



Scouting Award Winners

Twenty-three area Boy Scouts received the Ad Altare Dei award Feb. 19 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Pictured above (from left) are: front row Frank Menz, Gerald Weber, Thomas Adams, and Anthony Bonanno. Center row Mark Reeder, Joseph Petrella, Daniel Morgan, Bruce Darling, Richard Dudeck, Michael O'Leary, and Robert Barowski. Back row Jerry Juszkiewicz, Rich Hanss, Pat Lyons, Jim Johnson, Tim Collins, Charles Zlotkus and Dariusz Juszkiewicz. Award winners not shown are Michael Cunningham, Chris Owens, Peter Raynol, Fred Shimp and Allen Warton.

Athlete of Year Chosen in May

Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, in conjunction with the Mother of Sorrows Men's Club will sponsor the Greece Athlete of the Year Program, Thursday, May 11 at Mother of Sorrows Hall.

finalists receive trophies.

This year's judges will consist of athletic directors and coordinators of women's athletics at the various schools involved. They include all Greece

schools as well as Aquinas, Cardinal Mooney, Hilton Central, Spencerport, Nazareth. The judges will select five male and five female finalists from 64 nominees for the award.

Scholarship grants from Manufacturers Hanover have been increased from \$750 to \$1000 for both the male and female athlete of the year.

"The reason for this increase," said Frank Opaczewski, vice president and program chairman, "is due not only to high increasing costs of today's education, but also because of the total over-whelming success of the program and response of Greece residents."

In addition to these scholarships received by the winners, all nominees receive certificates and all

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WORD FOR SUNDAY featuring a portrait of Fr. Albert Shamon.

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Jn. 11:1-45. (R1) Ex. 37:12-14. (R2) Rom. 8:8-16.

The central ideas of the past two Sundays can be encapsulated in single words: water (3rd Sunday) and light (4th Sunday). Next Sunday's readings focus on life. All are baptismal themes: the light of the Holy Spirit and the life of grace are given through the waters of baptism.

Dr. Raymond A. Moody Jr., a Christian philosopher and psychiatric resident at the University of Virginia Hospital, began about seven years ago his study of people who had come back from the threshold of death. His fascinating account of what he learned reassures believers of life after death. His findings are written in a book, Life after Life, and its sequel, Reflections on Life after Life.

I've often wondered what happened to Lazarus in the twilight zone in between apparent death and his resurrection by Jesus. Moody's books offer a plausible insight.

Dr. Moody collected about 150 experiences from people who had been pronounced clinically dead. From these cases he adduced that the following elements were present in the order in which it is typical for them to occur.

A dying man hears himself pronounced dead by his doctor. He begins to hear uncomfortable noise, a loud ringing or buzzing, and at the same time he feels himself moving rapidly through a long dark tunnel.

After this he feels himself outside his own body but still in its immediate vicinity. He sees his own body as though he were a spectator, watching in a state of emotional upheaval all the goings-on when death occurs.

After awhile he collects himself and more accustomed to his odd condition, he notices he still has a body, but one with very

different powers from the one he has left behind.

Soon other things begin to happen. Deceased relatives and friends come to meet him and help.

Then a loving, warm spirit appears: a being of light, a personal being, from whom love and warmth emanate to the dying person. Christians in belief or training identify this being of light as Christ.

This being non-verbally asks him to evaluate his life and helps him by instant replays.

At some point the "dead" man finds himself approaching a border, apparently the limit between this life and the next. But he finds he must go back to earth, that the time for his death has not yet come. He resists, for he is so taken up with the experience beyond life that he does not want to return. Intense feelings of love, joy and peace have overwhelmed him. Despite this, he somehow reunites with his physical body. Some testified they were allowed to live by God either in response to their own request or because others had prayed or because God had some mission for them to fulfill.

The experience left them with new goals, new moral principles and renewed determination to live in accordance with them.

Could Lazarus have experienced something like this? And Jairus's daughter? And the widow of Naim's son? Perhaps.

One thing common to all these experiences is that life did not end with clinical death.

Werner Von Braun, the genius behind the flights to the moon, confessed: "Everything science has taught me strengthens my belief in the continuity of our spiritual existence after death."

FOR ST. JOSEPH

A St. Joseph's Table, laden with home-made bread and pastries, will grace the Italian Women's Civic Club March meeting. In the Italian tradition, the table signifies thanks to the patron saint of working people. St. Joseph's day is Sunday, March 19. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Madeline Pezzulo, Vi Avalon and Josephine LaRocca have charge.



- List of Charismatic Gatherings locations: St. Joseph's Church, Pine City, Pittsford, Rochester, Bath, Caledonia, Canandaigua, Corning, St. Mary's House of Prayer, Elmira, Geneseo, St. Michael's Prayer Group, Geneva, Greece, Hamlin, Henrietta, Horseheads, Lima, St. Rose's Church, Mt. Morris, Newark, Ontario, Penfield.

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LENT RECOLLECTION

Father Louis Vasile will speak on "The Role of the Woman in the Church Today," at a special Lenten day of recollection for the women of St. Thomas More Parish, at the Cenacle, on Wednesday, March 15. The day opens at 9:30 a.m. and closes with Mass at 2:30 p.m. Babysitting services and transportation are available. Reservations and further information are available by calling Marie Vasile, 473-1675; Dorothy Brock, 288-2866; Marjanne LaIuppa, 381-9663.