



## Spring Benefit

Roni Robinson of St. Rita's parish extends a warm greeting to Bishop Matthew H. Clark last Tuesday upon his arrival to the Webster parish for their 10th annual benefit luncheon. Looking on are Holy Trinity parishioners Betty Schreiber, center, and Kay Fichatek. The event, sponsored by the Webster Church Women, benefits the Williamson Community Center and scholarships for minority students.

# At Your Parish...

### St. Francis Of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi parish has scheduled several events during Holy Week, some in Spanish.

On Holy Thursday a bilingual Mass celebrating the Lord's Last Supper will begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis, 77 Whitney St. On Good Friday a reading of the Passion of the Lord and a veneration of the Cross and Communion, in English, is set for 3 p.m.

An Easter Vigil Mass, in English, is scheduled for Holy Saturday at 5 p.m. and in Spanish at 11 p.m. On Easter Sunday there will be one Mass only at 11 a.m.

### Immaculate Conception

A fund drive has begun at Immaculate Conception parish aimed at refurbishing the interior of the church. The first event scheduled is a dance which brings back the music of the 40's, slated for Friday, April 18. Tickets for the 40's dance are \$5.50 in advance (\$6 at the door) and \$2.50 in advance (\$3 at the door) for senior citizens. For further information on the event those interested may contact the rectory, 205 Edinburgh St., at 325-3893.

### St. John's, Greece

St. John the Evangelist Church, in Greece, will hold an Easter Vigil with music by Handel and Thompson sung by the Senior Choir, on Holy Saturday. On Easter Sunday Masses at St. John's are at 7:30 a.m.; 9 a.m. with the Children's Choir; and at 10:30 a.m. with the Senior Choir complete with organ, brass section, harp and flute.

# Welfare Hike Urged

Shortly before the state legislature was slated to vote on the current state budget, Bishop Matthew H. Clark and a number of other religious leaders announced support for an increase in the monthly welfare payment levels.

Bishop Clark not only joined Rochester area church leaders but also joined Cardinal Terence Cooke of the Archdiocese of New York and Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany in urging legislators to up the welfare payment levels to meet the rising inflation of the dollar.

In a letter published in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle last week, Bishop Clark, Bishop Robert Spears of the Episcopal Diocese, Rabbi Judea B. Miller of Temple B'rith Kodesh, Isabel Calkins and Rev. Lawrence Witmer of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries and the Rev. Margrethe B. J. Brown

of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley stated, "All of us are feeling the effects of inflation, approaching more than 15 percent this year. We are all hurting. The poor among us, however, can be devastated."

The area's religious effort in the matter is being promoted by diocesan Catholic Charities. Last week charities also issued a statement saying, "Catholic Charities commits its volunteer and staff resources to its Chairman and Bishop Matthew H. Clark in enabling the Bishop and his office to provide, short and

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### Card Party

The Catholic Mission Guild will hold a luncheon-card party at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Knights of Columbus building, Thurston at Brooks.

### Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.


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### St. James, Rochester

A week-long celebration is planned at St. James parish on Brockley Road to commemorate the church's 30th anniversary.

The first Mass at St. James was celebrated on April 9, 1950.

The celebration begins with an anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 13 at 12:15 p.m. Bishop Dennis Hickey will celebrate. On Tuesday, April 15 a 9 a.m. Mass will be

celebrated in memory of all deceased members of the parish. On Thursday, April 17 a school children's Mass will begin at 10:45 a.m.

The celebration will end with a dinner dance on Friday, April 18 at Sweet's Party House. The evening will begin with cocktails at 7 p.m. For tickets those interested in attending may call Barbara LaFlame, 482-1596; Mary Gleichauf, 482-8427; or the rectory, 482-9796.

### Holy Family, Rochester

The next meeting of the Rosary Society at Holy Family parish is set for Wednesday, April 9 at 8 p.m. Officers for next year will be

elected. A social hour will follow. Devotion will precede the meeting in the church at 7:30 p.m.

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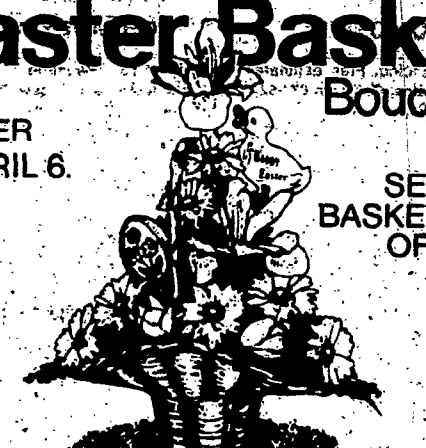
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