

Bible School Goes with Summertime

By MARY-ANN GINNERTY

Owasco Bible school is summertime, kool-aid and cookies enough to feed an army at Jericho; children driving parents crazy reciting the same scriptural verses for the third straight day, and parents catching themselves reciting the same verses for the next couple of weeks.

Bible school is dedicated teachers, wearied mothers, an air of joyous song.

There were 214 children in the

Bible school sponsored by St. Ann's and the Owasco Reformed Church in the peaceful hamlet of Owasco. Children from the surrounding towns came together to share the experiences of Christian love in the foundations of faith, with people who cared enough to share a week of summer mornings.

Bible school is kids. A mother on car-pool duty almost blows her cool as she searches scriptural verse for a comment on the fight over who sits in the front seat. Might this be handled differently if we truly loved our brother? A

three-year-old meanwhile caps the refrain of "Jesus loves little children" with the verse "where the grapes of wraps are stored."

The Bible school began 34 years ago at Owasco Reformed, and St. Ann's joined five years ago to make it an ecumenical effort.

The Rev. Gordon Webster, pastor of the Owasco Reformed, and Father Raymond Wahl, pastor of St. Ann's, agree that the school experience contributes much to the building of Christian faith.

As Mr. Webster put it, "The Bible school concept is important because children need to accept the Bible as the Word of God. Scripture shows the reason for the love and where it originates."

The pastors feel that the one week effort often has greater impact than the weekly one hour Sunday School. The children seem to retain more through the concentrated effort.

Bible school is months of effort recruiting 40 volunteer teachers and 20 helpers from both churches, putting craft kits together, devising a curriculum, planning lessons and ordering supplies for an unknown number of children. The daily 2 1/2 hour session is a combination of work-book activity, recreation periods, music and arts and crafts, and of course, the thousands of cookies and tubs of kool-aid followed by songs and a closing message from the pastors.

Bible school is little kids stomping feet to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

It is a tin foil computer with the legs of an eighth grader who responds to questions slipped into his "input slot" or cries "I am not programmed to answer that question!"

Bible school is summertime, hope and the Good News.



Charismatic Gatherings

The following Prayer Groups are predominately Roman Catholic in attendance. This directory has been compiled and will be maintained by the Communication Committee of Catholic Charismatics in Rochester. Additions or deletions should be mailed to Mrs. Donald Mikel, 3000 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester New York, 14617.

SUNDAY

St. John the Evangelist (Spencerport)
60 Martha St
Spencerport
Frank Ferris 352-4218 8 p.m.

MONDAY

St. Rose's Church (women)
1985 Lake Ave
Lima
Jean LaBore 582-1319
following 9 a.m. Mass

St. Stephen's Charismatic Community
DeSole's High School
cor Pultney & High Sts.
Geneva
Mrs. San Venuiti 789-8557 8:15 p.m.

TUESDAY

St. Augustine Rectory
410 Chili Ave
Rochester
John & Bettv Bunce 235-0235 8:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Prayer Group
3681 Lake Ave
Rochester
William & Mary Buechel 663-7645 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Maranatha Prayer Group
7369 E. Main St
Lima
Bill & Bobbie Buechel 624-4259 8 p.m.

Chadash Prayer Community
830 Clarkson-Hamlin Townline Rd.
Hamlin
Helen & Warren Lynch 964-2498 7:30 p.m.

Holy Cross School
4488 Lake Ave.
Rochester
Frank Kirchessner 865-2650 8 p.m.

St. Michael's Prayer Group (women)
3681 Lake Ave.
Rochester
Mary Buechel 663-7645 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Prayer Community
479 Covewood Blvd.
Webster
Dick & Mary Mahany 671-1845 8 p.m.

Emmanuel
132 Illinois St.
Rochester
Judy Costello 654-9597 9:30 a.m.

Donald & Mary Lou Mikel
3000 St. Paul St.
Rochester
266-3749 8 p.m.

St. Pius X Prayer Community
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester
Bob Dunning 247-3740 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

St. Anne's Prayer Group
1600 Mt. Hope Ave.
Rochester
Margaret Whitney 461-1656 8 p.m.

Santo Spirito
St. Francis (old school)
314 Bay St.
Rochester
Jose Malave 342-7759 7 p.m.
Isreal Santana 482-1252 7 p.m.

Upper Room Prayer Group
St. John's School
W. DeZieg St.
Clyde
Joseph DiSanto 923-7865 7:15 p.m.

Aug. 8—Mass, 8 p.m., Father John Bertolucci celebrant, St. Lawrence Church, 1000 N. Greece Rd., Greece. Sacred Heart Prayer Group.

Aug. 9—Breakfast Meeting of FCBMFI, 8:45 a.m., Father John Bertolucci featured speaker, vice chancellor, Diocese of Albany, Mapledale Party House, 1020 Maple St., Rochester. Mail for reservation (\$3) to FCBMFI, PO Box 9954, Rochester, N.Y. 14623.

Aug. 11—Dinner Meeting of Women's Aglow Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Father Joseph Brennan, rector, St. Bernard's Seminary, featured speaker, Valle's Steak House, 1335 Ridge Road East. For reservations (\$4.50) phone Peg Wisley, 872-1386.

Aug. 12—Mass, 8 p.m., Father Jim Connolly celebrant, Jesuit priest from New York City, St. John's Church, Amity Street, Spencerport.

Sept. 5—Mass, 8 p.m., Father Moynihan celebrant, of Rochester Diocese, St. Lawrence Church, 1000 N. Greece Rd., Greece, Sacred Heart Prayer Group.

Oct. 10-12—1975 Eastern General Conference on the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Atlantic City, N.J. Details from Eastern General Conference, PO Box 356, Rutherford, NJ 07070.

Listings for future events may be submitted to Mrs. Frank Ferris, 31 Ballard Ave., Spencerport, N.Y. 14559.

St. Charles Prayer Group
St. Charles Borromeo Church Nursery
3003 Dewey Ave.
Rochester
John Taffner 663-4851 8 p.m.

Women at the Well (women)
151 Dalia Lane
Rochester
Mary Terjinje 544-5211 12:45 p.m.

St. Paul's Prayer Group
St. Paul's Church
783 Hard Road,
Webster, N.Y.
John Paille, 671-6090, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

St. Augustine Rectory
410 Chili Ave.
Rochester
Marty Lynch 385-1035 8 p.m.

Armand & Kathy Tanquay
311 Tobey Rd.
Pittsford
381-1949 8 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Group
St. Lawrence School
1000 N. Greece Rd.
Greece
Klaus Schulz 392-9646 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Burgess
W. Union St. Extension
Newark
331-3841 9 p.m.

St. Monica's Church
34 Monica St.
Rochester
John & Rita Donnelly 328-1332 4 to 5 p.m.

John & Rita Donnelly
9 Ellicott St.
Rochester
328-1332 8 p.m.

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