



Father David Fedor rehearsing the Horseheads' St. Mary Our Mother Church choir in preparation for the celebration of the Chrism Mass.

Special Prayer for Chrism Mass

Father Timothy McCough has written a Chrism Mass prayer especially for those who will not be able to be present at the service at Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Elmira, on Tuesday, April 13, at 8 p.m.

The idea behind the prayer has been defined by Father McCough as follows: "Those unable to attend will be able to renew their commitment to ministry to service of God and of neighbor. The renewal of this commitment is a part of the Chrism service. The peoples of the various regions who would like to have the community of Christ reach into their lives may place this scroll in an appropriate place during the time of the service so that it may be recited by the ill, infirm and others unable to be present and lifted up with the prayers of those at Ss. Peter & Paul's."

He continued, "This approach accomplishes both seeing them as a person, parishioner, part of the family of God and also asks them to join us in the community of the faithful at the Chrism Mass."

The hopeful theme of "I Will Celebrate Your Love Forever" is taking form in the shape of the musical preparation for the Mass. The music coordinator is Father David Fedor of St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads. He will conduct the parish 40-member choir. Organist will be Thomas Saterlee, while the congregation director will be Paul Holland. Sister Judith Hamm will direct the folk group of Ss. Peter & Paul's. Cheryl Falck will be featured flautist, and the brass ensemble, composed of students from the Ithaca College School of Music, will round out the accompaniment.

Arrangements are being completed for broadcasts by television stations in the Chemung-Schuyler Region and the other regions of the diocese. Broadcasts are slated in the Chemung County area an hour after the service begins. A specially edited version, to include the explanation of the service, the renewal of the commitment, the homily and the blessing and distribution of the oils, will be broadcast on Holy Thursday evening in the Chemung-Schuyler region, as well as the immediate Rochester area. Exact times will be announced next week.

Father McCough suggests that the prayer be cut out of this issue of the Courier-Journal and taken to friends, relatives in hospitals, nursing homes and other places of confinement so that they will have it available to them for the evening celebration.

SPORTS NITE

Tickets for the Mother of Sorrows Men's Club's 5th Annual Sports Nite are now available from the athletic offices of all public and Catholic high schools in the Greece area. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 at Mother of Sorrows, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd. Featured event will be the presentation of the "Greece Athletes of the Year" awards.

CHRISM MASS

Father, we your people of the Rochester diocese - those of us here present, those in hospitals and nursing homes, the sick, those at home who are unable to be here in person - we renew our covenant with You this night.

As your priestly people may we continue to follow You and help to spread your Kingdom on earth. We ask this through Christ your Son.

Amen

The above prayer will be placed on the altar with the offertory gifts at the Mass of Holy Chrism. As a symbol, it represents all who cannot be present.

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'Oppy' Goes To Director Of Volunteers

Elmira — The director of Volunteer Services, Mrs. Malcolm C. MacFeiggan, of St. Joseph's Hospital was named the Bicentennial "Oppy" recipient in ceremonies at the hospital on March 19.

Mrs. MacFeiggan was cited for her "outstanding, above and beyond duties at the institution" by hospital administrator, Sister Martha Gersbach.

The "Oppy" award, presented twice a year, was initiated in 1971, and is presented to an employee who represents the symbol of service to the patient and community of St. Joseph's Hospital.

ELECTION

Penn Yan — In accordance with diocesan guidelines, St. Michael's will elect new members of the parish council on April 4.

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