

# St. Patrick's Sets Festival

Seneca Falls — After months of preparation, parishioners at St. Patrick's Church are, the weekend of Aug. 7, 8 and 9, staging their annual summer festival.

According to Father Michael Conboy, pastor, the event is designed for parish family and friends to get together and socialize. He stressed the social nature of

the festival and said that foods, especially home-made Italian foods, would be available.

He said that a great deal of the festival activity would be taking place under a "really big tent they're erecting" on the parish grounds. Entertainment for children, he said, will be available throughout the three days.

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

St. Mary's parish, Canandaigua, and the Canandaigua Council 1445 of the Knights of Columbus will co-sponsor a Family Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 3 at the Ontario County Park. The day will begin with Mass, celebrated at the park at 1 p.m. Parishioners are reminded that this 1 p.m. Mass will replace the regular noon Mass

at St. Mary's. Admission for adults is \$3.50 per person and \$10 per family.

On Aug. 17 the St. Mary's Adult Choir will sing a Mass in Latin at the noon Mass. The Mass is in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All parishioners are invited to attend both functions.

## St. John, Port Byron

The annual Chicken and Pork Chop Barbecue at St. John's parish, Port Byron, gets underway this year at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2. A parish bazaar will follow the dinner.

Committee members for this year's festivities are Margaret Young, Josephine

VanAcora, Marie and Theresa Van Detto, Angie and Jim Keenly, Barbara Jean Van Ditto, Mary Conley, Antoinette Kudla, Ted Cobb, and Henry Young. Father Bernard Kuchman, pastor of St. John's and St. Michael's, Montezuma, is honorary chairman.

## Corpus Christi, Rochester

Corpus Christi's annual parish picnic will begin at noon on Sunday, Aug. 3 at the Ontario Beach Park in

Charlotte. The parish invites all parishioners and friends of Corpus Christi.

## Deaths

### N.R. Kraft

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered for N. Raymond Kraft in St. Charles Borromeo Church July 26 with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mr. Kraft died July 23, 1980. He is survived by his wife, Rosella Miller Kraft; three sons, Father Richard Kraft, SVD, Donald E., and James E. Kraft; three daughters, Mrs. James (Marian) Smith, Mrs. Mark (Bernice) Conover, and Mrs. Edward (Rosemary) Bachelor; two sisters, Mrs. Lauriston (Margaret) Smith,

and Miss Amanda Kraft; 24 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Kraft, born Jan. 23, 1898, began a career with the Town of Greece in 1935 and held the post of Town Clerk, a position he retired from in 1968. He also spent 26 years with the Barnard Fire Department first as a volunteer and then as a member and secretary of the Barnard Firemen's Exempt.

### Catherine Welch

Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church July 22 for Mrs. Catherine Welch who died July 19, 1980.

three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Her sisters and brother live in Ireland.

Mrs. Welch is survived by her daughter, Sister Jean Catherine SSJ, of St. Pius Tenth Church; three sons, Gerald, William and Harry; two sisters, Elizabeth and Margaret; a brother, Michael;

Concelebrating the Mass were Fathers John Norris, Kevin McKenna, John Morgan, Sebastian Contegiaco, John Reif, Donald Murphy and Donald McCarthy, CSB.

### S. M. McGinley

Retsoff — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 11 at St. Lucy's Church for Sylvester M. McGinley, 83, of Piffard, who died July 7, 1980.

acted as a business agent for the Abbey of the Genesee Monastery, where his late brother had been abbot.

Mr. McGinley was a graduate of St. Thomas College of St. Paul, was a member of the Le Roy Knights of Columbus, and

He is survived by his wife Madeline; a sister, Sister Myron, OSB; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. McGinley is interred in the abbey cemetery.

Dolores Curran



Talks With Parents

## Last Swimming Lesson

This is the first anniversary of our last swimming lesson. Rejoice with me. A year ago now I came home and suggested we burn a swimming towel in celebration. Instead, my newly graduated swimmer wanted to go swimming. My spouse didn't understand my screech.

I had driven to swimming lessons for 14 straight years. Only three children. How could that be?

Well, foolishly, I was a typical pushy mother of a first child and enrolled our eldest at four. She had a good time paddling around for three years before she decided there might be some merit in learning to swim. I enrolled our second at six

and our third at seven a few years later.

All of them are good swimmers. They had better be. Swimming lessons have to be the pits for mothers in the summer. First of all, if there are two or more children the unwritten law is that their lessons are never held at the same time. We have a choice of spending our summer at the pool or spending it driving between home and the pool. I chose the former.

That meant I came armed with books, notepads, sewing, and/or lunch, depending on the hour(s) of the lessons. It also meant that the child who was waiting for or had just completed his class was aggrieved at having to wait a half hour or more dripping wet and shivering, or for having to wait dry because it was hot and steamy in there. Neither seemed to notice

that Mom waited either way.

Secondly, it meant that if I came armed with books etc., the child knew I wasn't watching him always, an occupational hazard reserved for mothers in the summer. If we aren't watching them splash as young ones, we're supposed to watch them pitch as middle-aged kids and tan as teens.

Thirdly, there was the problem of whether to sign up for lessons at the outdoor pool and be cancelled half the season, or at the indoor Olympic sized sauna. At first, we elected the outside. So did the wind, low temperatures, and thunderclouds. Finally, we learned and signed up for indoor lessons.

I wonder, have any of the people who design swimming lessons ever sit on the sidelines of an indoor pool in July where the temperature outside equals the humidity inside? What pools need is an airconditioned cry room for mothers where "watch me, Mom" can be piped in.

Finally there's the trauma of swimming categories and Tests. Classes come in many castes: beginner, in-

termediate, beginner, advanced beginner, beginning intermediate, and so on. Overlaying these is a curious structure of amphibious nature: tadpole, frog, lily pad, and the like. It is a great trauma if a child is placed in the intermediate beginner class while a friend the same age lands in the beginning intermediate.

Placement is determined by the end of a swimming season Test. I've wiped up tears on those who didn't quite survive the cut because their sidestroke was wide and I've cut down those who did survive it because they were making life miserable for those who didn't. All in a summer's lifetime.

But now ours can all swim, alleluia. As I've written before, they also left me alone in the shallow end of the pool, so along the way, I also learned to swim. But it was hard as an adult. There was nobody sitting on the sidelines to whom I could call, "Watch me, kids."

So this year we're all swimming and I'm not driving to a single lesson. I'm not losing my zest, just gaining a summer. Maybe I'll write a book.

**NEW TASTING ROOM**  
Canandaigua Wine Company, Inc. opened its new tasting room last year... its primary purpose to acquaint visitors with all brands produced by the winery. Tourists can see and taste the wines and get more information about where they are available in their home areas.

The tasting room is unique in that it is not located at the winery. It is on the grounds of historic Sonnenberg Gardens, an extremely popular tourist stop in Canandaigua. A century-old building, used originally as the cannery for the estate, was completely remodeled to house the tasting room. The character of the original cannery has been preserved and highlighted with authentic winery cooperage and artifacts. The centerpiece is a beautiful stained glass triptych, "Abundance," designed and built in 1911.

Thousands of visitors sampled Canandaigua's wines during the first successful summer of operation and plans are already underway to expand for the summer of 1980.

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