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# Our Lady of Lourdes Getting Stained Glass

Elmira—A two-year-old project leading to the installation of stained-glass windows in Our Lady of Lourdes Church took another step toward completion recently, as several windows

were installed on the western side of the nave.

The church, built in 1940, has had a few stained-glass windows installed previously. James O'Hara, who is doing

the new windows, said that he installed the three in the choir loft in the mid-50s.

Until the current project, the windows in the church's nave were translucent glass.

Father Gerald O'Connor, Our Lady of Lourdes associate, noted that the new windows will increase the amount of light in the church, as the area around the figures will allow more light to enter than the translucent glass had. The figures, in dark, rich, colors, he noted, will add additional beauty to the church.

The windows around the nave will depict the Life of the Blessed Mother, he said. The four windows in the sanctuary will show four apparitions of Mary: Lourdes, Guadalupe, Fatima and the Miraculous Medal. Windows in the entrance ways will show the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The 30 windows are each being sponsored by a parishioner or parishioner family. In keeping with the practice of the church's builders, Father O'Connor explained, no memorials will be put on the windows. The donors will be indicated when the windows are dedicated, he said; ceremonies are planned for sometime after the work is complete.

The project began in the



Spitale adjusts the exterior glazing.



Silhouetted against the windows they are installing at Our Lady of Lourdes are Mike Aber, left, and David Spitale.

summer of 1976, Father O'Connor said, while Father Francis Davis was pastor, at the urging of Joseph Marino, a parishioner.

Bids were taken, he said, and the job was given to Pike Stained Glass of Rochester. The windows are designed by James O'Hara.

## County-Wide Effort Underway To Aid Families at Christmas

By MARTIN TOOMBS  
 Southern Tier Editor

Elmira—More than 200 needy families will be receiving Christmas baskets through the efforts of the Catholic parishes and schools in Chemung County this year.

This marks the second year for the cooperative, county-wide Christmas basket program, said Father Neil Miller, Office of Human Development staff member in the Southern Tier.

The parish Human Development Committees are cooperating on the project, with each parish taking responsibility for several families. In addition, Notre Dame High School, St. Patrick's Junior High, and St. Casimir's School are sponsoring families.

The county's other Catholic schools, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Mary's, and St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, are participating in the respective parish efforts, he added.

The Christmas basket project has been "a real plus for regionalism," Father Miller said, noting that the program worked well last year, and is proceeding well again this year.



The Chemung County families that need Christmas baskets that aren't being taken care of by a parish or school are going to be handled by this operation in the Notre Dame High School Convent. With the assistance of Notre Dame students and several others, Sister Caramella is organizing the food and presents for more than 60 families. Three students helping out recently were, from left, Diane Conwell, Terry Brophy and Mary Ellen D'Aloisio.

Some funds necessary for the project are made available through the Courier-Journal Christmas Appeal, he noted.

In addition to the parish and school effort, Sister Caramella, a teacher at Notre Dame, is organizing a regional effort to take care of those families who

come to the attention of the region after the names have been distributed. At present, Notre Dame Convent will help more than 60 families in the area.

Notre Dame itself also is participating, with each homeroom taking care of one or two families.

Parish efforts have included supplying information such as sizes and ages so that parishioners can donate clothing or toys; collections of food, and monetary donations to pay for food such as meat.

To avoid duplication, Father Miller noted, the region's list is checked against those of the Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America, and of the Artie League, a Chemung County organization which annually collects more than \$25,000 for toys for children who otherwise would not have any.

The Christmas program also has had year-round effects, Father Miller reported. During the past two summers, Sister Caramella and two other volunteers have contacted the more than 200 families, and have aided some through the region's supply of used clothing. The list is updated regularly, he noted, as families no longer need assistance, and as other families need to be aided.

### Tree Sale

The Geneva DeSales Christmas trees sale is in progress at the Town and Country Plaza. Purchases may be made daily from noon 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

## "Celebrate Life" Releases Album

Horseheads—Celebrate Life, the young people's singing group from St. Mary Our Mother Church, has recorded a new album of contemporary religious music.

The stereo album, which

### St. Ann's Installs Ministers

Hornell—St. Ann's Parish installed 47 eucharistic ministers Sunday, Dec. 10, to minister to the sick of the parish.

Each minister will take Communion each Sunday to one of the parish's more than 50 confined persons. It was noted that the volunteers will supplement, not replace, the regular calls made by parish staff.

The volunteers attended a training session before their installation. The program's participants are those who expressed interest in eucharistic ministry in St. Ann's Stewardship Drive.

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will be available from group members and at various religious, music, record and department stores. It features the original music of Ray Defendorf, the group's director, and songs from the group's annual production of "Godspell."

The album, which is titled, "The Colors of Your Love," also includes "Be Not Afraid," and "I am the Bread of Life."

The "Prelude" and "Finale" is the musical setting of the poem "It's Time to Turn Love Around," written by Celebrate Life member Gerry Clark before his death in 1977. The album is dedicated to Clark.

In its 10-year history, Celebrate Life has performed for more than 700 audiences through New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Connecticut. The group has recorded four other albums and has published a songbook of its original music.

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