

# COURIER-JOURNAL

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### 500 Prepare for Church Dedication

**Horseheads** — More than 500 volunteers are busy preparing for the eight days of festivities that will mark the dedication of the new St. Mary Our Mother Church.

From the four parish choirs, to the hosts and hostesses who will conduct tours through the church, to those baking cookies for the reception following the dedication, parish leaders say that the entire effort will

touch nearly every family in the parish.

The Dedication Mass at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, is just the first event in an eight-day parish celebration that will conclude with a Mass and dinner Saturday, Nov. 17.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the principal celebrant for the Dedication Mass. The principal

celebrant for the Mass Nov. 17, and speaker at the dinner following, will be Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

The nine-member Dedication Committee, headed by Aloysius Stanton and Carl Dibling, and the parish priests, Father Bartholomew O'Brien and John Firpo, began meeting a year ago with the goal of involving as many

parishioners as possible. That has meant including most of the existing parish groups in the planning and organization of events both during the parish Renewal Week last month, and the Dedication Week.

The Dedication Mass will involve several hundred persons, as all four parish choirs, many ushers, workers for the reception

and guides will be on duty that evening. Others will contribute by baking refreshments for the reception following the dedication, or by donating flowers for the new church.

The schedule is: Saturday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Dedication Mass, followed by a reception for Bishop Clark, and tours of the church. Sunday, Nov. 11, open

house from 2 to 5 p.m. On Monday, there will be open house from 7 to 9 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday, open house will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. each day. Vespers will be prayed Friday at 7:30 p.m. Guides will be available during open house hours.

Saturday, Nov. 17, Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m., with dinner and dancing following in the Elmira College Campus Center.

### Justice Education Topic at Seminar

Elmira — Education for Justice was the topic at a workshop Saturday, Oct. 27, at Ss. Peter and Paul School sponsored by the Southern Tier Office of Human Development.

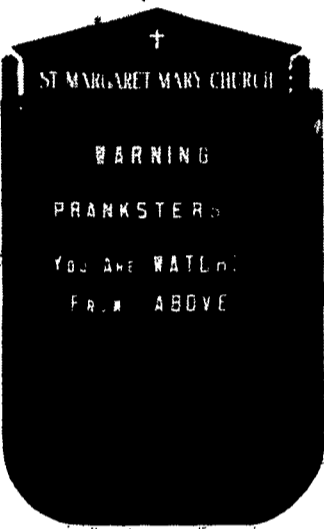
The 20 participants heard three speakers: Franciscan Father Joseph Nangle, of the national office of International Justice and Peace; Rev. Mr. Timothy McCluskey, deacon at St. Andrew's, Rochester, and Daniel McNamara of the diocesan Religious Education Department.

Father Nangle traced the background of the Church's responsibility to work for social justice through the Old Testament, the Gospels and the encyclicals of Popes John XXIII, Paul VI, and John Paul II.

Through those sources, he showed why the Church should be educating for justice.

Rev. Mr. McCluskey's presentation dealt with some of the justice issues facing Americans, and he showed a movie on some practices being carried out by American companies in third world countries.

McNamara traced the history of the Education for Justice curriculum in the diocese, which began as a pilot program in the 1977-78 school year. He told those attending, who were both school teachers and members of parish pastoral staffs, that the work is now extending into the entire parish, and that a model now exists for a parish renewal and social awareness plan that involves the parish's entire leadership.



### Uh, Oh!

Father Elmer Schmidt, pastor at St. Margaret Mary Church in Apalachin had a message for would-be Halloween revelers.

### CCCN Series Continuing

Elmira — The sixth week of programming by the Chemung County Catholic Network begins tonight, with the concluding program in Father John Powell's "Free to Be Me" series. Next Wednesday, a program on social conditions prepared by the United States Catholic Conference will be shown.

Friday, Nov. 9, a program on retirement will be aired, and Monday, Nov. 12, a film on the life of Maximilian Kolbe, a prisoner in Auschwitz, will be shown starring Jack Klugman and Werner Klemperer.

All programs are from 7 to 7:30 p.m., on cable channel 4 in Chemung County.

### Parish Bazaar

Corning — St. Mary's Parish Bazaar will be Thursday, Nov. 8 and Friday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. this year. Featured will be baked goods, handicrafts, jewelry, "attic treasure," and other booths. Refreshments and snacks also will be available.

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### Hornell Hospitals Mull Construction Proposals As Part of Merger Talks

Hornell — A 20-year capital construction plan that would cost between \$8 million and \$10 million has been proposed as part of the merger agreement between St. James Mercy and Bethesda hospitals.

The hospitals are in the midst of writing a merger proposal for submission to the state. The consultant working on the proposal, Thomas P. Weil, intends to include in the proposal a plan for the future of the new hospital corporation, tentatively named Bethesda Mercy Health Center.

The construction plan includes options that are now being studied by the respective hospital boards, and by their interim committee. The projects would involve an increase in total beds from 234 to 275, but would include a decrease in acute-care beds from 234 to 215, and establish 60 long-term care beds.

Among other significant changes proposed are the establishment of an emergency room, staffed with a physician 24 hours a day, at one of the current facilities; an entirely new intensive care-coronary care unit; expanded laboratory services; a new surgical suite, and an expanded radiology-nuclear medicine program.

In describing the proposals, Weil noted that neither hospital has had any major improvements since the late 1960s and that the work being proposed would have had to be done over the next 20 years even if the hospitals didn't merge.

Sister Rene explained that the \$8 million figure, is the amount that it is estimated the hospital could recover by increased room rates over the term of the mortgage used to raise the funds. The construction expenditures and the increased room rates require state approval, and will be requested with the merger proposal.

The re-allocation of beds, based on Weil's study of community needs, also would see an increase in medical-surgical beds from 159 to 165; and decreases in obstetrics from 23 to 10; in pediatrics

from 20 to 12; and in intensive care-coronary care from 16 to 12. The 16 psychiatric beds would remain the same.

The establishment of 60 long-term care beds is the most striking change, and is in response to the community consensus that such beds are needed.

The current timetable calls for the hospital boards to select the options presented to them during November, and for a preliminary proposal to be submitted to the state Health Department before the end of the year.



### Father O'Brien and Father Firpo with the PARISH FAMILY of SAINT MARY OUR MOTHER

Horseheads, New York  
Extend An Invitation To Everyone To Visit Their New Church

### SCHEDULE FOR OPEN HOUSE

- Sunday, November 11th**  
2 to 5 for Everyone  
6 to 8 for Communities of Sisters and Friends
- Monday, November 12**  
11 to 2 - Clergy of All Faiths and Places  
11 to 2 - Buffet Luncheon for Clergy and Friends  
7 to 9 - Everyone
- Tuesday, November 13th**  
7:30 to 9 for Everyone, especially the Youth
- Wednesday, November 14th**  
2 to 3:30 for Senior Citizens and Friends  
7:30 to 9 for Everyone
- Thursday, November 15th**  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for Everyone
- Friday, November 16th**  
7:30 to 9 for Everyone  
7:30 - Evening Prayer (Vespers)

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### Alcoholism Experts To Visit Elmira

Elmira — A foremost authority on alcoholism will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Alcoholism Council of Chemung County Thursday, Nov. 8: Frank A. Seixas, MD, professor of Public Health and Medicine, Cornell University Medical Center, New York City.

Dr. Seixas served as medical director of the National Council on Alcoholism and editor of the journal "Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research." He has published many articles and edited books on alcoholism, and his speaking engagements have taken him around the world.

Dr. Seixas will be accompanied by his wife, Judith, who also is actively involved in alcoholism work. She serves as a consultant on alcoholism to the Readers Digest, and is director of alcoholism services in Hastings-on-Hudson. Mrs. Seixas specializes in the treatment of alcoholics and their families, and has written several books for children of alcoholic parents. She also will be speaking to several local professional groups.

Dr. Seixas will address doctors at a medical seminar at Arnot Ogden Hospital Nov. 7, and Thursday, Nov. 8, will speak in the continuing series of alcoholism seminars conducted through the STARS program at St. Joseph's Hospital at 12:15 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room.

The annual dinner will be at the Downtown Holiday Inn at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Tickets for the annual meeting may be obtained through the Alcoholism Council, 215 W. Water St.

### ME Renewal

Ithaca — There will be a Marriage Encounter Renewal Evening Saturday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. in Immaculate Conception School's cafeteria. All couples who have participated in an encounter are welcome.

### Auction Nov. 10

Bath — St. Mary's Parish Council has scheduled its annual auction Saturday, Nov. 10 in the school hall, starting at 7 p.m., and conducted by Turk Miller. Money will be used to augment the church renovation fund.

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