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Parish Retreat Aims for Spiritual Maturity

By Martin Toombs Southern Tier Editor

Horseheads — A parish retreat dedicated to "Spiritual Maturity" will offer a day-long schedule of programs at St. Mary Our Mother from Monday, Oct. 6, to Friday, Oct. 10.

Titled "Oktoberfest — Feasting with the Lord," the retreat program will feature the instructions of Father Cronan Maxwell, OFM, a Franciscan who has done many retreat programs in the Southern Tier.

In addition to Father Maxwell's evening talks,

programs will be offered during the day.

Those parishioners unable to attend the events in the church will nevertheless be part of the program. Sister Rose Eileen visits the shut-ins regularly, and they will be praying for the retreat's success, and will receive the Sacrament of the Sick on Thursday.

In response, the parish is being asked to participate in a day of fast and abstinence on Wednesday for the spiritual and physical healing of parishioners.

A booklet which offers

seven days of reflection will be made available during the week. Written by Hilda Stebbins, the book includes a Scripture reading, commentary and space for each person to write his/her own reflections. Mrs. Stebbins explained that those missing a day's program at the church will be able to take advantage of the directed study the booklet offers.

Father Maxwell's instructions will be based on Jesus' relation of the greatest commandment from Matthew: "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind."

Several parish organizations are involved in the effort; members of the Confirmation class will be making themselves available to babysit so parents will be able to participate in the programs.

Joette Knott and Mrs. Stebbins, two of those working on the program, explain that they hope the week will be a time for individual spiritual growth, and added that any interested person is welcome. They noted especially that those who are disaffected from the Church will take the opportunity to grow in their faith through par-

ticipation in the week's program.

The daily schedule will begin with Mass with a homily at 6:45 a.m.; Mass will be offered again at 9 a.m., followed by a coffee break.

An opportunity for discussion will be offered at 9:45 a.m., with interested persons meeting in the narthex of the church. At 1 p.m., Father John Firpo, parish associate, will discuss methods of prayer, a session scheduled for the Eucharistic Chapel. At 2 p.m., Mrs. Stebbins will lead a Scripture study in the narthex.

Father Maxwell will give his instructions as part of evening prayer at 7:30, which will be followed by a discussion.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will occur Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday following both morning Masses, from 5 to 5:30 p.m., and from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. On Thursday, Father Firpo and Father Maxwell will be available for pre-arranged appointments.

The program will close with a Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

March on Sunday To Honor Rosary

Elmira — A Rosary March honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of the Holy Rosary has been scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, in downtown Elmira.

The march will begin at 2:30 p.m. at Baldwin and E. Water Streets, and will proceed to St. Peter and Paul Church. Marchers will recite the rosary as they walk. Father Patrick Seelman,

TOR, St. Mary's associate pastor, said.

Outside St. Peter and Paul Church, the marchers will sing hymns and dedicate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Benediction and a talk by Father Seelman will follow in the church.

The march, to be conducted rain or shine, is being organized by St. Mary's parishioner Eleanor Dean.

Altar 'Boy' Marking 90th

Elmira — Stanley Klobuchowski of 335 Roe Ave. marked his 90th birthday Sunday, Sept. 28, by serving at a Mass of Thanksgiving marking the event at 8:30 a.m. in St. Casimir's Church.

Klobuchowski or "Cubby," as he is known by his friends, first served Mass in 1897. He has been a member of St. Casimir's Parish since moving to Elmira from Antrim, Pa., in 1913. He is still remembered for his ability as a baseball pitcher, having been named to the Elmira Hall of Fame.

He also was a major force in raising funds for the Pulaski Park and Kopernik memorials in the last 10 years, and has been a lifelong member of the Democratic Committee.

Dominicans Set Rosary Observance

Elmira — The Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary are sponsoring a special observance of the Feast of the Holy Rosary Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m., to which the public is invited.

The service, at the Monastery of Mary the Queen, 1310 W. Church St., will include the rosary, a sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, according to Mother Mary Agnes Daly, prioress. The service will end with compline.

Fund to Memorialize Father Henry Atwell

Avon — Father Henry Atwell, former editor of the Courier-Journal and for the last 13 years of his life pastor at St. Agnes Church here, is being memorialized by the establishment of a special fund.

The Father Atwell Memorial on Human Unity was launched Sunday by the Avon Interfaith Council. Monies raised for the memorial will sponsor an annual symposium on human unity.

An advisory board, representing differing religious and cultural interests, will recommend policy and oversee program development. The board includes Father Gerald Appleby; Molly Cole, mayor of Avon; Rev. David Edman, rector of

Grace Episcopal Church in Scottsville; Rabbi Judea B. Miller, leader of Temple B'rith Kodesh; Louis Ouzer, photographer; and Desmond Stone, editor and columnist for the Democrat and Chronicle.

In addition, the council also announced that a new work by Alec Wilder, nationally honored composer and lifelong friend of Father Atwell, will stage a premiere of "Mountain Boy," a new composition in Father Atwell's memory, Oct. 3 and 4 at Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester.

Donations to the Father Atwell Fund are being accepted by James B. Gaffney, Marine Midland Bank, 27 Genesee St., Avon, N.Y. 14414.

Alumni Event Planned

Hornell — The St. Ann's Alumni Association annual Banquet-Dance will be Saturday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The association extends an invitation to all St. Ann's School alumni. The association will be honoring the classes of 1930, 1955 and 1960.

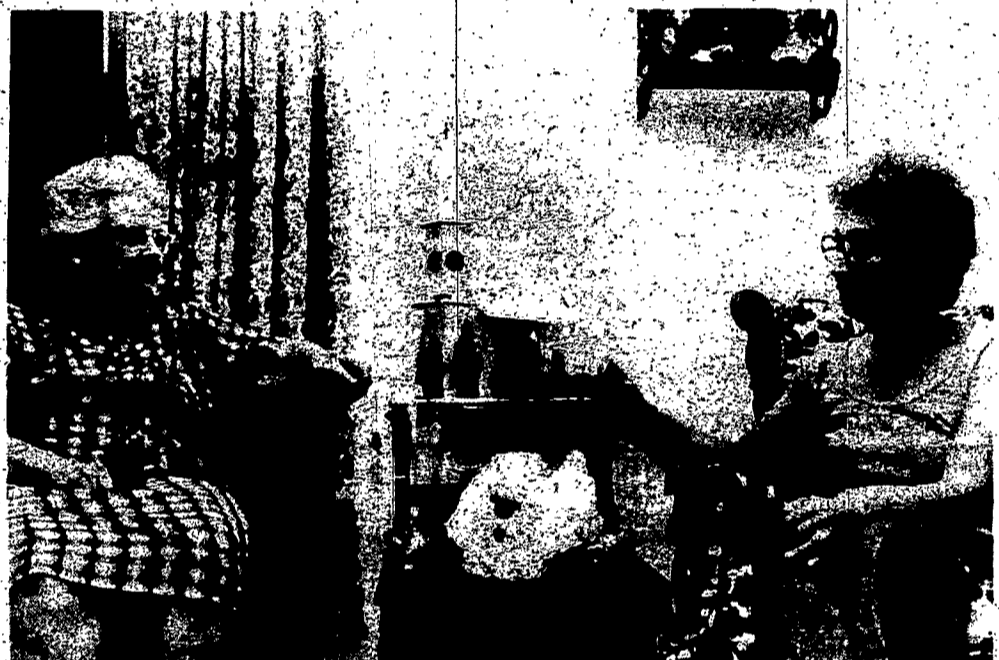
The guest speaker will be Dr. Joseph P. McCormick, a member of the St. Ann's School class of 1960. Dr. McCormick graduated from Alfred University in 1969, attended graduate school at Rensselaer Polytechnic In-

stitute and entered medical school at George Washington University in 1970. He served his surgical internship and residence at George Washington University Medical Center. Dr. McCormick resides in Hornell with his wife and children, and is associated with the Karl Medical Group.

Master of ceremonies will be Robert Moretti of Danville, also a 1960 St. Ann's graduate. Reservations, which can be made by contacting William Bishop of 20 Collier St., should be made by Oct. 5.



DR. MCCORMICK



Mrs. Thomas Cappucci, left, and her daughter, Rita Morgan, show off some of the arts and crafts which will be available at the St. Charles Borromeo Bazaar. The lighted church centerpiece will be a featured item.

St. Charles Bazaar Sunday

Elmira Heights — The St. Charles Borromeo Bazaar will be Sunday, Oct. 5, beginning at noon in the church hall.

The bazaar will offer the usual attractions, including arts and crafts, a flea market and food booths serving cabbage rolls, hot sandwiches, Italian waffles and pyrogys.

For the children, there will be a fish pond, face painting and a food and pop booth.

The arts and crafts booth, which will include many handmade Christmas

decorations, will feature a lighted church centerpiece.

50th Wedding

Prattsburg — Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Bergman of Prattsburg were recently honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving held at St. Patrick's Church here. Father James Cosgrove celebrated the liturgy. That afternoon they were feted at a surprise party given by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McEvoy of Schenectady. Guests attended from Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rochester, Elmira, Hornell, Hammondsport, Pulteney, and Branchport. The couple was congratulated by President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter and a special blessing was bestowed from Pope John Paul II.

Class Forming For Scout Religious Award

Corning — A class of Boy Scouts preparing for the Altare Dei award will be formed tomorrow evening, Thursday, Oct. 2, under the direction of Father Philip Billotte, St. Patrick's associate pastor. All candidates for the Roman Catholic scouting award should meet at St. Patrick's Hall, 274 Denison Parkway East, at 7:30 p.m. Further information can be obtained from Vincent O'Brien, chairman of the Steuben Area Council, Catholic Committee on Scouting at 962-1352, or Lou Faratella, 936-8967.

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