

# On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

## South of the Canal; Notes To a Friend

To Father William Hickey, Auburn:

In my travels many people ask for you. Here is a bit of rundown on the diocese "south of the Barge Canal." Father Dick O'Connell invited me to take care of St. Peter and Fr. Cuddy Paul, Elmira, from Saturday, Feb. 17, to the following Friday. Elmira, Auburn, Corning, Geneva and Hornell are congenially similar in their ecclesial spirit, so I was glad to go. Come Saturday, Millie, the long-time secretary, and Hornellian Pastoral Assistant Sister Joanne Cullen welcomed me. Jessie, the new cook, prepared supper. The scholarly priest-in-residence, Father William Burns, gave me a cheerful orientation. It was a week of sub-zero weather.

The 8 a.m. Sunday Mass was a special for the

Ancient Order of Hibernian ladies. Despite 24 degrees below zero, 51 Hibernians were on deck for Mass, with Irish melodies floating through the Church. Afterward, the AOH president, Gail Sweeney, led the ladies to the Holiday Inn where a Corning radio commentator, Justin X, gave a fine talk on Ireland. He bought a home in Connemara 13 years ago, and spends some time there each year.

Father Ed Foy came up from Waverly for lunch Monday; and I went across the street to St. Joseph's Hospital for supper with Carmelite Father Tim McGough and the Sisters. It was good to meet old friends. Tuesday afternoon, off to Hornell to do three radio programs for our Legion of Mary "Magnify the Lord" program, which is broadcast over nine stations, including Auburn; and stayed over night at St. Ann's, a home away from home. Father Dick Tormey, latest addition to our staff, and Kevin Doran, the director, and I met at the Ponce to discuss developments for the radio program. En route back, I stopped at St.

Mary's, Corning, for an hour with Father Thomas Brennan. He is retired, in splendid health, active and vitally interested in all that pertains to the Church.

The Sisters at the Dominican Monastery of the Rosary in Elmira used to have Msgr. Leo Schwab for daily Mass, but no longer. They depend on help from local clergy. Mother Agnes Daily phoned Tuesday asking if I would come Thursday for the 7:30 morning Mass. There are 16 Dominican nuns who assisted at Mass with edifying devotion, and who sang well.

About 3 p.m. I phoned Mary M. Smith at the Elmira Star-Gazette. She, with Marguerite Backes and the Corning twins, Margaret and Mary Crane, has charge of the Southern Tier Women's Retreat League. Last year I gave their retreat at the Villa of Our Lady at Mt. Pocono, Pa., which turned out unusually fruitful. They have invited me again this year. The date is May 18-20 at the same beautiful spot.

Friday, just before noontime Mass, Mrs. Mary Amisano of the Pepsi Cola distributing family came to the rectory to find out about more Sheen tapes. She has the Gary ones, so I promised to send the Washington tapes, and Father Basset's.



Photo by Susan McKinney

Father James Marvin, pastor, goes over parish plans with, from left, Sister Mary Louise Heffernan, Sister Ann Collins, Robert Smyth and Father Thomas Mull.

## Father Curran to Speak At St. Ambrose Parish

Father Charles Curran of Catholic University will be the leadoff speaker of the highlight week of the special Lenten evangelization program, Operation Homecoming, at St. Ambrose Church on Empire Boulevard in Rochester.

Father Curran's topic will be "Morality - Our Response to the Gospel" at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 12.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, diocesan apostolic administrator, will be the other featured speaker of the week's program. He will speak at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, on "The Church as Community and Servant."

Other speakers, all at 7:30 p.m., will be Patrick Fox, Religious Education coordinator at St. Louis Church in Pittsford, on "Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics, What Does the Church Teach?"; Tuesday, March 13; Robert Smyth, Religious Education coordinator at St. Ambrose, on "The Church Left Me, I Didn't Leave the Church," Thursday, March 15, and

Father Gerald Appelby, chaplain at Rochester Institute of Technology, on Evangelization on Friday, March 16.

According to a parish spokesman, the topics were chosen as helpful to those who feel "alienated and unchurched."

All the lectures are open to the public.

### THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER "Helping Children Deal with Death"

By Ed Sulewski

Children recover much more quickly from the death of a loved one if they are allowed to go through the natural process of grieving, just as adults do. The subject of death should not be avoided with a young person - it will only magnify their fears and lack of understanding. We see many children come to our funeral home with their parents. The most important observation we have made is, that given an atmosphere of free expression and honest answers to their questions, most children form an acceptable understanding of death - and are quickly on their way toward dealing with the loss. We do suggest that you allow the child to be very much a part of the family at the time of a death. All too often, children are unintentionally overlooked at this time - but they, too, need the sense of belonging and security the circle of friends and family provides. For more information on explaining death to children, please contact a member of our staff.

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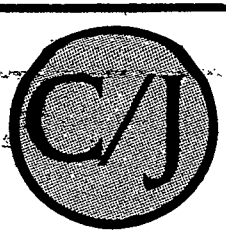


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### Calendar

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY SMORGASBORD**— Traditional offering of parishes in the Bloomfields comes early: Sunday, March 11, noon to 4 p.m., St. Bridget's, East Bloomfield; \$4 adults; \$2.50 children, free for preschoolers.

**JUNIOR MATINEE**— At Memorial Art Gallery 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11: Penrose Irish dancers, Hochstein children's choir, short films. Free under gallery admission fee.

**FRIENDS INC.**— St. Charles singles club, 18-35, "get acquainted" party at PK's Italian Kitchen, 2822 W. Ridge, in Ridgemont Plaza, 8 p.m. Friday, March 9. Details: 458-0436.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**— St. John's-Blessed Sacrament Consolidated School, at either building today and tomorrow, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.; tonight at Blessed Sacrament, tomorrow night at St. John's, 7-9 p.m.

**CENACLE PROGRAMS**— Tomorrow, 9:30-noon, Mass, discussion, with Father William Graf. Mothers' Group March 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Participants bringing children should give three days' notice.) Day of Renewal March 14, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. led by Father Edward Palumbos. Reser-

vations for all at the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., 271-8755.

**ANTIQUES, APPRAISAL AND CONSIGNMENT SALE**— Sunday, March 11, 1-6 p.m. at Holy Cross, 4488 Lake. Information: 663-0423. Sponsored by Dr. Petry Group, Park Ridge Hospital Auxiliary.

**DISCO DANCE CLASS**— Mondays, 6-7 p.m., YWCA, 175 N. Clinton; Marge Hopkins instructing. Information, 546-5820.

**ARTS, CRAFTS**— From 80 local people, hundreds of items on display at Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom, Saturday, March 10, 10-5.

**SENIOR CITIZENS' MATINEE**— My Side of the Mountain, 1:30 p.m.

tomorrow, Dryden Theatre, Eastman House. **MUSIC AT NOON-TIME**— Lynn Richmond, cello, and Lolita Mayadas, piano, 12:15 p.m. today, Hochstein School, 50 N. Plymouth.

**CLASSIC FILM SERIES**— Things to Come (1936), 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow, Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum and Science Center.

**HANDBELL FESTIVAL**— Six area bell choirs at Asbury Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave., 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

**INTO THE MOUTHS OF BABIES**— CBS documentary on infant formula in Third World countries, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, Blessed Sacrament School, 546 Oxford.

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