

COURIER-CALENDAR

St. Mary's, Scottsville — Harvest dinner (roast beef) Saturday, Nov. 15, 5-8 p.m. Adults \$3.75, children 5-12 \$1.50, under 5 free.

Holy Redeemer — Fall Festival, 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14, 15, school hall Hudson and Alphonse; Jack Miller chairman.

St. Andrew's — Turkey Festival Saturday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m.

St. Mary's, Dansville — Fall festival, 5 p.m. Nov. 15, 16, in school hall; white elephant sale, hand-made gifts, turkey booth.

St. Jude — Turkey Festival, featuring two live 30-pound birds, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 4100 Lyell Rd. Gift boutique, refreshment booth, games.

St. Christopher — Turkey Festival, 7-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, King Road and Union St., Street, N. Chili. Booths, games, free food.

Christ the King — Holiday Fashions show, Monday, Nov. 17, after rosary and benediction in church at 8 p.m. Elaine Vogt and Gloria Zlotkus in charge.

St. Jude — Marian League monthly meeting tonight, Nov. 12, parish hall, 4100 Lyell Rd.; memorial Mass for deceased members, 7:30 p.m., celebrated by Father John Steger; 8 p.m., Lee Carosa, home economist, on holiday entertaining. Everyone welcome.

Holy Spirit, Penfield — Fashion show sponsored by Rosary Guild, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14.

St. James — Fall Festival sponsored by parish council, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14, 15, 6:30-11 p.m., parish hall, Brett Road. Saturday afternoon, 1-4, especially for children.

St. Philip Neri — Womens Club Monte Carlo Night, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, school hall, 1722 Clifford.

St. Thomas More — Southeast Region Assembly, 7:30-10 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, in school.

Mother of Sorrows — Fall Festival Friday, Saturdays, Nov. 14, 15, 6-11 p.m. Dinner, games, country kitchen, turkeys. 5000 Mt. Read.

St. Joseph, Rush — Spaghetti supper, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. Adults \$2; children under 12, \$1; whole family \$7.

St. Aalome — Craft Fair 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, school hall, 4282 Culver. 35 craftsmen, home-made desserts, coffee.

St. John's, Humboldt St. — Christmas Bazaar, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21; 10-8 Saturday, 9-2 Sunday, church basement. Arts and crafts, knits, flea market, food booth.

St. Louis — Christmas Boutique, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 54 S. Main, Pittsford. Hand-made gifts, Santa; lunch, snacks available.

Eastman Philharmonia Baroque Ensemble — Free concert, Memorial Art Gallery, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16.

Composers Forum — New music by Eastman School students, 8 tonight, Nov. 12, Kilbourn Hall, Gibbs St. Free.

Treble de Paris — Performing Racine's classic tragedy, Phedre, in French, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, Nazareth Arts Center.

Saturday Movies — Double feature Nov. 15: Lon Chaney in Phantom of the Opera (1925), 1:15 p.m.; Judy Garland in Meet Me in St. Louis, 3:10 p.m., third floor auditorium, Rundel Library, 115 South Ave.

Dimitri — The Clown of Ascona on first U.S. tour, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Nazareth Arts Center; Box office 586-2420.

Dance Festival — Workshops 2-5 p.m., round and square dancing 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, SUNY Geneseo.

Etruscan Art and Civilization — Illustrated lecture by Thomas Fabiano, Monroe Community College history professor, sponsored by St. John Fisher College Italian Club, 8 tomorrow night, Nov. 13, Basil Hall. Free.

Boys Town Choir — Forty-voice touring choir from Father Flanagan's Omaha foundation, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Geneseo Central School, sponsored by Geneseo Rotary Club.

Rochester Saenger Choir — Nineteenth anniversary concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Labor Lyceum, 580 St. Paul; assisted by Teutonia Liedertafel, Liederkranz choruses; dancing to follow.

Noontime Music — Free recitals Wednesdays through Dec. 17, beginning today, 12:15-12:45 p.m., Hochstein Memorial Music School, 50 N. Plymouth.

A Sound in the Sea — Children's drawings and poems about whales; underwater photographs by Edwin Janss Jr., Xerox Square Exhibit Center Nov. 20-Jan. 16. Free. Gallery hours; 10-7 weekdays, 10-6 Saturdays, 1-6 Sundays and holidays; closed Christmas Day.

Art a la Carte — Memorial Art Gallery lunchtime lecture 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20: Robert Henning Jr. of gallery staff discusses sculptures in gallery garden.

Celebrate Life — Candlelight ceremony sponsored by Newark Right to Life, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Central Park, downtown Newark.

Fall Sale — Ceramics, Christmas ornaments, small gifts, baked goods made by Rochester Friendly Home residents on sale 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, 3156 East Ave.

Christmas Market — Antiques, books, baked goods, plants, decorations, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Christ Church Cathedral, East Ave. and Broadway. Lunch served 11:30-1:30.

Southwest Golden Age Group — Meeting 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 34 Monica St.

Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, CDA — Monthly meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, St. Philip Neri school hall, preceded by Rosary for Peace.

Nazareth Academy Garage Sale — Saturday, Nov. 15, 9-4; Sunday, 11-4, 1001 Lake Ave.

Diabetes Detection — Free testing, 1-9 p.m. Nov. 19-21, Long Ridge Plaza. Educational program, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Dec. 9, Pine Grove School, 154 Pinegrove, Irondequoit.

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.

Women's Program Focus: Values and Decisions

Leadership roles for women will be the subject of a seminar sponsored by the Women's Interfaith Coalition. To be presented by the Women's Program Board of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, it will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Remington Lounge at the school. The symposium seeks to explore common feelings of women who are moving into decision-making positions, with an accent on identifying the values that go into those decisions.

The Women's Interfaith Coalition is a group formed as a result of discussion about the International Women's Year

among various women's church organizations. The coalition now consists of the Church Women United, the Women's Association of the Jewish Community Federation, the YWCA, Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Joan's Alliance and Nazareth Academy. The aim of the association is to examine the role of women in today's society from a religious perspective.

The groups are building towards a major undertaking, the bringing to Rochester of the

"Institute for Women Today," planned for Feb. 29 and March 1. A traveling workshop based in Chicago and sponsored nationally by several religious groups, the Institute has a faculty of 50 women — lawyers, psychologists and theologians. The director of the two day workshop will be Margaret Traxler, a Sister of Notre Dame.

Further information may be obtained from Dorothea Hunter at the Church Women United Office, 454-6443.

HOLIDAY CAKES

Members of the Notre Dame Womens Organization are selling fruit cakes, as they do every year, to increase their scholarship fund. Information on ordering may be obtained from Mrs. Bern Jones at 544-1535.

The scholarship fund currently helps support four University of Notre Dame students from this area.

BELL TO SPEAK

Malcolm Bell, one of the staff members in the original prosecution of Attica inmates following the 1971 uprising, will speak at Brick Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. Bell withdrew from the prosecution staff after a year of service and authored a 160-page letter to Governor Hugh Carey which charged selective prosecution in the affair. Gov. Carey is said to have been prompted by the letter to establish the Meyer Commission, which is currently investigating the case.

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"They're going to clean out St. Mary's Hospital," announced an unnamed committeeman. And George Fleckenstein responded in shocked disbelief. "They have not acted with good judgment," he said.

"The council should rescind its action," said William J. Sheridan.

But the planning council stood firm. Their proposals they said, although contrary to basic Catholic tenets, were primarily for the benefit of the poor. And though the city would realize a financial saving through their enforcement, economics was a secondary concern. The main point was that a hospital must provide full service for the ill and the injured. They stressed that the controversial proposals applied to the City Hospital as well, and were not intended in any way to be detrimental to St. Mary's. The situation was serious they said, but the proposals had been made in good faith after due consideration and research.

Both sides had been heard. The public pronouncements dragged on. And finally the nagging hospital problem was solved.

The proposals became recommendations. The orders given. It seems that St. Mary's had fought a valiant holding battle and lost. On April 27, the papers were delivered to the Mother Superior. She was given one day's notice. She was cordially ordered to comply against her faith.

But with blessed stubbornness, she refused.

Inspired, the community and the press rose to her defense. And St. Mary's remained true to its heritage. The Sisters of Charity had won their quiet battle.

I can document what I have written from the Rochester newspapers dated almost a hundred years ago. During the

late 1870s the City Planning Council tried repeatedly to force St. Mary's to give up its poor, its infirm and its aged and place them all in the City Poor House as unwanted paupers. Hospitals were no place anyway, reasoned the council, for the infirm and the aging unless they were "all cut up." The Poor House offered fewer meals than St. Mary's, less medical attention, scant human devotion and no comforts but it represented a considerable savings for the city fathers who had recently voted themselves raises.

It was seen, as incidental, of course, that enforcement of the proposals ran contrary to the very roots of the Sisters of Charity, not to mention Catholicism itself. And it was seen as downright ridiculous to fear the ultimate closing of St. Mary's.

Strange. The planners even then used a utilitarian concept of morality, with no recognition granted to either the sanctity of human life or value of human devotion. And here they come again... history repeats.

As the blessed foundress of the Sisters of Charity, Elizabeth Ann Seton, was being canonized this year in Rome, the Genesee Region Planning Council temporarily tabled its proposal to close St. Mary's obstetrical unit. Since then, however, the proposals have surfaced again, with this appearing on Page 19: "It is the belief of the committee that any hospital which intends to offer full obstetrical coverage must provide family planning, sterilization and abortion." (Emphasis added).

After a hundred years they still don't understand morality. After a hundred years they still try to force the Sisters of Charity to act against their faith. After a hundred years they are still trying to control the poor. Only this century it's the lowly unborn.

St. Mary's Hospital stands today where it has stood since 1857 when three nuns swept out two horse stables to make room for the sick and the poor. The Sisters stood alone that year in their shabby Bull's Head neighborhood and battled for the sanctity and the preservation of human life. They may have to stand alone again in their continuing struggle, for the battle is not yet won.

Will the Catholic community rise to defend St. Mary's Hospital? I don't know.

But the Sisters of Charity will.

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