

Horseheads Parish Begins Drive For New Church

Horseheads—Parishioners of the Church of St. Mary Our Mother have been advised by their pastor, Father Bartholomew O'Brien, that the Parish Council has approved a plan for construction of a new house of worship.

The plans, which have been under consideration and study for nearly five years, call for a completely new church building with a seating capacity of 750 persons in the main body. The new building is expected to cost approximately \$750,000.

Parish liturgies at St. Mary Our Mother have been offered in the chapel in the school since 1965, when the

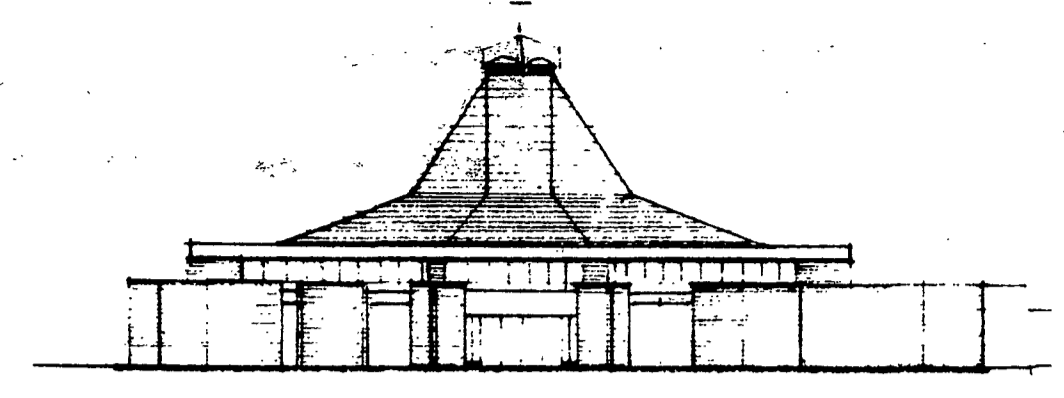
former church was closed as inadequate for parish needs.

A major feature of the new church will be a spire and cross which will house a skylight to provide lighting for the church interior. A separate chapel, which will allow for the celebration of daily Mass, private devotions and daily visits to the Blessed Sacrament will accommodate 80 persons. The chapel will be open, heated or cooled, and lighted during the week, while the main church can remain closed for security and heat conservation.

A shrine to the Blessed Virgin, the parish's patron saint, will occupy a prominent place inside the main entrance to the

church. The choir area will contain the restored pipe organ donated to the parish by Notre Dame University. The organ has been at Notre Dame for more than 100 years; it was dismantled in July by Father David Fedor, associate pastor, and several parishioners for shipment to Horseheads. The original pipes, which stood more than three stories high, will be revamped to fit with the architecture of the new church.

Three reconciliation rooms, a reconciliation lounge, an innovative liturgical shrine, and a large narthex also will be included in the new building. Father O'Brien stated that the liturgical shrine will be a



An architect's rendering of how St. Mary Our Mother's new church will look from the front. The building will be on parish grounds at Westinghouse Road and Broad Street.

seasonal shrine, allowing for the celebration of various feast days and holy seasons. The Christmas Creche, for example, will be featured during the Christmas season, with appropriate changes to reflect the Easter celebration, and special

feasts of the saints.

Groundbreaking for the new church is expected to be in the Spring of 1978.

An appeal to raise as much of the \$750,000 as possible is being conducted during September, with

Sunday visitations of all parishioners scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2. More than 300 volunteers are being organized for the drive under the direction of co-chairpersons Mrs. Eileen Gilbert, John Gough, and James Kildea, Sr.



Anointing Mass

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty was principal celebrant and homilist at a Mass of Anointing of the Sick Sunday, Sept. 18 at Immaculate Conception, Ithaca. More than 100 were anointed, ranging in age from 10 to 90.



Sister Frances Maneri, S.S.J., discusses tutoring aids with volunteers at the Sept 9 session.

School Stresses Reading Skills

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn—The latest volunteer project at St. Mary's School is helping children learn to read and write.

Sixteen volunteers recently completed a program designed to help them in this project. The program was conducted by Sister Frances Maneri, SSJ, diocesan reading consultant.

Sister Frances outlined the elements in developing reading and writing skills in children. She pointed out that skill building requires confidence and encouragement as well as techniques to develop visual perception, motor tasks, spatial differentials and the ability to perceive relationships. Hearing as well as coordination of manual and visual skills are necessary, she said.

Sister Frances said volunteers will find themselves reinforcing what the classroom teacher is presenting while working with the individual child at his or her own level.

She predicted that volunteers will soon be adding their own creative ideas to the instructions from teachers.

Volunteerism with children is contagious, she said.

Sister Judith Whalen, St. Mary's principal, said that behind the volunteer program is the mother role of caring. It is, she said, in keeping with the basic assumption of the uniqueness of each child.

Volunteers will begin their work this month following evaluation of student needs.

Walkathon Set For Oct. 15

Elmira—A poster contest is under way in the elementary schools of Chemung County, to publicize the upcoming Walkathon, scheduled Saturday, Oct. 15.

The posters will then be displayed in local business establishments, to advertise the fund-raising event.

Last year, more than 300 walkers raised more than \$5,400 for Catholic education in Chemung County. The program involves students from all the county's Catholic schools. Funds raised by St. Mary Our Mother students and Notre Dame students benefit those schools; money raised by the Chemung Catholic School System's students is placed in a special fund, to support special projects and scholarships.

Walkers will leave St. Patrick's Junior High at 1:30 p.m., and walk to Notre Dame. At Notre Dame, awards will be presented, and refreshments will be available.

Sponsor tickets, being sold by the students, are \$1 each.

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Knights Host Vocations Night

Bath—Knights of Columbus, Precious Blood Council is sponsoring its "Clergy-Vocations Night" Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the principal speaker. Also speaking will be Judge Domenick L. Gabrielli, for the Precious Blood Council, and William Van Tassel, Knights of Columbus state deputy.

"The affair is our way of saying 'thank you' to the wonderful priests and sisters serving in and from our area and to assist in promoting an atmosphere for the starting of new vocations," Donald von Hagn, chairman, explained.

Von Hagn noted that the program was begun last year because "it appeared that as members of the Knights of Columbus, we were not really accomplishing anything of significance in the area of vocations."

In addition to the evening's focus on the need for vocations, proceeds from the event will be donated to the diocese to aid in vocations work.

CARD PARTY NOV. 10

Elmira—Notre Dame High School's Parents Association is planning a dessert-card party and fashion show for Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Fashions will be supplied by Rosenbaum's. There will be gifts for those attending to add to the evening's festivities. Progressive euchre will be available, or the game of your choice.



Several thousand attended the outdoor Mass

Mt. Saviour Festival Draws Thousands

Big Flats—Thousands of persons from throughout the Southern Tier journeyed to the secluded Mount Saviour Monastery to participate in the monastery's annual festival, Sept. 18.

Each year the festival marks the anniversary of the dedication of the Queen of Peace chapel at the monastery. It is a major fund raising event for the monastery, but a brother emphasized to those attending the opening liturgy that their support in attending the festival and celebrating with the brothers was more important than the financial aspect. The day's events, threatened with rain, would still be that celebration, the brother said, and if God sent rain, then it would be a celebration in the rain.

The weather forced the cancellation of the hay rides, and the tractor was used to pull cars from the mud. But other events went as planned, with many visitors coming and going during the day.

For the first time, the brothers' living quarters were open to visitors. Brothers also staffed a booth to answer questions

concerning their life, and pass out information about the monastery.

The community of 23 brothers, who observe the Rule of St. Benedict, is headed by Father Martin Boler, Prior.

A GIFT OF BELLS

Port Byron—The bells of St. John's have begun to ring the Angelus, to call the people to Mass and to play hymns at intervals, all automatically, according to Father Bernard Kuchman, pastor. He said the Schulmerick Magna system was an anonymous gift.

MAKE TODAY COUNT

Newark—The Wayne County Chapter of Make Today Count has called a meeting for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 103 Williams St. The Rev. J. Edward Putnam will be host. The program will include group discussions.

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