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St. Ann's Parents Planning Year

Hornell — In an effort to secure the cooperation of both parents, the Mother's Club of St. Ann's School has changed its name to "Parents of St. Ann's."

Kathy McManus, president, noted her pleasure at the change, approved at the November meeting, stating her hope that it will provide the needed incentive for more male participation in the group.

Since September the club has tried to introduce some new fund raising events in an effort to stimulate renewed interest, and conducted a successful event this fall. A candy sale is being planned for February.

The group also is sponsoring programs for the participation and enjoyment of the students. One such idea is the bowling program which involves each class in turn bowling on Tuesday afternoons. The group also is making lunch monitors available so the teachers can have lunch together.

To help coordinate the various programs, the group has begun a monthly newsletter to keep all members informed. The newsletter is called the St. Ann-a-Gram, the name suggested by Frank McBride.



Center Dedicated

This year, the former St. Vincent's, Corning, convent became an Early Education Center, the site of a pre-school program. It was dedicated to its new use during a recent visit by Bishop Clark. Participating, from left, Father Robert Beligotti, parish associate; Bishop Clark and Father Joseph F. Hogan, pastor.

K of C To Honor Deceased

Corning — Knights of Columbus Corning Council 281 will honor its deceased members at the St. Vincent DePaul's 9 a.m. Mass Sunday,

Nov. 30. Father Joseph F. Hogan, St. Vincent's pastor and K of C chaplain, will offer the Mass. The council invites all families and relatives of deceased members to attend the Mass. They will sit in the front of church in a section reserved for them and the Fourth Degree Color Guard.

A Communion Breakfast will follow at the K of C Home. Tickets for the breakfast, at \$2 each or \$5 per family, will be available from any Knight, or by contacting the K of C Home. Reservations are requested by Friday, Nov. 28, by calling the K of C Home, 936-4839; or 962-6563 or 936-8967.

CCGEB Planning Benefit Cheese Sale

By Martin Toombs
 Southern Tier Editor

Elmira — The Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) heard plans for its cheese sale and an update on its efforts to arrange swimming instruction for its fourth and sixth graders at its meeting Nov. 13 at St. Mary's.

Through the cooperation of eight of the parishes involved in the system, mailings describing the cheese being offered have been sent to parishioners. A letter explains the purpose of the sale and ways to order the various selections which are available. Orders will be picked up in the various parishes following Masses the weekend of Dec. 6 and 7.

Thomas Klotz, who is chairing the drive, explained that the students will not be given incentives or urged to sell the cheese, in an attempt to avoid having them go door-to-door. Instead, the sale is being conducted directly to the more than 6,000 families which belong to the parishes cooperating with the program.

Customers will be able to order through the system business office, or through telephone numbers which are included in the explanatory material.

Concerning the provision of swimming instruction, Martin Tracy, board president, told the board he has had further discussions with city school district officials following the

CCGEB's decision to withdraw St. Casimir's and St. Mary's schools from the district program. The cost figures and other options for use of the pool are being discussed, he noted, adding that he has had a member of the city school board contact him concerning the matter.

Meanwhile, the St. Casimir's fourth grade had its first swimming lesson at the YWCA pool Nov. 14, where alternative arrangements have been made for the schools withdrawn from the public school district program.

The CCGEB also received information preparing the members for their part in the St. Mary's School self-study, and heard reports from committee chairpersons who listed the members they have recruited to serve on their committees.

Tompkins ACT Maps Thanksgiving Events

Ithaca — Area Congregations Together, the Tompkins County inter-faith association of churches and synagogues, is sponsoring a series of local Thanksgiving Services this week. The first was last Sunday at Dyrdon Presbyterian Church; four more are scheduled for this evening, Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Rev. Gary Judson and Sister Elizabeth Hughes of Immaculate Conception Parish will conduct the service at the Newfield Methodist Church, at 7 p.m.

In Trumansburg, local clergy will lead a service at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Epiphany. Ray Repp will be leading the music.

St. John's Episcopal in Ithaca will be the host for a service beginning at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Robert Hill will be the speaker, with music led by Drs. Alice and George Damp and the children's choir from Congregation and St. John's churches.

And in Lansing, Father Richard Stanton will be the speaker at the service at All Saints Church. The service, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will be followed by a fellowship hour.

Donations of canned goods and money for the Kitchen Cupboard will be made at all services.



BARTELL

Parishioner Honored

Hornell — John R. Bartell, choirmaster and organist at St. Ann's Church, recently was honored by the state Association of Milk and Food Sanitarians for service to the association and its goals. Bartell is associate professor and coordinator of the agricultural science curriculum at Alfred State College.

Bartell has been organist at St. Ann's for several years. He and his wife, Nancy, have been active in the CCD program and other parish organizations. Mrs. Bartell, an employee of St. James Mercy Hospital, is secretary of St. Ann's Parish Council. The Bartells have three children, two of whom are students at St. Ann's School.



John Arena, kneeling, right, with others in the Death Valley Walk.

Walkers for Life Brave Death Valley

John Arena, the Rome, N.Y., chief of the Annual Death Valley Walk, a four-day, 100-mile long demonstration against abortion, and three others recently completed the trek from Scotty's Castle to Las Vegas, Nev.

According to a news release from the Central N.Y. Right to Life Federation, the purpose of the walk is "to commemorate, to make reparation for, and to ask God's forgiveness for America's inhumane killing of more than 8 million unborn babies annihilated since Jan. 22, 1973."

Participants hailed from across the country and included a wide variety of professions. Altogether 36 persons took part.

Catholic participants, the release stated, attended Mass each morning of the walk. The liturgy was celebrated by Father Lawrence Craig, SSSC.

In addition, the release reported that the rosary was recited several times during the event.

Bazaar Planned

Ithaca — Immaculate Conception Parish's Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym. Items available will include crafts, plants, the parish cookbook, and baked goods.

300 View Operating Room

Hornell — More than 300 adults and children attended the open house in the surgery unit of St. James Mercy Hospital Friday evening, Nov. 14, during the observance of the Second Annual Operating Room Nurse Day.

For the first time in the

hospital's 90 years, visitors were invited to go behind the doors labeled "authorized personnel only," and view the various rooms in the surgical suite. Operating room personnel conducted the visitors to each room where their colleagues explained how an operation is done and what

procedures and equipment are used.

One section featured a display of instruments, equipment and supplies, each labeled with its cost.

Only one operating room was sealed during the open house, Betty Harder, RN, operating room supervisor, noted, in the event of the necessity of an emergency operation. She added that following the open house, the entire surgical unit was disinfected.

Heights Parish Conducting Mission

Elmira Heights — St. Charles Borromeo Parish will have a parish mission beginning Sunday, Nov. 30, and ending on Friday, Dec. 5. Father Joseph Gaynor, pastor, has announced.

Spiritual director for the week will be Father Cronan Maxwell, OFM. Father Maxwell will speak at weekend Masses, and will conduct services at 9 a.m. and

at 7:30 p.m. on the weekdays, with the exception of the Monday evening service, which will be at 5:15 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available following all services.

Father Gaynor noted that parishioners are being asked to bring a friend, such as someone not practicing their Catholic faith, to the week's program.

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