

# COURIER-CALENDAR

**Catholic Daughters** — Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, "hobo night," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, St. Philip Neri school hall.

**God's Covenant** — Lecture-discussion series at St. Paul's, Webster, 8 p.m. Jan. 19, Feb. 2, and 14, featuring U of R and St. Bernard's professors. Free.

**Nazareth Academy Alumnae** — Evening of recollection, 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Center, 428 Mt. Vernon Ave., with Sister Ann Mary Dooley, SSJ.

**Crystal Ball** — Sponsored by Aquinas parents, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Logan's Party House. Reservations for groups: 225-4678 or Father Frank Boehm, 254-2020.

**German-American Societies** — 13th annual banquet and ball, Jan. 17, Americana Hotel, 70 State St., beginning with 5:30 p.m. social hour. Tickets through 671-1594, evenings.

**Together We Dance . . . Again** — Program by several local dancers and companies, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Cutler Union, 490 University, with morning workshops for children. For information and reservations: Arts Council of Rochester, 442-0570.

**Music from the Movies Promenade** — Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, with British composer-conductor Stanley Black, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Dome Arena.

**Chamber Music** — Rochester Philharmonic players, conducted

by David Zinman, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, U of R Strong Auditorium.

**Art a la Carte** — Memorial Art Gallery, lunchtime lecture series features Isabel Herdle, curator emerita, on the gallery's George Luks painting, "Boy With Dice," 12:15 p.m. tomorrow.

**The Genesee Country** — An exhibit of 19th century paintings, prints and drawings opening Jan. 18 at Memorial Art Gallery; also opening, Jurors' Award Show of paintings by Ned Behnke and fibreworks by Fannie Lee.

**Don Giovanni** — Opera Theatre of Rochester production of Mozart work, with Jake Gardner in title role, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Eastman Theatre. Tickets through box office, 454-7091.

**Martin Luther King Jr.** — Birthday celebration, 7:30 tonight, First Unitarian Church, 220 S. Winton.

**Saturday Afternoons for Kids** — Readings from children's books, 3 p.m. every Saturday this month, at Light Impressions, Midtown Plaza, on walkway to Lincoln Tower. Jan. 17, Jim Havelin reads from Susan Pearson's Izzie. (Parents must remain with children.)

**Alvin Ailey City Center Dance Theater** — In fourth annual visit to Nazareth Arts Center, three separate programs, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 22-24; open rehearsals, 2-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

**Prints, Prose and Poetry** — Lithographs and etchings, with quotes from contemporary writers, Muggleton Gallery, 7 William St., Auburn, through Jan. 31. Gallery closed Wednesdays; open Sundays, 2-5 p.m., other days, 10-5.

## 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.

## And Now, Some Good News

Recently our Ithaca correspondent, Lorraine Drazek, and her husband, Dr. Francis Drazek, were charged with taking Holy Communion to the Catholic residents of Oak Hill Manor in Ithaca. This is Lorraine's first-hand account of the reverence, goodwill and emotion of the event. And there's a bit of serendipity included.

By LORRAINE DRAZEK

Recently my husband and I were charged with taking Communion to the Catholic residents of Oak Hill Manor in Ithaca. It was our first experience with the responsibility of not only transporting the hosts, but in distributing Communion. In the nursing home, we distributed communion first to two lovely and vibrant ladies in the smaller building and then entered the home "proper." We noticed that the patients were cheerful, the rooms brightly decorated and clean as we went down the corridor to the waiting communicants.

We sang several Christmas Carols and asked our new friends to join with us in praising the Lord. They

seemed to enjoy the hymns and were eager to know of the Church's message that Sunday.

With a great feeling of reverence we gave each one communion, some needed water to help them, some had to be awakened, some had tears of gratitude, but joy was evident in all their faces as they raised them, looking to us, linking them to the Lord and to the Church. The true meaning of the Sacrament was renewed in our hearts, and with a deep feeling of having truly served our fellows we felt close to our Father, and somehow close to my husband's parents, who when they still lived with us here on earth could not experience services or Communion in the rest home where they lived their final hours. We thank God for the opportunity to serve, for the joy of sharing — and encourage other families to participate as service families.

One of the communicants, I discovered was the mother of a dear friend who had served as my sponsor when I received Baptism into the Catholic Church in 1947. We were reunited that day as I returned the mother to her room and found waiting there her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren.

## Novena Helps Consideration Of Possible Construction

**Addison** — At the 10:30 Mass, New Year's Day, St. Catherine of Siena Parish began a Novena of Masses to the Holy Spirit seeking guidance for an important decision in the Spring. Msgr. John F. Duffy, pastor, announced, "On this Holy Day and the next eight Sundays we will be praying to learn whether or not to build a modest one or two-room Catechetical Center on the newly acquired piece of property at 48 South St."

At present the Catechetical Program for grades kindergarten through six is conducted at the Church Hall and Rectory on Saturday mornings. If the Catechetical Center were built a release-time program could be started at the grammar school next to the new property. The children could then come one or two classes at a time throughout the week.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Msgr.

## God's Covenant

What have God and His People Agreed To? is the general title of a three-part discussion and lecture series that opens Monday night, Jan. 19, at St. Paul's Church, 783 Hard Road, Webster. William Green, assistant professor of religious studies at the University of Rochester, will be the first speaker, on "The agreement between God and His people: conceptions of covenant in the Old Testament." Green's colleague, Paul W. Walasky, will take the second session, Feb. 2, and Theodore J. Weeden, New Testament professor at St. Bernard's Seminary, the third, Feb. 16. Each meeting will begin at 8 p.m. There will be refreshments, and no admission charge.

Duffy and the eight members of the parish council unanimously voted to accept the piece of land. It was a gift of a former parishioner now residing in Buffalo. The deed, signed in Buffalo on Monday, Dec. 29, arrived at the office of the parish attorney on the last day of the year.

In addition to prayer, Msgr. Duffy called upon the people of St. Catherine's to carry out comprehensive research on the project. There will be public meetings and hearings conducted to assist the parish council in reaching a final decision.

## CYO Slates College Coach

The CYO is sponsoring a one hour basketball clinic for CYO coaches and players at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 24 at McQuaid High School. Guest speaker will be George Blaney, head basketball coach and assistant athletic director at Holy Cross College.

Last season Blaney was named New England Major College Basketball Coach of the Year. He guided his team to a 20-8 record.

He began his coaching career at Hudson (N.J.) Catholic High in 1964 and two years later became head coach and director of athletics at Stonehill College in Massachusetts. Two years later he moved on to Dartmouth and in 1971 he became head coach at Holy Cross. Blaney will talk on the value and responsibility of coaching as well as fair play and competition.

## SCOUT NEWS

**Ithaca** — Cub Scout Pack 12, sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church, announced the recent advancements awarded Dec. 15. Bobcat badges were presented to Jimmy Carroccia, Tony Herman and John Burke. Jimmy Doolittle, Pat Tudi, Joe Ferrara, Jeff Shipos, Billy Combash and Mark Dipasquale received Wolf badges. Greg Toner received the Bear badge while Don Banfield, John Benedict, John Cambrecco, Richard Hobart, Ralph Luzzi, William Ryan and Greg Toner received athlete badges.

## Marriage to Be Unit's Topic

**Washington, D.C.** [RNS] — The U.S. Catholic Conference here is establishing a 30-member national commission that will make a comprehensive study of current marriage and family life problems in the American Catholic Church and report its findings and recommendations to the bishops' conference.

Archbishop John R. Quinn of Oklahoma City has accepted the chairmanship of the National Commission on Marriage and Family Life and will be one of seven bishop-members of the commission.

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## Penance Rite To Be Explained

**Auburn** — The new rite of penance will be the topic of a presentation Monday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Aloysius on Van Anden St.

Father Robert Kennedy, director of the diocesan Department of Liturgy, will speak on the rite to be implemented after the Lenten season.

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In this 2-hour meeting, an overview of the sacrament of penance will be given. The sacrament to be revised by Vatican II, it will have a long reaching effect for the future.

A spokesman said the emphasis in the revised rite is communal in nature, with explanation given on the relationship of sin in the community.

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