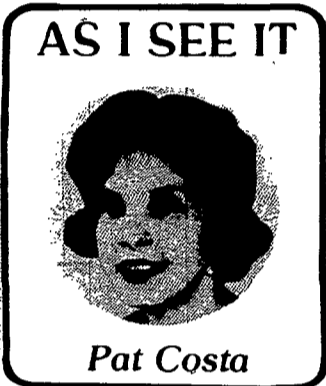




First Friday

The June First Friday Mass at the Knights of Columbus became a memorial to Thomas H. O'Connor, a former grand knight, who died May 31. Here, communicants approach Father Lawrence Gross, Bishop Kearney High School chaplain, at the last observance of the season. Masses and luncheon meetings will be resumed Sept. 2.



AS I SEE IT

Pat Costa

Having experienced just about as many awards shows as I care to I was in favor of watching Godfather II on cable TV on a recent Sunday night. The head of the house, however, thought it might be fun to watch the 31st Tony Award presentations to see if he might catch a glimpse of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carroll in the audience, the former being an old friend, former colleague and co-builder with my viewing partner of a resplendent if unorthodox fireplace at the former Carroll homestead in the wilds of the Syracuse hinterlands.

Mrs. Carroll, newly wed to Mr. Carroll, was up for a Tony. She is somewhat better known as Julie Harris.

The first hint of trouble came early in the evening when we realized the camera was not dwelling on members of the studio audience for any length of time and nominees were not being spotlighted prior to winning announcements.

Some two hours later when Miss Harris did win the best actress award for her "Belle of Amherst" it appeared that neither she nor her bridegroom was present to accept her 5th Tony.

No matter. By then we had discovered that watching the presentation was its own reward.

Could anything top a group of cavorting little girls from the hit musical "Annie" in a wildly joyous bit choreographed by Peter Gennaro?

It could and did: a wonderful shenanigan by Dorothy Loudon as the mean orphanage director Miss Hannigan in the same musical, the footwork also the inspiration or Gennaro. Miss Loudon later won a Tony for best actress in a musical and captivated all present by a haphazard, uncohesive thank you.

A wonderful rendering of "Bilbao Song" from "Happy End" managed to look fresh and marvelous even up against the likes of the "Annie" showstoppers that had preceded it.

Al Pacino took Best Actor Award and special awards went to Lily Tomlin and Barry Manilow. Stage actors and actresses who have made it big in TV situation comedy showed they could sing as well. Jean Stapleton, for example, did a fairly credible job with "Climb

Every Mountain" and Bea Arthur belted out "Don't Rain on My Parade"

Best voice of the evening, however, clearly belonged to Damon Evans as he rendered a "You'll Never Walk Alone."

It was by and large a literate evening. Even semantically inclined Jane Alexander telling us why such old-new shows as "Guys and Dolls" should be referred to as classics rather than rivals proved interesting. A far cry indeed from the inanities uttered in the name of continuity on Emmy and Oscar award shows.

Maybe not worth two hours time (when will they learn to condense these shows) but you would have enjoyed it, Mrs. Carroll.

Learn to Swim

The Catholic Youth Organization is once again sponsoring a learn to swim program designed to "drown-proof" children aged 3-15. The lessons, taught by qualified instructors, range from "basic

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