environmental Conservation public hearings, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, Chemung County Health Center, Elmira, on portions of Chemung, Steuben counties; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, Monroe Community College, Building 9, Room 100, on Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Yates.

**Children's Theater** — Beauty and the Beast, performed by Nazareth-St. John Fisher Drama Club, Saturday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Nazareth Arts Center, sponsored by Alumnae Association Children \$1, adults \$1.50; group rates, information through 544-1675 or 544-1829

## Deadline

Calendar items should be mailed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Deadline is Wednesday noon, one week ahead of the publication date.

## TOWARD TOMORROW



Fr. Henry Atwell

Three Cardinals, one as personal legate of Pope Paul, attended the recent enthronement of Dr. Frederick D. Coggan as 101st Archbishop of Canterbury. It was the first time since the sixteenth century that a papal legate was present for such a rite.

Cardinal Jan Willebrands, head of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, represented the Pope. Cardinal Suenens of Belgium and Cardinal Marty of Paris were the two other eminences there, with a whole galaxy of clergy and laity from most of the world's religions.

The new archbishop, titular head of the world's 64 million Anglicans, including American Episcopalians, told the prelates, princes and people seated before him, "Our divisions will have to go." He said the Church must recover its confidence and reach out; in a familiar phrase of Salvation Army founder General Booth, "We must grow till our arms get right around the world."

Neither the statement of Dr. Coggan nor that of General Booth is really original. Jesus said substantially the same long before.

The enthronement ceremony was held in historic Canterbury

Cathedral, the medieval architectural gem built as a shrine for Thomas Becket, the archbishop who chose to be a martyr rather than a king's lackey. The ceremony, lavish in pomp and circumstance, has its roots deep in history going back to the sixth century when Austin, the first archbishop of Canterbury brought the Christian faith to the Saxon people of Kent.

I wonder if the Roman Catholic prelates present pondered, as Dr. Coggan eased himself into the archbishop's throne, that less than a hundred years ago, Pope Leo XIII decreed that the authority and orders of clergy like Dr. Coggan were "totally null and utterly void." A later pope, with a more expansive view of the harvest and its laborers, coined a somewhat happier term — "separated brethren."

Dr. Coggan, in his message, said conditions today closely parallel those of the first century, days of trial, fear, torture and death for those of Christian faith. Our most recent "gods" — colonies, armies, money, political power — have proved to be, the ancient pagan gods, pathetically unable to meet the needs of our modern world. Dr. Coggan said the Church, the whole of it, only need renew its courage, its nerve, to dare to move out of its sanctuaries and speak a word of hope and concern.

It was a black African bishop who then said the prayer of blessing for him.

Observers said it was as if for one splendid hour the old divisions of race and creed had never been. Maybe by the time of the 202nd archbishop we can be rid of these crippling divisions and get on with the task of getting our arms right 'round the world.

## WORD FOR SUNDAY



Fr. Albert Shamon

**Sunday's Readings:** (R3) Mt. 4:1-11. (R1) Gen. 2:7-9; 3:1-7. (R2) Rom. 5:12-19.

We cannot understand the struggle of Jesus in Sunday's Gospel if we do not believe, as Scripture teaches, in the objective reality of an evil power at work in the world — a power which from the first hour up to the end seeks the defeat of God.

Israel, as a nation, first knew God as a Liberator-God. With a mighty hand He had led her from Egypt. As Israel later reflected on her historical beginnings and pondered more and more on the evil in the world, the question arose of how did evil come into the world. Did this Liberator-God, who had humbled Egypt, fail as Creator-God? Israel could not countenance so blasphemous a solution to the problem of evil.

So around the fifth century before Christ, the authors who had edited Genesis answered the perplexing question with the story of Eden. In the beginning, the world was not evil. In fact, in the beginning it was paradisaical. Even man was very good when God made him: he was as innocent as a newborn babe.

What happened then? How account for the overwhelming presence of evil in the world? The first reading explains that evil crept into the world; it was instigated by an extra-terrestrial power pictured, by the authors of Genesis, as "the most cunning of all the animals" — a snake. We would have called him "a rat."

However the basic message is that man cannot lay the blame for evil on the devil, much less on God. In the Response we pray, "Lord, be merciful for we have sinned" — we, we, we. St. Paul tells us in the second reading that "through one man (not the devil) sin entered the world." The first man made the wrong choice; and all men after him have made wrong choices; and wrong

choices cumulatively have made it almost impossible for man to make right choices.

Sin so avalanched the human race that man was unable to dig himself out. Sin snuffed out so many lights and the darkness so deepened that man became hopelessly lost. Again another extra-terrestrial Being had to come to right matters. One with power mightier than an Alpine avalanche One with light brighter than the sun.

The Gospel tells us this One is Jesus. Remember Matthew saw Jesus as a new Moses leading a new people to the promised land. He also viewed Jesus as the new Israel. When Jesus was baptized, Matthew perhaps had the crossing of the Red Sea in mind. In the temptations he may also have had in mind the testing of Israel in the wilderness, after the crossing of the Red Sea. All three answers of Jesus to the devil include quotations from the book of Deuteronomy, which describes the sojourn of Israel in the desert. Then the Sermon on the Mountain follows the temptations, and this parallels the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai after the crossing of the Red Sea and the trek through the wilderness. Despite these facts, the first and second readings compel us to consider the temptations of Jesus in today's gospel as the temptations of the new Adam. "Through one man's disobedience all became sinners, so through one man's obedience all shall become just" (R2).

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert (Genesis describes the earth before it is watered as a desert). Once again, Satan comes to tempt him as he had the first man and woman. This time, however, Satan is resoundingly vanquished. The strong man is bound. The conquest of evil is begun and is assured. The mad rush of sin is halted in its full career. As through one man sin entered the world, so through one man comes the overflowing grace and gift of justice.

It remains for man now only to own up to his responsibility for sin — not to "pass the buck" as both Adam and Eve tried to do. "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned" — we, we, we!

Lent is a time to return to the Lord through a good confession: "I acknowledge my offense." And what will follow? A ruptured relationship — "Cast me not out from your presence" — will be healed. And its consequent joy will be felt: "Give me back the joy of your salvation."

## St. Jerome's Offers 10 Lent Seminars

Father Terence Fleming, chaplain and theology teacher at Our Lady of Mercy High School, will give three seminars at St. Jerome's, East Rochester, on The Mystery of Death. The series will begin Tuesday, Feb. 18, and continue Feb. 25 and March 4, at 8 p.m.

On the following two Tuesdays, Dr. Padraic O'Hare will speak on The Catholic Tradition — Sorting Out Good and Evil (March 11), and The Nature of Conscience in Catholic Theology (March 18). Dr. O'Hare, who has worked for 12 years in the field of theological and moral education, is diocesan consultant for parish educational planning.

The sacraments will be explored in a Sunday series to be conducted by Thomas Driscoll, religious education coordinator at St. Jerome's. This series is scheduled for Feb. 23 and the three following Sundays. The speaker, a former student at St. Bernard's Seminary, is a candidate for a Master's degree in theology from St. John's University in Minnesota.

The 10 seminars were arranged by the parish education committee for all who wish to "take a new lease on Lent." All meetings will begin at 8 p.m.

### ST. FRANCIS FUND-RAISER

The people of St. Francis Xavier parish on Bay Street are preparing for their major annual fund-raiser — a three-course spaghetti dinner. The date is Sunday, Feb. 23, noon to 5 p.m. The price is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

### Royal Scot

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## ST. BERNARDS SEMINARY Continuing Education Dept. 2260 LAKE AVE., Roch. 14612 254-1020 REGISTRATION Feb. 12 to Feb 14 (Wed-Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

### THE SERVANT GOD AND THE SERVANT CHURCH (Two day workshop)

Professor: Rev. Joseph Brennan, S.S.L. Cost: \$20.00  
Time: Feb. 21, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Feb. 22, 9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
Registration: Fri., 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

An investigation into the Servant Theme in the Old Testament and the New Testament, with special reference to its practical implications for the life of the Church today.

### MINISTERING TO MARRIED COUPLES (Four week mini-course)

Professors: Rev. Robert Collins, Ed.M., Office of Family Life, Rev. Robert O'Neill, M.Div., Tribunal, Mr. Dennis Conheady, M.S.W., Catholic Family Center Cost: \$20.00  
Time: Feb. 25; Mar. 4, 11, 18 Tues., 10:00 A.M. - 12:00  
Registration: Fri., 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**Session I:** Marriage preparation. **Session II:** Marriage enrichment, including a discussion of programs such as Marriage Encounter. **Session III:** Development of communicative skills, sense of skills, sense of self worth; the couples' link to the community. **Session IV:** Grounds for marriage dissolution; approach of the Rochester Tribunal on this matter.

### A BOOK OF HUMAN LIFE (Four week mini-course)

Professor: Sister Margaret Teresa, Ph.D. Cost: \$20.00  
Time: Mar. 12, 19, 26; Apr. 2, Wed., 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.  
Registration: Fri., 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**The Purgatorio**, a book of human life shows how Dante saw man's striving for human perfection; his moral and mental growth through nature and art.

### AUBURN

The course will be held at Holy Family School, North Street, Auburn. To register, please contact Sister Dorothy Quinn, St. Mary's Convent, 40 Clymer Street, Auburn, New York, 13021; Phone (315) 253-7783.

### FAITH VALUES AND HUMAN EXPERIENCE (Four week mini-course)

Professor: Rev. Joseph Jankowiak, S.T.D. Cost: \$20.00  
Time: Mar. 12, 19, 26; Apr. 2 Wed., 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.  
Registration: Monday - Friday.

This mini-course examines the twin focal points of Gospel values and human experiences. The thrust of the course attempts to inculcate that true inner peace and joy that Jesus promised to His disciples; also, a missionary (service, witness) willingness to apply the Christian message to the concrete problems of our day.

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