



First graders from St. Casimir's School recently toured St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. Above, they learn about a spelling board used in children's speech pathology; below, left, a "pretend" broken arm is put in cast and, right, hearing is tested.

Photos by Martin Toombs



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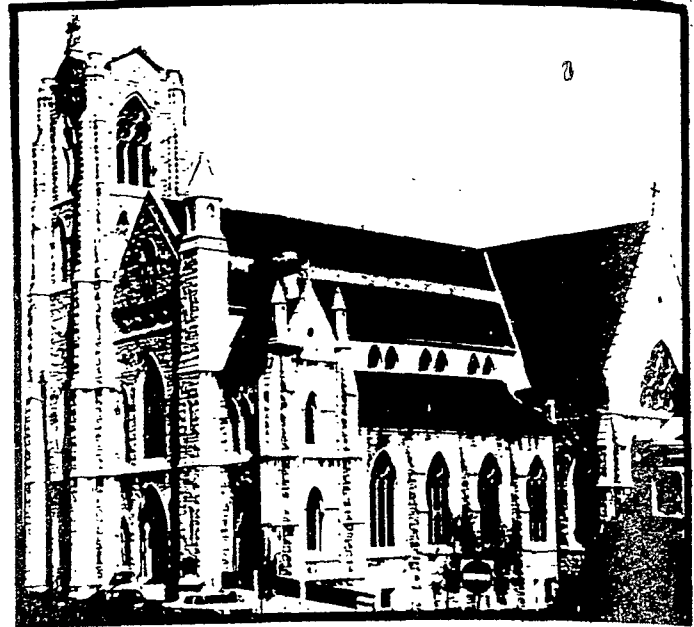
Elmira—The charter meeting for an Elmira chapter of Make Today Count was held May 9, according to Mrs. Chris Zaineddin, coordinator of the local effort.

The chapter was inspired by a former volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital, Mrs. Faye Epstein, prior to her death. It was a resolution of the auxiliary that the project be completed as a memorial to her.

Friends of Mrs. Epstein and members of the Elmira Soroptimist Club, of which she also was a member, joined efforts to organize the unit.

Make Today Count is a support group for cancer patients and their families. There are no dues or fees; those participating need only a willingness to meet the "sharing needs" of others.

A charter and other organizational matters were discussed, along with the possibility of participation in a meeting hosted by the Rochester Make Today Count chapter.



St. Mary's Church as it looks today. All surrounding buildings were torn down recently to make room for road construction.

St. Mary's, Auburn Marks Anniversary

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — "Our obligation is to proclaim Jesus Christ to the world. And, as we look at this building, this is exactly what our forefathers did," said Father James C. Enright, associate pastor at St. Mary's here, as the parish marked the 100th anniversary of its dedication on May 1.

St. Mary's was dedicated by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid on April 29, 1877.

"When we look at the hard work that went into bringing this building into being, we realize that it was truly a work of love by the sacrifice of its parishioners," he said.

Modified gothic in style, the building is of gray limestone in the form of a latin cross with nave, side aisles, transepts and apse.

At the time of the dedication, the church was unfinished as people were still feeling the effect of the financial panic of 1873. It was fifteen years before the furnishings were completed.

Parishioners gazed overhead as Father Enright pointed out the different facets of the building

design, then reminded the people that as they gathered in the church all must realize the work of building the church of Christ isn't finished.

"The work continues for each of us. It is probably easier to build a church today of stone and mortar than the task that lies before all. The Church of Christ is people and we have to proclaim his love to all of them and go into the world to do it."

"Just as it was impossible for one person to build this beautiful church structure along, it is not possible for one person today to build up the Church of Christ for it will take the work of each one of us to bring the love of Christ into our community."

He said some will bring it through nursing care, or working with the elderly, some by teaching children, some by the simple act of loving one another and sharing a smile.

The work that lies ahead is more difficult, he said. It is more time consuming than the work of building a church.

"We can only say this is finished, the work is completed, when every man is able to call every other man his brother."

Volunteers Honored By St. Joseph's

Elmira—An award for 10,000 hours of volunteer service to St. Joseph's Hospital was presented to Mrs. George Genaras at the auxiliary-volunteer recognition dinner May 11. One of 68 volunteers honored, Mrs. Genaras received a commemorative award for her achievement.

While St. Joseph's was honoring the volunteers, the auxiliary presented a check for \$10,000 to Sister Martha Gersbach, hospital administrator, for the hospital's development

fund, to be used for equipment or a project to be provided in the name of the auxiliary.

A volunteer "Redcoat," John Haben, was honored posthumously with an "Oppy" award. His wife, Elsie, was presented with the certificate, awarded by the hospital's Operation People Committee, through Sister Martha.

Elmira College, Ladies of Charity, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Mennonite Ministries, Junior League and the

Soroptimist Club were all recognized for volunteer efforts at St. Joseph's, in hours ranging from 667 to 9,000 over a period of years.

Dr. Francis X. Brady, Dean, Center for Personal and Professional Development at Elmira College, was the featured speaker. He addressed the "Dynamic Role of the Volunteer." An unusual twist was entertainment provided by the Aristocrats, courtesy of the Elmira-Corning Musicians Association, Local 314, Trust Fund.

Other awards included an award for 5,000 hours to Mrs. Mildred Stewart; 3,000 hours, Mrs. William Schiefen, and 1,000 hours, Mrs. Leona Aldrich, Mrs. Lawrence Creighton, Mrs. Theresa Glace, Rose Kaplan, Mrs. Joseph Lynch, Nan McCarthy, Mrs. Jean Milliken and Mrs. Thomas Shea. In addition, 19 were honored for 500 hours, and 38 for 100 hours of volunteer service.

Scholarships Awarded

Elmira—Ten eighth grade students have been awarded scholarships to Notre Dame High School, nine from St. Patrick's Junior High and one from St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads.

The awards are based on a competitive scholarship exam. St. Patrick's students receiving the awards are: James Baltimore, Kathy Dingleberry, Anne Mary Fringley, Elaine Harvey, Karen Knope, Margarete Leite, Susan Mehalick, Tim Olszowy and Joseph Santoro. George Coryell from St. Mary Our Mother was the tenth recipient.

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Canandaigua To Take Census

Canandaigua — Parishioners of St. Mary's will take a census during the remainder of the month, canvassing the 4,000 households within the parish boundaries. Msgr. William M. Roche, pastor, emphasized that only Catholic residents would be asked for census data.

This will be the first parish census in 12 years, the pastor said. It is to begin tomorrow and end by May 31. In charge, with him, are Miss Rose Comella, Mrs. Alexander Perrotto and Robert J. Moore. Mrs. Peter Placito is serving as secretary.

In addition to the census, there will be a survey of parishioners' opinions, their likes and dislikes, concerning various aspects of parish life. Everyone aged 18 years or more will be asked to complete the survey form anonymously. Msgr. Roche said he hoped for a free exchange of ideas, to provide guidelines for the parish council and committees in the development

of plans and policies. More than 200 volunteers are involved in this project, which is under the general

Schedule Change

Auburn—Father Edwin Wedow, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church here, announced a new Mass schedule this week. There will be two Saturday Vigil Masses at 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. and four Sunday Masses at 6, 8, 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. The new schedule will be effective May 28.

BAZAAR JUNE 18, 19

Elmira—St. Cecelia's Church, 950 Lake St., will have its annual bazaar Saturday, June 18 from 6 to 10 p.m., and Sunday, June 19 from 1 to 10 p.m. on the Church grounds. There will be games, music and on Sunday, a chicken barbecue. The "Twin Tier Polka Tiers" will entertain. Proceeds will go to help finance the property improvement plan.

direction of Norman McGowan of Statewide Counseling Service of Rochester.

SCREENING CLINIC

Elmira—A preventive health screening clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1 from 2 to 8 p.m. at St. Peter and Paul School, High St. Local health agencies will offer testing as a service to the community. The public is invited to take advantage of the opportunity to be tested for tuberculosis, colo-rectal cancer, glaucoma, high blood pressure, cholesterol, hearing disabilities, diabetes, and hearing, speech and vision for pre-schoolers. Occupational therapy exercises will be demonstrated and representatives from various other health related agencies will be present with information. There is a lab fee for the cholesterol and diabetes test; all others are free; no reservation is needed.

Fr. Burns Thanked By Chemung Board

Elmira—The Chemung County General Education Board thanked Father William Burns for his service to Elmira's Catholic schools at its regular meeting May 12.

The board also approved a bus contract for next year, and a job description for the system's custodians.

Father Burns, retiring as St. Anthony's pastor, was cited by board president Lawrence Stephens for his service to the city's Catholic schools and the board. There was an informal reception in his honor at the conclusion of the meeting.

The bus contract was awarded to T and T Bus Co. of Caton for \$7,800. The approval motion included provision for performance and inspection clauses to be added to the contract the school system has been using. Mekos Charter Bus Service, which currently holds the contract, had their \$9,000 bid rejected.

The custodians job description was approved.

and a job description for the business manager was tabled for discussion at the June board meeting. The board also gave the Ways and Means Committee the go ahead to schedule the Walkathon for the beginning of the next school year.

ALCOHOLISM SEMINAR

Elmira—Dr. Gregory Miklashuk, psychiatrist at the Elmira Psychiatric Center will speak on "Family Therapy" at an alcoholism seminar in the Doctors Meeting Room of St. Joseph's Hospital Thursday, May 19 at 12:15 p.m. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Social Work Department at St. Joseph's.

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