

# At Your Parish...

## Deadline

To guarantee that parish news is printed in the desired edition of the Courier, all items must be received on the Thursday prior to the publication date. Items received after deadline may not be used.

## Good Counsel, Rochester

The education committee at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish is currently evaluating the need for two new programs at the school for next year. The committee is looking at the feasibility of a new kindergarten program and a new lunch program.

Committee members are now in the fact-finding phase of their study and have requested suggestions or comments regarding the two new programs from other parish members.

Those who may wish to participate in the study or who have any comments may contact Vivian Kurdt, education chairperson, 328-7924.

## St. Margaret Mary, Irondequoit

A Lenten lecture series on the Sacrament of Penance will take place at St. Margaret Mary parish in Irondequoit. The series features Father William Shannon, chairperson of the religious studies department at Nazareth College, and will take place on consecutive Thursday evenings on March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

The lecture topics will

## Holy Cross, Rochester

Holy Cross Parish will spend the weekend of March 1 and 2 hosting its 10th annual Antique Show and Sale. More than 35 dealers will have displays in the parish school auditorium, 4488 Lake Ave.

Show hours will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Throughout the show time, the school cafeteria will be open, serving homemade foods. On Saturday evening a ham dinner will be served, and on Sunday, at noon, a turkey dinner will be offered.

The event is sponsored by the Holy Cross Rosary Society. Kay White is chairperson of the program, assisted by Joan Powers, Mary Hogan, Peg Roach, Madeline Collini and Lucy Rosati. Father John P. O'Malley, pastor and Father Jeremiah P. Moynihan, associate pastor, are also on the planning group.

Registrations for the Pre-School Program at Holy Cross parish, 4488 Lake Ave, are now being accepted for the 1980-81 school year. Those wishing to register their children may do so by contacting Sister Carolyn Knipper, school principal, at 663-6533. Booklets and other information on the program are also available.



Principals of the Holy Cross Antique Show include: (standing, left to right) Ms. Powers, Ms. Hogan, Ms. Roach, Ms. Rosati; (seated) Father Moynihan, Ms. White and Father O'Malley.

## Our Lady of Mercy

The third annual Spaghetti Supper at Our Lady of Mercy parish in Greece will take place on Monday, March 3 in the church hall on Armstrong Road. The dinner begins at 7 p.m. and entertainment will be provided. Tickets for the event are \$3 per person and

may be purchased from Bernie Derleth, 865-2460, Gail DiTotto, 663-6881, or Yvonne Boynton, 663-8356.

"Conscience: Formed by Gospels or World" will be the

topic of a talk given by Sister Michael Lappetito, RSM, at Our Lady of Mercy parish beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27. The talk will take place in the school library. Our Lady of Mercy is located at Armstrong and Denise Roads in Greece.

## St. Charles, Greece

Spaghetti and meatballs will be the Sunday dinner entrée Feb. 24 at St. Charles Borromeo. Serving will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at 6, in the school hall, at 64 Maiden Lane, near Dewey Avenue. Tickets may be reserved through 663-6851, at \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and senior citizens, \$12 for the family.



Shown with WBBF D.J. Mike O'Brien are (from left) Alan Kinney, Pat Maiuri and Steve Wagner.

## Good Shepherd, Henrietta

Members of the sixth grade at Good Shepherd school recently participated in a media advertising contest. Participants in the contest could tape a commercial, draw a poster or write a commercial script. The winners of the contest toured the WBBF Radio studio and met with

D.J. Mike O'Brien. Students involved in the contest included Eileen Burns, Anne Dambra, Terri DeClerck, Margaret Kearney, Alan Kinney, Patrick Maiuri, Angele Schaffer, Sue Triassi, Steve Wagner, and Michelle Zeitrogl.

## St. Helen, Gates

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, former Bishop of Rochester, will be guest homilist at St. Helen's parish for the four Sundays in Lent. The bishop will speak on "The Church: Sacrament of the Encounter with God."

Following the bishop's Sunday sermons, there will be 12 neighborhood discussions on the meaning of the message in contemporary society. These discussions are sponsored by the parish life committee. All parish families have received brochures explaining the program in detail.

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Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window

## Jesus Called For an End To Violence

Dear Father Hohman,

What does "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" really mean? Also, what did Jesus mean when he said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but for yourselves..."?

(Signed) J.M.

Dear J.M.,

The law of talion — an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth — as found in the Torah (Exodus 21:24) was part of the detailed regulations which governed the justice system of the Israelites. It was never meant in any sense to be an advocacy for revenge. It was never meant to be a childlike "getting even." It was a very advanced form of justice which called for punishment to be no greater than the crime deserved. In ancient times it was very common for punishments to far exceed the seriousness of crimes, and this was a very great advance in jurisprudence in that it called for this kind of temperance in dealing out justice.

When Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but I say to you, turn the other cheek," he was advocating a kind of morality that was another great leap beyond ancient times and even beyond the law of the Torah. The

morality of Jesus Christ is the morality of the children of God and therefore calls for God-like behavior. Jesus is saying that God is love and seeks not the death of the sinner, but rather that he be converted and live. He is calling for a turn-around in the sinner. He is calling for a change which can be brought about only by love and gentleness in the face of injury. We are only too conscious of how revenge tends to produce revenge from the other direction and an unending circle of violence and hurt. Jesus is calling for an end to that and children of His Father are to be the ones who initiate the halt.

The daughters of Jerusalem to whom Jesus speaks are women who see his horrible physical suffering after having seen his gentleness and healing love and are simply crushed by the sight. When Jesus says, "weep not for me," he is saying that the evil of rejecting God's chosen one is an infinitely greater evil than his physical sufferings and therefore there is a prior and more important cause to weep for that evil than for the one which he is suffering. He is also indicating not that God is going to specifically punish the Israelites but rather that the act of rejection will carry in its train a whole series of evils which will come not only to the few individuals who perpetrated them but to the entire race. Jesus sees that as a terrible tragedy and one for which these daughters of Jerusalem should weep in the first place.

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