

Special Mass Oct. 14

Catholic Schools Week is Oct. 14-20, and to open the festivities there will be a Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Oct. 14. The planning committee for the event includes Sisters Barbara Hamm, Claire Brown, Janice Morgan, Leona Hickey and Mrs. Gina Ouweloen.

Parish School, Church Mark Anniversaries

By Mary Ann Ginnerty

Seneca Falls — The church and community related events at St. Patrick's Church here, commemorating the 100th anniversary of St. Patrick's School and the 50th anniversary of the present church building, show a deep involvement by parishioners as the planned year of celebration unfolds.

Father Michael Conboy, who became pastor in May 1978, said "I had heard about the enthusiasm and the willingness of the people to contribute to the building of the parish and this is being borne out."

Father Conboy defined the building of the church and the school in terms of people and faith which is reflected not only now but throughout the history of the parish.

Work on St. Patrick's School was begun in 1875 and it was formally opened by the Sisters of St. Joseph in September of 1879.

The commemoration of the school opening was marked by a banquet September 22. Father Joseph Beatini, an alumnus of St. Patrick's and pastor of the Church of the Assumption in Fairport, was master of ceremonies. Former teachers, nuns and priests who served St. Patrick's gathered along with alumni.

The parish medallion, made for the occasion, notes the occasion of the school's 100th anniversary as well as the building of the current church structure.

The kick-off event initiating the start of the Jubilee year was a dinner dance held March 17, chaired by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beretta.

Other events included a Mass and family picnic, attended by over 300, in August. The picnic was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs.

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James Fay and the Family Life Committee.

A dance for parish teens and their friends is slated for Oct. 5 in the school gym.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the main celebrant at the noon Mass Oct. 7, marking Senior Citizens Recognition Day. A luncheon for Senior Citizens will follow.

An Oct. 27 dinner dance open to all members of the parish family will mark the dedication of the church building.

The Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday Oct. 28 will be celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. A reception will follow in the school and provide an opportunity for parishioners to meet Bishop Clark. Area clergy of other denominations and civic officials have been invited to attend.

A Mass will be offered earlier in the day for deceased sisters and priests who have served at St. Patrick's.

"A lot of emphasis has been put on the parish not only as a community of faith but as a family. As in a family one sees differences in temperament and ideologies, but it is still a cohesive group, a people with a common purpose. We are a family who wishes to signify by our unity our acceptance and belief in the Lord," said Father Conboy.

Parishioner Mrs. Margaret Leonard has updated and rewritten the parish history written by the late Father Thomas C. Kane, marking the 125th anniversary. Father Conboy indicates Mrs. Leonard has searched to the foundations of the parish in 1831 and parallels the parish's history with the history of our county. He said the story illustrates the part various societies have played in the church's life and the contributions of hundreds of

said that some 1,100 cards have been received and more than 97 percent of the complaints have been rectified.

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families to this faith community.

New U.S. Ed Department Opposed by Catholic Unit

By State Catholic Committee

Albany — The proposed new Department of Education is just "one more way to take control away from the local level and give it to big government," says J. Alan Davitt, education spokesman for the State Catholic Committee.

"Education should respond to local needs, rather than state or federal ideas of what those needs are," Davitt said in explaining the committee's opposition to the proposed new federal Department of Education.

CDA Officers

The Court Annunciation 416 of the Catholic Daughters of America installed this year's officers recently after a special Mass, celebrated by Father Francis Blighton, which officially opened the Fall season. The officers are Anna Marie Hastings, regent; Eleanor Heffernan, first vice-regent; Patricia Dinan, second

With more than 10,000 Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the nation educating some 3.3 million students, the Catholic community has an important stake in any federal proposals, Davitt said.

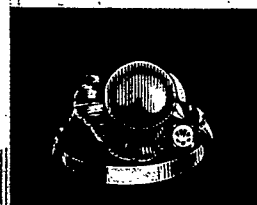
Indicating he was not totally opposed to federal involvement, Davitt said that "it is at its best when it responds to specific needs — the handicapped, the disadvantaged, the special student, the migrant child. That was the case with the landmark Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 which was based on the

needs of children and benefits to all students no matter where they went to school. But this did not dictate policy, it offered solutions and funds to work with."

vice-regent; Margaret Clark, financial secretary; Madeline DeMaria, recording secretary; Geraldine Pollino, treasurer and Zita Linehan, monitor.

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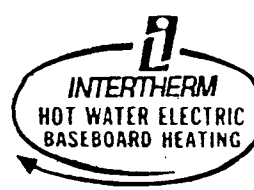
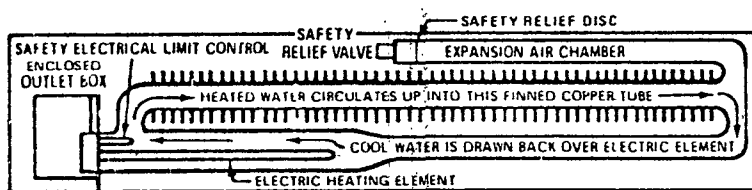
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