

At Your Parish...

Cathedral

John C. Herrmann, pastoral musician at St. John the Evangelist in Greece, will present an organ recital, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31, in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Herrmann's program will include works by Dupre, Bach, and Purcell.

St. Patrick

Seneca Falls — Foul weather forced the postponement of St. Patrick's Sports Banquet from Jan. 10 to Jan. 31. Bob Watson, the featured celebrity, was unable to travel to the area. Honored guest at the banquet will be Matt Ferrara Sr., as planned.

Nativity

Brockport — Rosie Muschal-Reinhardt will address the topic of "Parenting," 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish center, 138 Main St. Ms. Muschal-Reinhardt's talk is sponsored by the parish Adult Education Committee. She has described the flavor of her talk as "God wants us to enjoy life and laugh, for it is only in laughing that we can realize how serious our relationships with our children really are." The talk will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Deadline

Items for At Your Parish should be typed and at the Courier-Journal offices by noon on Thursday preceding the week they are to appear. The address is Courier-Journal At Your Parish, 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

St. Stanislaus

The Committee to Aid Poland and the Polish Women's Alliance have slated two days of feasting on such homemade foods as pierogi, golombki, sauerkraut and sausage, with all proceeds to aid the Tribute to Poland Fund.

Buffet dinners will be served 5-7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, and noon-6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31, at St. Stanislaus Hall. Heaping plates will cost \$3.50.

Softball Fundraiser Slated

Organizers are expecting more than 100 softball teams to participate in the March of Dimes "Sno-Softball 82" fundraiser Jan. 30 and 31 at Cobbs Hill Park. In addition, satellite tournaments are slated for Bubbas, Rochester Institute of Technology and SUNY Brockport. Last year's effort raised more than \$5,000 for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

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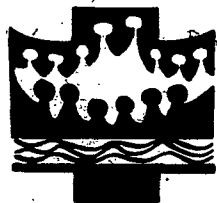
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Insights In Liturgy



By Sister Nancy Burkin, SSJ

The Ordo Missae Report

At this writing, the people of the diocese of Rochester involved in the Ordo Missae study have completed their evaluations of each part of the Mass from the Entrance Procession through the Prayers at the Preparation of the Altar. Their evaluations consisted of two determinations: first, whether the particular part of the Mass that was studied and discussed serves the assembly when it celebrates; secondly, whether that part ought to remain as is, be changed in some way, relocated or simply omitted. This space does not allow a full report of our people's responses, but we can share some common threads that have run throughout the first half of this study.

The concern that was raised by most participating parishes again and again was a need for sufficient silence when the Eucharistic liturgy calls for such. The Penitential Rite was seen to serve the assembly only if sufficient time was allowed. The Opening Prayer brought comments not only regarding the amount of silence following the invitation, "Let us pray," but also regarding the way that silent time is observed by all, including the presider. The first and second readings should be followed by a period of silent reflection. The meaningfulness of the psalm response to the first reading depends on the silent reflection that precedes it.

Since music plays an essential role in the celebration of the Eucharist, it is no surprise that many comments were made regarding singing. The Entrance Song, the Gloria, the psalm response and the Gospel Alleluia were seen to

be dead and mechanical and thus not of service to the assembly when they are recited. In each case, song was recommended. However, during the presentation of the gifts, instrumental music was suggested as a better alternative to song.

The use of authentic and meaningful symbols did not escape our peoples' critique. If the Sunday Renewal of Baptism is used, then the tool for sprinkling the people should be changed and all the people should feel the water. Several parishes said, "Get the people wet." Regarding the bread for the celebration of the Eucharist, people urged a use of bread that looks, tastes and has a consistency of bread as we know it.

Some parts of the Eucharist that were studied left questions in peoples' minds because these rites were not part of their common experience. Both the Sunday Renewal of Baptism and the Preparation of the Altar fall in this category. In the case of the former, the people asked that it take place more often; in the latter, most remarked that the book and the chalice were present on the altar from the beginning of Mass and the preparation rite had little or no meaning to them.

Certainly, these are only a few of the concerns and observations the people of the diocese are making regarding their ordinary experience of Sunday Eucharist. Not every parish in the study voiced these concerns, but for the most part, the majority have. On one point, our people do agree: the education they are receiving is invaluable and the rest of the people of the diocese should have the opportunity to grow as they are. We, in the Liturgy Office, readily add our support to that!

St. Cecilia

In September, St. Cecilia's School will open a pre-kindergarten for three- and four-year-olds. The program will include two- and three-day sessions.

Registration for the program will be held 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Monday, March 1. Further information is available by calling the school office, 467-4120, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Holy Family

The Rosary Society of Holy Family parish will meet at 7:30, Wednesday, Feb. 10 in the Pine Room. Miss Maryann Walfer is hostess for the evening which features a Valentine Party and a "Pound Auction." Members are asked to bring wrapped pound items.

Our Lady of Victory

The women of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Family of Our Lady of Victory Church will attend Mass at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 7. A breakfast at the Genesee Plaza Hotel will follow.

Cathedral

The Rosary Guild of Sacred Heart Cathedral will meet 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9. A living rosary will be recited, and, following a short business meeting in the rectory hall, a fashion show from Frances Dress Shop is slated.

Cathedral Program Slates Fr. Falcone

Sacred Heart Cathedral's adult education program this semester will feature an eight-week course by Father Sebastian Falcone, dean-director of St. Bernard's Institute, "A Key to the Book of Revelation," 8-10 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 3 in the rectory hall.

associate pastor, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 2, in the rectory recreation room.

Registration for all the courses is made by calling 647-1900.

"Basic Clownology," taught by Richard Kirsch of the Clowns of America, will run 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, beginning Feb. 4. Class size is limited to 25 and preregistration by calling 647-1900 is required.

"Paul and His Journey of Faith" will be taught by Father Thomas Wheeland.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will open at noon, Thursday, Feb. 4, at Blessed Sacrament Church. The afternoon of devotions includes rosary at 12:15 p.m. and benediction at 5 p.m. preceding the closing 5:20 p.m. Mass. The intention of the rites is priestly fidelity to the magisterium. AYP.

Pilgrimage

Mrs. Mary Kelly, local spokesperson for the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, will lead a pilgrimage to the Marian shrines in Mexico, March 16-22. Included in the tour are all the major shrines and side trips to Cuernavaca and Taxco. Further information is obtained by calling Mrs. Kelly at 586-1664.

Deaths

Brother Aloysius, SVD

Conesus — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 18 for Brother Aloysius M. Christian, SVD, who died here Thursday, Jan. 14, 1982. The concelebrated rites were held at the Divine Word Seminary where Brother Aloysius resided for the past 41 years.

1911 took his first vows in 1913, and his perpetual vows in 1917.

He served in Techny, Ill. and Girard, Pa. prior to his assignment in Conesus in 1941.

Brother Aloysius is survived by a brother, Andrew Seidel, and a half-sister, Mrs. Hildegard Hoza, both of Pittsburgh.

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