

# At Your Parish . . .



Students Mary Belmont, Nancy McMullen, Brent Koster and Mike Schickler review Senator Moynihan's letter as Mrs. Dorothy Mahoney looks on.

## Holy Trinity, Webster

Eighth graders at Holy Trinity are actively involved in a letter writing campaign supporting the Human Life Amendment, introduced on January 21. Students wrote letters to Senator Patrick Moynihan and Congressman

Frank Horton expressing their views on the subject.

Senator Moynihan has sent a response to the students which is now being debated by them. A letter of reply will follow debate.

## St. Anne, Palmyra

The Youth Group, Folk Group and Clown Ministry volunteers from St. Anne's, Palmyra, paid a visit to St. Ann's Home recently to perform for residents. The first stop was to the room of Father William Hickey for a special performance. Father Hickey was pastor at St. Anne's.

## St. Joseph, Penfield

St. Joseph's Parish in Penfield has scheduled their annual Sports Banquet for Wednesday, April 8, at the Burgundy Basin Inn on Marsh Road, Pittsford.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. buffet are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for students, and are available in advance only by calling the rectory, 586-0674.

## More Opinions

### Advice To Parents

Editor:

I would like to address a few words to Catholic parents.

First, Communion preparation time is beginning again. There are several methods or approaches for teaching First Communion. Some of you will have a newer, more modern First Communion preparation program in your parish.

I believe it is important for parents to understand that some of these new experimental approaches do not stress the "real presence" of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. These programs are geared more toward the ideas of giving, sharing, celebrating, etc. The emphasis is usually placed on family and community involvement rather than on the "presence" of Jesus in our tabernacles. And so, the children will not necessarily be taught the traditional way we were.

Therefore, parents whose children are in these newer, more progressive programs will have to take on added responsibility for seeing that their children receive some instruction on the traditional teaching of the Catholic Church. The real presence with all its beauty and awe will have to be taught in the home. If you want your children to learn little prayers of love and adoration to say in their hearts before and after Communion, you will have to teach them these yourselves. If you feel it is important for them to learn how to talk to

Jesus at Communion time, you, yourselves, will have to teach them how. If you want them to know and be aware of what is happening at the Consecration of the Mass, then you as parents will have to take on this responsibility.

Today we live in an age when in many places deep reverence and respect for the Blessed Sacrament has ceased to be taught and emphasized. It is important that your children learn and preserve in their hearts the beauty and awe of the Blessed Sacrament, the preciousness of God's wondrous gift. Don't deprive your children of the knowledge of these beautiful truths and values of our faith. Teach them at home about the heart of Catholicism — the Blessed Eucharist. For this is what Holy Communion is all about.

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### Seminary Experience

Editor:

I think that Bishop Clark is now facing the very real possibility that to close St.

## St. Rita, Webster

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, retired bishop of Rochester, will speak on "The Church as a Sacrament of Christ's Presence Now," at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 23 at St. Rita's in Webster.

The parish has also scheduled talks by Father Lewis Brown, director of religious education for the diocese, on March 30 and April 6. Father Brown will discuss "Simon Peter Encounters Christ."

## St. Margaret Mary

The Home School Association at St. Margaret Mary Parish will host a spaghetti dinner from 1 to 7 p.m., Saturday, March 21 in the school cafeteria, 401 Rogers Pkwy. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. The dinner is open to the public and advance tickets are available by contacting Mrs. Marlene Parker, 338-1818.

## St. Andrew

The Rosary Society at St. Andrew's Parish will next meet on Tuesday, March 24. The meeting will be followed by a parish fun night. All neighbors and friends are invited.

Bernard's Seminary is a mistake.

Not in dollars and cents terms is it a mistake because St. Bernard's would probably always need some sort of subsidy from the diocese. But in the unique education experience, that St. Bernard's offers there is overriding value that the Catholic Church desperately needs.

To give lay people the chance to take graduate courses in Theology while giving seminarians the chance to be educated with those very ones they will be serving — there is no parallel and there is no substitute.

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### Pray The Rosary

Editor:

As reflected in Father Cuddy's column (3-4-81) entitled "The Smiling Pope and the Rosary," it is evident that "the rosary has suffered from attack" and "has not been taught to children either by their parents or in religious education programs." There are far too many good reasons to list in favor of saying the daily rosary both at home and



## 50th Reunion

The 50th Anniversary Reunion for students at St. Margaret Mary's School, Irondequoit, is set for Sunday, May 3. All graduates of St. Margaret Mary's are invited. Shown here are reunion committee members, from left, Grace Kujitens, Eleanor Hollin and Chris Plasschaert. For details, those interested may Jackie Cushman, 338-1098.

## Perpetual Help

Jean Marie Darling and Suellene Lumpkin, both eighth graders at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, won high school scholarships in the recent qualifying exam.

Jean Marie was awarded a one-year scholarship to Nazareth Academy. Suellene received a four-year partial award to Bishop Kearney High.

in our parish churches. Msgr. Cirrincione's daily community rosary on the radio is a fine example.

At Our Lady's own request as recently as 50 years ago, she, stated to Sister Mary Lucia, "You at least try to console me" by reciting the rosary "while meditating on the mysteries." We can do no less by saying the family rosary daily, in our homes, after each Mass enacting the Perpetual Rosary and the Holy Rosary Hour in each parish and total renewal of the first Saturday devotion.

Those wishing information, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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## St. John, Greece

A Lenten Evening of Reflection will begin at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 23 at St. John the Evangelist School Hall, Greece. Adults and teens are welcome, no registration is necessary.

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