



"Godspell"

Photo by Martin Toombs

Celebrate Life's production of "Godspell," during a performance at St. Margaret Mary's, Apalachin, with Christ, played by Ray Defendorf, the group's director, singing to the disciples. The musical will be presented tonight, Wednesday, March 22, at the Samuel Clemens Performing Arts Center, Elmira, at 8 p.m., by the St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, based group.

C-S Assembly Takes Stand Opposing Death Penalty

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Watkins Glen—The Chemung-Schuylers Assembly approved a resolution expressing opposition to the death penalty, elected a representative to the Diocesan Pastoral Council, and voted approval of two regional projects at its meeting here March 12.

The resolution on capital punishment, introduced by Father Neil Miller, Human Development Committee chairman, called for support for Bishop Hogan, the U.S. Catholic Conference and the country's bishops in their opposition to the death penalty, and called upon assembly members to make others, including state legislators, aware of their opposition.

Father Miller showed a filmstrip on capital punishment, and described Church statements criticizing use of the death penalty, pointing out that death penalty legislation currently is under discussion by the state legislature. The resolution was approved 18 to 5, with 5 abstentions after

an opportunity for discussion failed to draw any speakers.

Sister Susan Dunford questioned what was going to result from the approval, and offered a motion that a statement be released to the press noting the stand. The motion was approved 21 to 1, with 3 abstentions.

Ronald Joseph of St. Patrick's, Elmira, was elected to the Diocesan Pastoral Council, defeating two other candidates. He will replace Andrew Molloy on the council; his two year term will begin in June.

The assembly also approved the formation of a committee by Judge John Frawley to work on family enrichment in the region. Frawley proposed that a committee be formed with representation from each parish, and that the committee plan and offer evenings for parents and examine other programs to strengthen the family.

Continued work by the region's Religious Education Committee on educational

programs for retarded children also was approved by the assembly.

Father Joseph Gaynor, regional coordinator, told the assembly that the diocesan religious education office is initiating a program involving field representatives for religious education. The representatives are to be selected from those already working in religious education in each region, he said, and they will be paid \$500 per year. Father Gaynor noted that he personally feels that the program "will be a great help to religious education in our area."

The assembly also was notified that Nick and Beryl Iven, of St. Benedict's, Odessa, were beginning a program in Natural Family Planning, through the cooperation of St. Joseph's Hospital. Sister Dorothy Mulcahy, of St. Joseph's, said that the hospital will be providing office and classroom space for the project. She also noted that the Ivens are the only qualified Natural Family Planning teaching couple in the area.

Poison Prevention Week Observed March 19-25

Elmira—March 19 through 25 is National Poison Prevention Week, according to Lester Goldschmidt, director of St. Joseph's Hospital's Poison Control Center, and chairman of the 17th annual observance.

Goldschmidt noted that more than 100,000 children under five-years-of-age accidentally swallow poisonous household substances each year as the result of adult carelessness in storing and handling.

"Spring cleaning time is an ideal time to clean out cabinets and closets where such potentially poisonous substances as medicines, cleaners, solvents and pesticides are stored," Goldschmidt pointed out. "These products should be destroyed if no longer useful and, if retained, they should be securely sealed and, wherever possible, locked up."

While new safety packaging is significantly reducing the number of accidental poisonings, Goldschmidt cautioned that

it is essential that adults properly secure all packages after use and not transfer contents from one container to another.

Goldschmidt urged each household with young children to keep at least one ounce of Syrup of Ipecac in the home. He explained that the syrup, which should be administered only after calling a physician, is used to induce vomiting in certain poisoning cases.

Other good household rules he suggests for avoiding accidental poisonings among children are:

- Store internal medicines separately from other household products.
- Never refer to medicines as candy.
- When household substances are in use, never let them out of an adult's sight.
- Keep poisonous substances in their original containers with labels attached; never transfer them to cups or soft drink bottles.
- Never take or give a medicine in the dark.

Twenty-four hour poison information can be obtained from St. Joseph's Poison Control Center, 734-2662.

St. Mary's, Bath, Restores Grade 5

Bath—St. Mary's Parish Council has approved the addition of a fifth grade in September 1978, and a sixth grade in September 1979 to St. Mary's Academy.

The decision was reached after consultation by St. Mary's Academy School Board, Parish Council, and Home School Association and after comments by parishioners.

At the December school board meeting, "it was unanimously decided to progress along with the plans for a fifth grade; with the intent of a sixth grade following the next year, and adding a new full time teacher this coming year."

In January a meeting of the Home School Association resulted in a resolution to the same effect.

The Home School Association also voted to increase tuition to \$200 from \$150.

At the January parish council meeting, it was decided to have the finance committee study the issue. After their favorable recommendation, a request for parish response was made. The reaction was supportive of the addition of grade offerings, and parish council approval followed in March.

Meanwhile, the school board has done background work on an extensive publicity campaign. Brochures will be mailed to every parishioner as part of an active recruitment campaign to broaden the base of all the grades. It is felt that now that St. Mary's will be accommodating nursery through sixth grades, with all the children in the community transferring to the junior high together, there will be an increase in registration.

While applications are being accepted from lay teachers, it was a strong feeling on the part of the parish that an effort be made to fill the position with a sister. St. Mary's staff

includes a non-teaching administrator, Sister Mary Agnes Zimmer, and four full time teachers, one sister and three lay. In addition, the school has part time music and gym teachers.

Nursery and kindergarten sessions are half day, morning and afternoon, respectively. Grades one and two will be self-

contained, with grades three through five departmentalized. Small class size allows teachers to give attention to students' individual differences. Having two more teachers for the new grades will enhance the departmental system so the children in each grade will have several different teachers daily for specific subjects.

St. Mary's Academy welcomes any child, from inside or outside the parish, whether Catholic or not, whose parents wish him or her to have a quality education in the Christian tradition. Registrations are welcome any time; formal registration will be the week of March 27-31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Living Stations

Members of St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin, Youth Group, performing the Living Stations. The production, with commentaries and prayers, of the Stations of the Cross, will be performed Good Friday at 7 p.m. in St. Margaret Mary's Church. The performance is being offered by the parish's 75-member youth group, under the direction of Ronald and Beverly Jones.

St. James Adds Kindergarten

Waverly—St. James School has announced that a kindergarten class will be added for the 1978-79 school year.

The school presently offers grades one through

six. The kindergarten class will be conducted from 8:30 to 11 a.m., the same as the public school. Bus transportation will be available for all students who live

one-and-a-half miles from school. A fee of \$25 for St. James parishioners, and \$75 for non-parishioners will be in effect for the year.

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Nursing School Earns Registration

Hornell—St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing has received notification from the state Education Department that it has been reregistered for five years, it was announced by Loretta Haefele, school director.

The registration is the result of an on-site survey by Education Department officials in January.

In the letter notifying the school of the decision, Frank Abbott, Assistant Commissioner for the Professions, stated "I am pleased to inform you that this department has reregistered the program in

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