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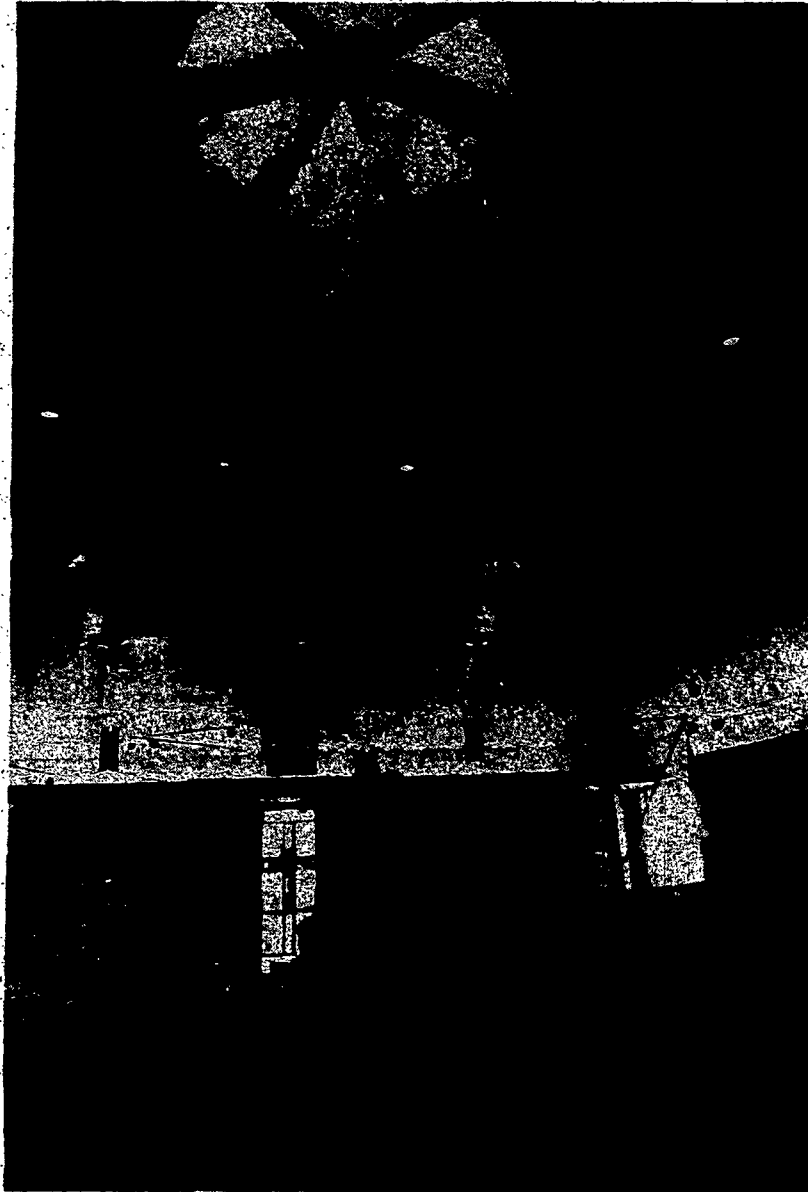
## Southern Tier-Auburn Geneva

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### Unusual Gift

Members of the Confirmation class at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn complete a 25'x25'x20' mobile depicting the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Designed by Father Thomas Celso, the piece was constructed as a special Confirmation project by Lisa Brennan, Tom Clark, Jim Clark, Tom Kinsella, Vince DeWitt, Liz Dello Stritto, Myrna O'Brien, Erin O'Brien, Linda Tumber, Cheri Del Favero. Confirmation was celebrated March 18 with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan presiding.



### Parishes Cooperate On Lenten Program

Corning — The Human Development, Liturgy and Education committees of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes joined forces to plan a Lenten program for the two parishes this year.

the New Testament added to illustrate the Christian perspective on the supper, which was what brought Jesus and the Apostles together for the first Holy Thursday.

And the final program in the three-part series was a sharing supper March 27 at St. Patrick's which drew 50 participants.

Sister Agnes Catherine, St. Patrick's pastoral assistant, noted that coming a week before Holy Thursday, the Seder provided a good preparation for Holy Week for those attending.

Titled "Change Our Hearts," the program featured a specific topic each night: Presence of the Lord through Prayer, Presence of the Lord through Others, and Presence of the Lord through Sharing.

Also participating in the program were the two pastors, Father Andrew Teuschel and Father Michael Hogan. Father James Peters, St. Mary's associate, lit the seven-candle candelabra that is part of the Seder service.

Leading the session on prayer was David Nowak of the diocesan Liturgy Office. Making the presentation on the presence of the Lord in others was Ray Defendorf, a member of the diocese's first permanent diaconate class.

Heading up the program were Marty Kedra of St. Patrick's, and Ginny Gunnison of St. Mary's. Preparing the hunger meal were the Patricians, a service group at St. Patrick's, led by Karen Travis.

The third program was the hunger supper, of soup and bread, preceded by the prayers of the Jewish Seder Supper, with references from

Following the meal, those attending saw a film on the meaning of Passover.

### Retreat Day Emphasizes School's Faith Dimension

By Martin Toombs  
Southern Tier Editor  
Horseheads — On Friday, March 28, groups of students with adult leaders could be found in every available room of the school and church at St. Mary Our Mother.

The normal schedule had been abandoned for the day, as the entire school, including the faculty, participated in a retreat day.

While the students were divided into smaller groups for participation in four different sessions during the day, their teachers participated in a

prayer service in the convent led by Father John Firpo, parish associate, and Father Bartholomew O'Brien, pastor. Sister Catherine Gibbons, principal, explained that the day was designed to focus on the school's non-academic side: its faith dimension. In the interest of providing a program that would benefit each age level, it was done in small groups.

Leaders for the groups came with a variety of backgrounds and with a variety of programs for the students. Primarily persons with experience in religious

education, the leaders included St. Mary Our Mother's religious education directors, Virginia Stanton and Betty Yushinsky, and others from Elmira, Corning, Watkins Glen, Ithaca, Seneca Falls and Rochester.

Leaders in the primary section, grades one through three, concentrated on God's love for the children, and included in their presentations some activity for them.

The middle grades were busy with art projects designed to teach a lesson. The junior high students heard presentations on more complex topics, including one by Father Neil Miller and Giovina Caroscio of the Southern Tier Office of Human Development on the Church's social mission.

Mary Lu Walker, from St. Patrick's, Corning, who has recorded several albums of songs that are used frequently in religious education, led one of the sessions for the primary students.

The students were attentive to their visiting teachers, and seemed to enjoy both the diversion from the usual schedule, and the programs in which they participated.

In addition to a day concentrating on the school's faith dimension, it also was an attempt to "try to make March interesting," Sister Catherine said, noting the long stretch between the Christmas and Easter holidays.

### Br. Leahy Conducts Bible Study

Auburn — Brother James Leahy is conducting a study of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke on Tuesday evenings through May, at 7:30 p.m. in the assembly room of St. Alphonsus School.

Brother Leahy will examine his topic in the light of contemporary scholarship. Further information is available at the parish Religious Education Office.

### Polka Party Scheduled

Bath — The third annual Polka Party at St. Mary's Hall will be Saturday, April 26 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Polka music fans are invited to the event, which will benefit St. Mary's Academy.

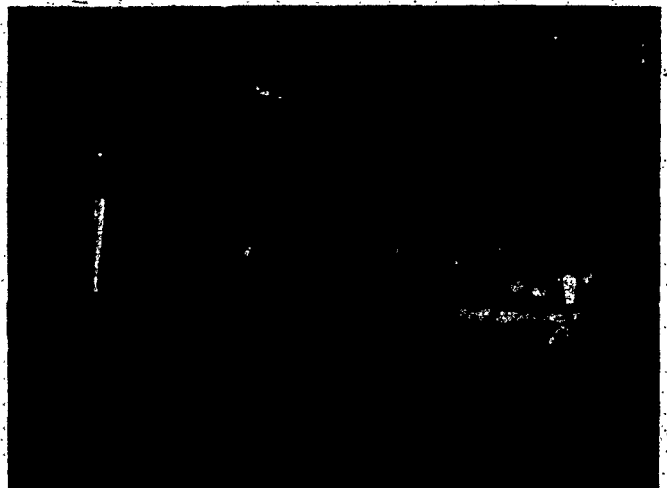
The Polka Melodies from Nanticoke, Pa., will provide the music, and two dance groups from Chemung County also will perform. Polish food and refreshments will be available.

Tickets are available at Peterson Plaza Pharmacy, Dildine's Pharmacy, the Village Pharmacy, and St. Mary's Rectory. They also will be available at the door.

Chairing the event are Carol and Alan Hall of Bath and Sally and Matt Yaninas of Savona.

### Class Offered

Elmira — A class in personal care during pregnancy will be offered at St. Joseph's Hospital for all soon-to-be parents in the Doctors Meeting Room, Monday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.



Father James Peters lights the candelabra during the prayer service that was part of the Seder supper sponsored by St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes in Corning.

### Town Meeting Topic Is 'Justice for All'

Elmira — The Neighborhood Justice Project is sponsoring a three-day town meeting on the "Pursuit of Justice: Justice for All" April 14, 15 and 16, at the Christ United Methodist Church, Church Street.

The Neighborhood Justice Project is a program of Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR), which offers assistance to crime victims and dispute mediation in Chemung County. The agency, headed by Joyce Kowlewski and Robert Darling, was recently cited as the outstanding human service agency in the county for 1979.

The town meeting will begin with a public address by Frank Rogers, commissioner of the state division of Criminal Justice Services. His address will be part of a program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, which also will include opening remarks by Elmira Mayor Robert Donsberger.

On Tuesday, April 15, groups of community, agency and institution representatives will meet in day-long sessions to discuss one of three topics: restitution and compensation, mediation, or meeting the needs of victims.

Those groups will develop recommendations in their areas, which will be presented at public session Wednesday, April 16, in a program beginning at 7:30 p.m.



A student makes the "David" wood figure dance as Mary Lu Walker leads a group in singing her song "Dance, David, Dance," during one of the sessions that was part of the retreat day at St. Mary Our Mother School, Horseheads.

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