

'Share the Harvest' Focuses Food Concern

Throughout the Rochester area this week, Catholics and Protestants are joining in a major project to focus community attention on the problems of hunger and food distribution.

The project, "Share the Harvest Week," has been

pulled together by Genesee Ecumenical Ministries (GEM) and features displays in Midtown Plaza, a legislative hearing, an observance of the United Nation's World Food Day, and more than a dozen 10-mile CROP Walks throughout the county.

A Share the Harvest Exhibit is now running at Midtown Plaza. The displays by more than 25 organizations feature information on nutrition, food self-sufficiency, energy, ecology and food production, waste food, farm policies for the state and the nation, and

international hunger relief and agricultural development, among others.

A legislative hearing on food policy by the State Assembly's subcommittee on food, farms and nutrition will open at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Henrietta Town Hall. The

focus of the hearing is the state's self-sufficiency in food production. Persons wishing time on the agenda have been asked to call Tom Ferraro, (716) 454-4220.

A Share the Harvest Family Celebration will be 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16, at the Hochstein School of Music, 50 N. Plymouth Ave. The Open Hand Puppet Theatre; Troupe of Syracuse, folksinger Mitzi Collins, and the extraordinary children's group, the Black Seeds, will perform in a program designed to celebrate the U.N.'s World Food Day.

Every public library in the county will accept food items and cash donations to help restock emergency food cupboards on Saturday. The drop-off hours run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.


More than 5,000 church-

goers in the area are expected to hit the streets on Sunday on ten-mile demonstrations of concern for the hungry around the world. Marchers are gathering pledges of money to feed the hungry.

The demonstrations, at least 13 at present, are called CROP Walks. The goal set for this year's program is \$100,000 of which 75 percent will go for overseas food projects.

According to Rev. Larry Whitmer, executive director of GEM, donations may be earmarked for Catholic Relief Services. Ordinarily however, CROP Walk donations are handled by Church World Service, the Protestant agency which devised CROP.

It is thought that Rochester's Share the Harvest Week is the largest to be staged in the state.



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St. Patrick's Nears Sesquicentennial By Working on Spiritual Rejuvenation

Seneca Falls — Throughout this Finger Lakes town, and even across the diocese, parishioners and friends of St. Patrick's Church are rearing up for a massive celebration of the parish's 150th anniversary.

And that occasion will be observed in a week long program of spiritual renewal which has drawn both the attention and prayers of people miles from the limits of parish boundaries.

The program, "Come Grow with Us," is being advertised on lapel buttons, bulletins and posters, and is the result of more than a year's planning by the parish council and staff.

The details of the Oct. 18-24 celebration incorporate the ideas of a broad spectrum of needs and desires on the part of parishioners, a parish council statement said.

Devised by the Ministries

Center for the Laity, the week's activities will be steered by Brother Paul Michaelenko, ST; Sister Maria Cieslinski, MSBT, and Father William Burkert, ST, all Trinitarians, and staffers from the center.

In addition, a special evening devoted to the topic of prayer will feature Fathers Benedict Ehmann, William Darling and James Connolly, SJ, and Sisters Nancy Burkin, SSJ, and Maura Wilson, SSJ.

For the most part the program will open each day at 7 p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration and private prayer followed at 7:30 with a prayer service and a homily on the topic of the day.

Also, in a departure from form, an open forum "for those who have become alienated from St. Patrick's for whatever reason," will begin at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22, at the "neutral territory" of the K of C Hall. Questions that may be embarrassing to ask in public are invited in written form and may be mailed to St. Patrick's Rectory, 97 W. Bayard St., Seneca Falls, N.Y. 13148.

The week will be capped by a Jubilee Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24. The Mass will be followed by a birthday dinner in the school gym for which tickets must be purchased by Oct. 17. Following the dinner the Dundee Symphonic Steel Band will provide music for dancing.

St. Mary's, Rexville, Planning New Church

By Martin Toombs

Rexville — St. Mary's Parish is preparing plans for the construction of a church to replace the one destroyed by fire June 9.

The parish's 104 year old church was hit by lightning in the early morning hours of June 9 and was a total loss. Since then the parish has been conducting Sunday Masses in the Rexville fire hall.

Before a go-ahead was given for the construction of a new church, various issues regarding the 80 family congregation were discussed.

By on Aug. 27, Father Thomas Burr, pastor, received a letter authorizing the parish to build a new church.

Father Burr said the agreement with the diocese and the diocesan Building Commission calls for the \$450,000 received in insurance from the old building to be spent in three ways. The new building should cost \$300,000, he said, with \$50,000 budgeted for furnishings. The remaining

\$100,000 is to be set aside for apostolic programs.

Father Burr said the \$100,000 fund could be used as an endowment, with the proceeds used to hire a pastoral assistant for the parish.

They are forming a parish building committee, Father Burr said, and representatives from that group will then take specific plans for a multi-purpose church building to the Building Commission. Only after approval of those plans will they hire an architect, he said.

The agreement with the diocese also calls for disposition, either by sale or by demolition, of the parish's rectory. While there is some disappointment that the rectory won't be retained, it is "more practical" for the parish to have to support only one building, and "most of the people are accepting that," Father Burr said.

It has been about 20 years since the pastor of St. Mary's, and of St. Joachim's in Canisteo, lived at the rectory.

The large building, which is in need of a great deal of repair, has been used for retreats and for parish meetings and religious education classes, functions which should be moved to the new building.

Obviously, Father Burr said, they would prefer selling the rectory to demolishing it.

Even if the building is sold, he said, there will be three acres of land left on which to place the church. The new building might be located between the old site and the cemetery, with the site of the old church becoming a parking lot.

They won't have any exact budget for the building until after an architect draws up plans, Father Burr noted, and that may require some alterations at that time.

Attendance at Mass at the fire hall has been typical for the time of year, Father Burr said, and any enthusiasm which occurred after the fire was restored with the news that the diocese had granted permission for a new church to be built.

PEACE BRUNCH

Ithaca — Immaculate Conception School here will host a Ladies PEACE Brunch, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Admission is by presenting a dish to pass and a \$1 donation.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.

Ithaca Carmelite Ordained Deacon

Washington, D.C. — Brother Steven Lawrence Payne, OCD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Payne of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Ithaca, was ordained a deacon Sept. 12 in the Crypt Chapel of the shrine of the Immaculate Conception here.

The ordinand made his solemn profession to the

He will serve his diaconate year at St. Martin's Parish here.



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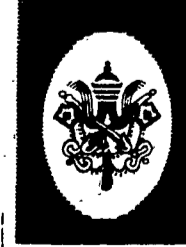
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