

COURIER-JOURNAL CALENDAR

St. Joseph, Penfield — Bargains in used furniture, household equipment, 9-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, convent garage, 39 Gebhardt, off Five-Mile Line; benefits parish's Vietnamese family.

Holy Family — "Oktoberfest," celebrating birthdays of Father Frederick Eisemann, Msgr. George Schmitt, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8; \$5.75. Reservations: Mrs. Edward Short, 328-4370, or Mrs. Howard Lockhart, 235-7136, by Oct. 4.

Holy Apostles — Rosary Society Communion breakfast following 9:30 a.m. Mass Oct. 5; Mrs. Grace Doyle, Mrs. Louise Mingoa in charge. Reservations with band leaders by Sept. 29.

Holy Rosary — Flea market, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27; 9:30-1:30 Sunday, parking lot behind church, Lexington at Oriole. Large and small appliances, books, sporting goods, plants, home-made food, etc. Refreshments available. Sponsored by various parish organizations, coordinated by Joan Kelley, George Winters. For pick-up: 458-0065, 458-9059, 254-5696.

St. Paul's, Webster — Charismatic Mass celebrated by Father Alan Tammany, OFM, of Emmanuel House, Glenmont, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5; teaching session 2-5 p.m., Father Tammany, Joe Dean.

St. Andrew's — Party for Msgr. George Eckl's 98th birthday, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

Bishop Kearney Parents Clubs — Orientation night, presenting new officers and program, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, school auditorium. Jan and Don Fonte, Margaret and Bob McDonald in charge.

Harley School — Next-to-new sale in gym, 1981 Clover, 9 a.m.-7

p.m. Friday, Oct. 3; 9-3 Saturday. Clothes, household and sporting equipment, toys, books; home-made food booth Friday.

Hochstein School — Caroline Norwood piano recital, 8:15 tonight, '50 N. Plymouth. Free.

Xerox Square — Invitational fine arts display, through Nov. 2. Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10-7 Saturday, 2-8 Sunday.

Aquinas Parents Association — First general meeting of year, 7:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29; classroom visits; refreshments.

Women's Aglow Fellowship International — Dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, Valle's 1335 East Ridge; Father Alan Tammany, Joe Dean, of Emmanuel community.

Rochester Aquarium Society — Auction of equipment, tropical fish, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, St. Salome school hall, 4282 Culver. Registration, inspection of offerings from 6 p.m.

World Hunger Banquet — Sponsored by Southwest Region Human Development committees, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, McQuaid; \$4. Reservations with Bernie Kiel, 889-1388.

Bicentennial Show — Five short plays sponsored by Nazareth College Alumni, 8:15 p.m. Sept. 26, 27, Nazareth Arts Center.

Senior Citizens Matinee — Clark Gable film festival 1:30 p.m. each Thursday in October, Dryden Theatre, 900 East Ave.

Community Players Auditions — For Neil Simon's The Sunshine Boys, 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Sept. 28, 29, at the Playhouse, South Clinton at Meigs; also, sign-up for backstage crew. Information: 473-4320.

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.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Don't you think the canonization of Mother Seton sets ecumenism back?

Fake ecumenism, yes. Genuine ecumenism, no. In fact it would seem that all the TV, radio and press reports; and especially Pope Paul's homily at the canonization brings authentic ecumenism into the proper perspective of the Vatican II decree.

What do you mean?

Too many Catholics, including some priests and Sisters, have presented ecumenism thus: "Razzle, dazzle, zis boom bah! We're all one. Rah! Rah! Rah! Disregard God's revelation. Give us mindless exhilaration!"

This insults man's intelligence, denies the Faith, and perverts the Vatican II Decree on Ecumenism. It has created confusion and scandal among sincere Catholics and Protestants. A Sept. 14 N.Y. Times Magazine section article on Mother Seton stated candidly: "In an ecumenical age, it's impolite to say so, but the fact is, that she (Mother Seton) changed simply because she'd become convinced that the Roman Church was 'the one, true church.' She was especially dedicated to the Catholic doctrine of the Eucharist; the belief in the Real Presence of Christ. Her friends and relatives were aghast. Be a Quaker, they urged, if you must change. Or an Anabaptist, even a Methodist. Anything but a Catholic. 'Dirty, filthy, red-faced,' exclaimed her sister, pointing out that Catholics were accustomed to spitting in church. Elizabeth agreed, but made the change anyway." (p. 80)

Well, just, what is "Ecumenism"?

Read the Vatican II Decree. It is clear. It says that we are to recognize differences in religious Faith and practices. We are directed not to exaggerate the differences; but it also indicates that it would be dishonest to ignore them. We are also directed not to make unwarranted mean

remarks about our Separated Brothers. It does not mean that we are to be silent if church bodies or churchmen plug for abortion, divorce, premarital sex, or the denial of the Trinity.

Doesn't the conversion of Mother Seton offend Episcopalians?

No more than the conversion to the Catholic Church of Cardinal Newman, Ward and Manning; of Martindale, S.J. and Ronald Knox; of Chesterton, Arnold Lunn, Evelyn Waugh and Christopher Dawson; or Sigrid Undset, Rose Hawthorne or that interesting cosmopolite, Anne Freemantle; or indeed, of Father Kent Stone, CP, who was one time the president of Hobart College in Geneva. All these became Catholics because they were convinced that the Roman Church is "the one, true Church."

Any books you recommend?

Father Benedict Ehmann has recommended "Mrs. Seton" by Joseph Dirvin, C.M. (Noonday Press, NYC. \$4.95) It is a comfortable paperback of 498 pages, scholarly but readable. And it has a good index. Written in 1962, it was revised in 1975 for the canonization. In 1938 Father Leonard Feeney wrote an interesting "Mother Seton", which has come out in a revised edition, with 212 pages, in 1975. (Ravengate Press, Cambridge, Zip 02138. \$2.95) Father Feeney and most of his Community, after some 30 years under the Church's cloud, were reconciled to the Church by Bishop Flanagan of Worcester, in 1972. Fr. F. is aged and sick now; but the lightness which delighted readers of his whimsical "Fish on Friday" comes through in his "Mother Seton, Saint Elizabeth of New York."

Does having an American Saint thrill you?

No, not particularly. I love the Saints, no matter what nationality, because I believe in the Catholic doctrine of the Communion of Saints. But Cardinal Wright made a funny observation, quoted in the Times article. "When Cardinal Wright visited the port city (Livorno, Italy, where Mother Seton lived with her friends, the Fellichis) he put the matter in wry perspective. "After decades of praying to Italian saints, it is only just that finally we have an American who is loved in an Italian city."

ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from noon until 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Monroe at Oxford. Benediction will precede the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Council Vote Scheduled

Penn Yan — St. Michael's Parish Council nominating committee met and issued a slate with the following names; Lou Tyrrell, Frances Turner, Jean D'Abbracci, Dean Duffy, and Joan Madsen.

CABRINI TEA

The 29th annual scholarship tea given by Mother Cabrini Circle is scheduled for 3 until 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at Cutler Union, University Avenue. The public is invited. Contributions provide aid to black students in Catholic High Schools here.

WOMEN'S CLUB BANQUET

Auburn — St. Aloysius Women's Club held a banquet at Wood Acres Sept. 16. The guest speaker was Father Albert Shamon of Waterloo on the subject of the Equal Rights Amendment. Mrs. Vernon Pinckney chaired the dinner.

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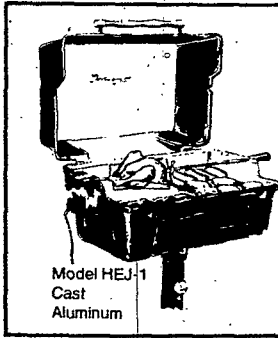
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