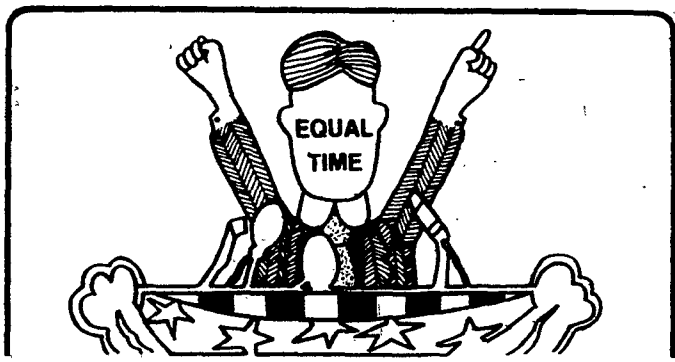


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What does Thanksgiving mean to you?

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**Maureen McGonigle, junior**

... "It is a time to be with your family and thank God for what we have because there are many people that aren't that fortunate. It is partly losing its traditional significance like Christmas. It is becoming commercialized. People aren't concerned with its true meaning. What I have most to be thankful for is my family and friends."



**Margaret Crowley, freshman, chorus**

... "It's when you thank God for the things you have and realizing things could be worse. Thanksgiving is losing its traditional sentiment but families still gather together to give thanks. I give thanks for all the people around me. Our country can be thankful for the fact that the economy is stabilized a little."



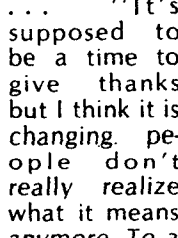
**Angie Peguero, freshman, chorus**

... "It means a special day in which to be with the family and thanking God for what we've had all year. I think people still respond to the holiday in the traditional manner but a bit more commercialism has crept in. I'm thankful for being at a school where people really care."



**Valarie Hill, junior, Fall play**

... "It's supposed to be a time to give thanks but I think it is changing. People don't really realize what it means anymore. To a lot of people it is just a vacation from school or work. This attitude has evolved from all the changes in society; traditional things have lost their meaning. I'm thankful for everything my parents have done for me. Our country has more freedom than most and should use it in the right way and be thankful for it."



**Diane Boyle, senior, ski club vice-president**

... "It represents the coming of the Pilgrims and the starting of our country. It is a time to give thanks to God. I think it is the one holiday that is retaining its traditional value. The one important thing I have to be thankful for is that I've come this far in life and that I've been able to achieve so much."



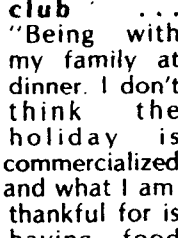
**Regina Morano, sophomore**

... "The holiday means giving thanks for what we have, to overlook what we don't have. Thanksgiving is a more family oriented day and since it is a Christian holiday we should be thankful we have the freedom to be Christians."



**Barb LaGattuta, junior, ski club**

... "Being with my family at dinner. I don't think the holiday is commercialized and what I am thankful for is having food and a place to live. Our country can be thankful for the fact that it is still free."



## Nut Factory At DeSales

On Dec. 1-2, the senior class of DeSales High School will present The Nut Factory by J. Christopher which is a modern comedy dealing with many of the issues that concern today's young adults.

The production is being directed by Miss Katherine Rourke, English instructor with John Englert, head of the music department, assisting. Sister Janet Connerton is handling the set building tasks. Stage crew includes seniors Mike Myers, Mike Thorton along with stage managers Mary Morgon and Mary Lou Anastasi. Costumes have been rented from the Art Center at Nazareth College.

Proceeds will go toward future productions.

## Nazareth Honors

Nazareth Academy's publication staffs were awarded honors at the Empire State School Press Association convention in Syracuse. The school newspaper the Gabriel received an All New York State Rating and won second place in the Best Newspaper in the State competition. The staff was cited for its creative coverage of feature articles.

The Academy's literary magazine, Spectrum, was awarded a first place rating in the magazine division. Two students won recognition — Eileen Connolly, second place for poetry and Kathleen Moynihan, honorable mention for a short story.

## Winner!

Anthony Marchese, a senior at Bishop Kearney, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Oct. 9.

## Piano Auditions

The Rochester Charter of the National Guild of Piano Teachers has announced the 1978 audition dates and requirements for the Howard Hanson Certificate of Merit which is awarded to qualifying high school senior pianists. Auditions will be held the evenings of Feb. 14 and 16 at the Nazareth College Arts Center.

Requirements include: applicant must be a high school senior at the time of auditions and recommended by his teacher or high school music supervisor; applicant must perform for a panel of judges, three memorized solos, one from each of the following periods — Baroque-Classical — Romantic Impressionistic — Contemporary, music must be originally written for piano solo; applications for auditioning must be postmarked not later than Dec. 1; programs should be indicated on the application blanks and programs may be changed anytime up to Jan. 15 by calling the chairman for approval.

Award winners will be presented in a special recital on Sunday afternoon, March 19 at the Nazareth College Arts Center.



Scanning the New York Times theater listings are Barb Lyons, Chris Ellsworth, Jane Agliata and Sister Yvonne Nadeau.

## They're Off to New York

On Dec. 8, Sister Yvonne Nadeau, Bishop Kearney Math teacher, will be doing one of the things she likes best — escorting high school students on a trip and this time to New York City.

"I like to travel," she said, "there's so much to learn

## Candy Success

According to sources over at St. Agnes, the school's candy drive was a success which resulted in \$7000. Highest salesperson award went to senior Colleen Briocly whose biggest reward was the satisfaction and pleasure she received from donating her prize, a television, to a friend in need.

Cindy Garver, junior, took second place with over \$300 worth of candy sold. Final class standings were: sophs in first, freshmen second, seniors came in third and juniors in fourth.

The hard work paid off — Wednesday, Nov. 23 was declared a candy sales holiday.

## Honors Sweep

It was an award winning venture for Our Lady of Mercy High School at the Empire State School Press Association conference, Oct. 28. All three of the school's publications (The Quill, Veritas, and Mercedes) received an All New York rating.

Other honors taken were second place for best prose in a magazine, third place for best poem in a magazine, honorable mention for best theme and organization in a yearbook as well as honorable mention for best yearbook.

## English Award

St. Agnes student, Janet Mueller, has been named winner of the National Council of Teachers English Award. This recognition will place her name on special recommended lists of all colleges. The St. Agnes English Department also received honors.

Janet is art editor of the school's Intercom newsletter.

and I enjoy being with the young people when they're learning new things"

And there certainly will be much to learn and experience during their weekend in the Big Apple. The travelers itinerary includes a bus tour, walking tours, shopping sprees the Radio City Music Hall Show, lunches, dinners, a visit to the Statue of Liberty and Broadway shows. During recent weeks they've been perusing the New York Times leisure section and have been contacting theatrical agencies for tickets to such performances as The King and I, Grease and The Wiz. They circled Oh! Calcutta as one of their choices but it didn't get by Sister's sharp eyes so there will be no tickets for that show forthcoming!

So far there are 86 students signed up for the

trip along with eight chaperones including Father Lawrence Gross, chaplain

Guiding students on trips is nothing new for Sister Yvonne. She has conducted tours to Montreal, Toronto, Boston, Washington D. C., and a 38 day marathon to Europe.

## Godspell To Play

Godspell will be presented by Aquinas Institute's Performing Arts Club, Dec. 2-3, 8 p.m. The play is being directed by Father Leonard Cullen and Edward Heidt with actresses from area high schools joining the Aquinas cast. Choreography is by Marilyn Caccamise, director of the Marilyn Schneider Dance School. To reserve tickets call school office, 254-2020.

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