

## On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

### A Good End, Then a Good Beginning

Early in December Father Bart O'Brien of Horseheads wrote: "Could you fill in at St. Mary's Our Mother parish Dec. 30 and Jan. 1?" I replied: "Delighted. The Southern Tier is a bastion of fidelity, and I appreciate the people there."



The parish has a new church. Some do not like the exterior. The fact is that it is faithful to our liturgical architectural guidelines. It is modern without being vulgar. The auditorium-like interior is ideal for the celebration of Mass. While I have a great love for the old Gothic and Romanesque, this church fits the celebration of the New Rite of the Mass, i.e. to form a community of worshipers who really participate in the Mass with intimacy and spirit. The church seats 1,100 persons, all in proximity to the sanctuary. The acoustics are superb. A chapel seating 50 is an adjunct of the main church. It is used for daily Mass, saving heating costs. It is also a crying room. It is also the place of reservation of

the Blessed Sacrament. Somehow I am not satisfied with the position of the Blessed Sacrament. One does not need a Bernini chapel as in St. Peter's, Rome, but I do wish locations for the Blessed Sacrament were singularly beautiful. The best I have ever seen was in the little village of St. Anton in Austria, which caters to skiers in the winter. The walls are decorated by beautiful paintings, lending an aura of reverence and holiness.

A peculiar feature of the new church is the extensive foyers where people congregate after Mass. In one I met Sister Principal checking on the Campbell soup labels. She remarked: "We've gotten many good things for the school with them, including several tape recorders." Music is important. The famous Celebrate Life Group under the direction of Ray Defendorf, a good smaller folk group and a vested young organist — each brought out the voices of the people to praise God and Our Lady.

Father Firpo assigned me to the pulpit for Jan. 1. A few months ago I discovered a cassette talk made by Archbishop Sheen on the rosary. So, bringing 100 cassettes along, I spoke on the rosary — its history, its efficacy, its rejection by

some after Vatican II and its happy revival these past few years. After each Mass I offered the Sheen cassettes for \$3. By the end of the last Mass, all the rosary cassettes had been gobbled up. These will be more effective than any words of mine in the pulpit.

What a grace to end '70 and begin '80 in the Southern Tier! The Spirit moved. Christ was proclaimed. Mary's love promoted. Archbishop Sheen's message read. Father Firpo was a good shepherd to an adulating flock. Josephine the cook introduced me to a glorious dish called "borscht." On Saturday night, Fr. Firpo and I cheered Notre Dame High School to victory. On Sunday night I prayed Vespers with the monks at Mt. Saviour, and afterward took my friend, Brother Sebastian, with the permission of Prior Martin, to the swanky Hilton Hotel restaurant in Corning for dinner. On Monday night I met with most of the area priests, whom Father Holland had gathered at St. Patrick's rectory, Elmira, for New Year's Eve. There I met Eastern Rite Father Stephen Chomko, who had just returned from the consecration of a Byzantine bishop in Rome. He was in utter admiration of Pope John Paul with his perfect use of the Ukrainian language and Byzantine liturgy. It was a good ending of the old year. It was a good beginning of 1980.

## At Your Parish . . . St. Mary's, Canandaigua

Parishioners at St. Mary's parish in Canandaigua were recently invited to attend a Parish Appreciation Party scheduled for Jan. 19 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the school gym.

Msgr. William Roche, pastor, and the St. Mary Parish council are the hosts.

## St. Andrew, Rochester

The Rosary Society of St. Andrew's Church on Portland Avenue will mark its 65th anniversary Jan. 22 with a banquet at Arena's Party House.

The celebration will begin at St. Andrew's. Father Bernard Dolan, pastor, will celebrate Mass.

According to a parish release, "The Society was organized in 1915 by the

Karen Haight, publicity coordinator for St. Mary's, said that reservations are now available and are necessary to attend the event.

Reservations may be obtained by calling Shirley Harvey, 394-7979; Karen Augeri, 398-3173; or Carol McWilliams, 394-7152.

newly appointed pastor Father George W. Eckl who encouraged the small group of thirty members to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary with daily recitation and prayers for their spiritual welfare."

Former members and officers are especially welcome, according to the release. For further information those interested in attending may contact Catherine Tedone, 467-0528 or Carm Melino, 342-7258.

## St. Louis, Pittsford

The Rosary Guild of St. Louis Church is hosting a day-long card party at St. Louis Mansie, 52 Main St. in Pittsford.

Refreshments will be served at the event and reservations may be obtained by calling Shirley Cusick, 381-0034, or Lucille Loder, 586-9441.

## March For Life

The Tioga County Right to Life group is once again joining forces with citizens from Broome County to march in the annual March For Life on Jan. 22 in Washington, D.C.

The Right to Life group, in a release said "The March for Life is the grass roots Right to Life people coming from the entire country to express their dedication to assuring the laws of our land protect all human life. To protect the unborn child Congress must be persuaded to support this important program."

Cleo Sopka, secretary for

worked miracles, and cast out devils. But the Lord will say, "I never knew you. Depart from me, you cursed" (Mt. 7:22-23).

Next week, we shall see why the Church at Corinth needed the spiritual gifts, and why it became a problem-ridden church.

Today, we need the spiritual gifts. But we also need the humility and love never to abuse them by letting them occasion division in the Church; rather, we should use them to build up the church community.

needs others with faith strong enough to heal and work miracles if need be. To guide, it needs still others endowed with prophecy and some with discernment (to protect the community against false prophets); it needs some with tongues and others to interpret tongues.

Because the gifts are for others, they do not necessarily make one holy. Holiness is something personal, centering on one's love of God and neighbor. On Judgment Day, many will say to the Lord that they prophesied in His name,

## Word for Sunday

By Father Albert Shamon

### Holy Spirit Has Two Kinds Of Gifts

Sunday's Readings—(R2) 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 2:4-11. (R3) Jn. 2:1-12. (R1) Is. 62:1-5.

In the next few Sundays the second readings will be drawn from Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians. Next Sunday's selection describes the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit. Because of the charismatic renewal in the Church, it is important that we understand these gifts aright.



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The first thing to understand about the gifts of the Holy Spirit is that they give us an experiential knowledge of God, of truths of our faith, of decisions to be made or of things to be done.

Experiential knowledge differs from notional knowledge. Most of us have a notional knowledge of God and truths of the faith. We say, "We believe in God, the Father Almighty." That is notional or head knowledge. Our Faith has often left so many cold and apathetic, because our knowledge has been just notional. For three years the apostles knew Christ, but it took the experience of Pentecost for that knowledge to come alive and ignite an apostolic zeal in them.

To illustrate the dif-

ference between notional and experiential knowledge, consider mountain climbing. I can know about mountain climbing by reading about it — that would be notional knowledge. Or I can learn about mountain climbing by climbing a mountain — that would be experiential knowledge: knowledge based on experience.

Now the gifts of the Holy Spirit give us experiential knowledge of God and the things of God — God acting within us, illuminating our minds or touching our hearts or driving us to action.

The Holy Spirit gives two kinds of gifts: the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (familiar, I hope, to everyone who has been confirmed), and the spiritual gifts or charisms (nine of which Paul has enumerated in next Sunday's second reading).

The spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit, or charisms, differ from His seven gifts in this way: the seven gifts are given to all the baptized, are meant to help make them holy, and are for the individual's good; the spiritual gifts or charisms are given only to some of the baptized, are meant to upbuild the Church community and are given, therefore, for the good of others.

That is why the spiritual gifts are more than seven — many varieties of functions are needed to upbuild the Church. Variety is not only the spice of life; it is necessary for life. The living Church must teach, serve and guide. To teach, it needs men and women endowed with wisdom and knowledge. To serve, it

## Pro-Life Series Slated

"Whatever Happened to the Human Race," a five-part pro-life series will be shown at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post on Elish Street in Waterloo.

The first two parts of the series, "Abortion of the Human Race" and "Slaughter of the Innocents" will be shown at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 18. The third film,

## Deaths

### Rose Ruocco

Corning— Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Rose M. Ruocco Jan. 12 at St. Mary's Church. A St. Mary's parishioner and former member of the parish Rosary Altar Society, Mrs. Ruocco died Jan. 8 following an illness of several months.

The wife of the late Joseph Ruocco, Mrs. Ruocco was born Oct. 18, 1907 in Futani, Italy. She

was a retiree of Corning Glass Works.

Mrs. Ruocco is survived by a son, Anthony S. Ruocco of Corning, and three daughters, Sister Gloria Ruocco and Sister Joan of Arc, diocesan Sisters of Mercy, and Mrs. Thomas (Joanne) Micheli of Corning. Also two sisters, Sarah Riso of Brooklyn and Maria Rambaldi of Italy, a brother Mark Tombasco of Italy, several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. One nephew is Father Neil Miller of Elmira.

## Peace Day

United Nations (RNS) — The Vatican's Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations will sponsor a "World Day of Peace" celebration for the U.N. community on Jan. 22. Fiji's ambassador, Berenado Vunibobo, will speak on the theme of Pope John Paul II, "Truth, the Power of Peace."

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