



This architect's rendering shows how the narrow, old church will be expanded.

## Church of the Assumption Begins Expansion Drive

Parishioners of the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport's nearly century-old building on High Street, will shortly begin work on expanding both its facilities for the community and on enlarging the space for its worshippers.

The parish is now in the midst of a major campaign to raise funds for parish plant expansion.

The project is actually the result of several years of work. James Bryant, parish spokesperson, said in an interview last week. He said that the program hopes to "meet the needs of a growing community and to provide enlarged worship facilities for the more than 2,000 Catholic families within the 113-year-old parish."

He said that the present church will be enlarged on both sides of the nave, to increase the seating to 600, doubling the present capacity. A lobby-gathering area will connect the rectory with the west entrance of the church, and the present sacristy will become a chapel for daily Mass.

Three reconciliation rooms will be constructed on the south side of the church, and the baptismal font will be moved into the main entrance, in keeping with present liturgical practice.

A new parish center will be built adjacent to the church, Bryant said, and will have 7,500 square feet of space, suitable for seating more than 550 at a dinner or a meeting.

The center will be made available to youth groups, senior citizen programs, parish organizations, and for wedding receptions and community activities.

Father Joseph Beatty, pastor, is honorary chairman of the fund-raising drive. The drive must raise at least \$450,000. Charles Clark, a life-long parishioner, Campaign General Chairman, is being assisted by Richard Keenan, Earl Pitarino, Sam Pozzanghera and William Hartigan. More than 300 parishioners will visit the homes of parishioners, seeking 36-month pledges.

Architects for the project are Walzer Miller and Genz, with David Miller as the supervising architect.

## All in the Family

By Sarah Child

### Special Honors Are Given

If awards were handed out to children for the most mind boggling rooms, we'd take two first prizes at our house.

The 11-year-old used to be consistently messy. Now every so often Sarah Child he does a job on his room that is nothing short of miraculous. Coins can be flipped off the tautly made beds and dust is nonexistent.

Trouble is that the next day an unsuspecting parent could walk into the same room and have a problem locating the resident. There are twin beds in this all boy bastion plus a folding cot that was put up a couple of weeks ago when he had two friends stay over. The cot was never returned to the basement and occasionally it suits the cot important to us all three boys in the

session. When the sheets and blankets on one have become so disarranged as to necessitate a full scale bedmaking operation, he simply switches to the next. Once after he had worked his way through all three beds he was found on the floor wrapped up in a sleeping bag.

Needless to say walking in to a darkened room to plant a goodnight kiss on a sleeping face is to take one's life into one's hands. What with bed clothes and both clean and dirty garments on the floor hiding baseball bats, a soccer ball and assorted other items.

Still his room takes second place to his younger sister's.

On a recent morning even I who had seen some terrible rooms in my time was stunned. The third grader is a playwright and poet. She does her best work after lights out with the aid of an indelible pen and flashlight. All the flower sprigged sheets that fit her bed are marked with red and black

A small table which I bought for two dollars at a garage sale and painted pristine white and decorated with rosebuds was no longer pristine, the top now covered with nail polish "borrowed" from an older sister, spilled cologne, hair curlers and the innards of disco light.

The two top shelves of her book shelves she cannot reach without the aid of a stool, thus a collection of dolls, a statue of the Blessed Mother and a stuffed teddy bear all smiled down in neat array upon the worst collection of junk, clean clothes, soiled socks and apple cores ever assembled.

Apparently the creative muse does not come without the aid of nourishment. On this particular morning a dresser drawer stood open with a plate inside resting on top of the socks. On it were a tennis ball and the remains of either a tomato or chocolate pop tart - it was hard to tell which.

Under the bed were two more apple cores, cand wrapper, a half glass of lemonade still upright and a

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