

At Your Parish...

St. Anne, Palmyra

Palmyra — Thomas J. Driscoll, a candidate for the permanent diaconate who will be installed as a reader March 7, will speak at 7:30 p.m. that evening on "Morality" at St. Anne's Christian Formation Center. Driscoll, director of religious education at St. Louis Church in Pittsford, will explore shifts in religious thinking in such subjects as

birth control, homosexuality, non-marital sexuality, artificial insemination, genetic screening and euthanasia.

The lecture is part of a series, "Morality — the Church, Adults, Families, Our Youth Today," sponsored by the parish education committee.

Holy Cross

The Rosary Society of Holy Cross Church will host its 12th annual Antique Show and Sale, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., March 6, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 7, in the school auditorium.

Organizers expect 35 dealers from across the state and beyond to display their goods.

In addition, luncheon and dinner will be served both days. Members of the society prepare homemade foods and desserts for the event.

Nativity

Brockport — A weekend "Seminar for Parents of Teens" will be held March 6 and 7 at the Parish Center, 138 Main St.

The program is open to single, separated, divorced and two-parent families. Enrollment is limited, and a fee of \$20 is charged. Further information is available by calling Nancy Bartlett, 637-5707, or Marie Elphick, 659-8098.

Ss. Peter and Paul

Elmira — A Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be served 6-8 p.m., Saturday, March 13, at Ss. Peter and Paul Church hall. Tickets are

\$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. The event is a project of the social activities committee of the parish council.

Sister Susan Altpeter, RSM



Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect

A Vision Of Love And Service

We live each day in the mystery of God. As we experience life, suffering, death and resurrection, we realize that we are constantly being created and sustained by the newness of life in God. Becoming a new creation in the Lord is a way of life for us as persons and as a Church. Sharing that creative power of the Spirit within us, coming together to put possibilities on our hopes and concerns, calling forth new life in each other and in our world are aspects of vision.

As Church, we need to challenge ourselves to our vision. We might ask, do we in fact have a vision, are we in quest of a vision? Do we have a way of clearly looking at the reality of our service, our community, our relationships and a way of helping ourselves grow beyond the present to the what-could-be for our loving God? Equally important is possessing a desire or an open attitude to allow change to occur that will benefit our becoming more than we are for the Lord and for the building up of the Kingdom.

Vision — named, described and shared — can bring us back to the heart of the Gospel. It can create energies that renew the life and joy of the Church.

We need to help one

another discern what should be treasured and what should be allowed to die. As we are called to bear the burden of the struggle against all injustice and oppression, we need to respond more unselfishly, and to be committed to proclaiming Gospel values. The call of the 80s is one to enter paths of prayer and reflection that enable a deeper understanding of God's Word in light of the needs of today's world. If we can tell our vision of the new Jerusalem to one another, perhaps our ability to confront society with faith and the Gospel will be more effective.

My vision of the Church is that we would learn to work together, encourage one another, support and love each other so we can live the beatitudes and works of mercy to the fullest. The needs of the poor and suffering need to be taken as important and made a permanent priority. Refugees, the homeless, the unemployed, the dying, abused children and elderly, the institutionalized — all are calling us to a vision of love and service.

In union with the Spirit, the Church is moving towards the new earth of the Lord. How do we see this taking place? How can we search ways to help it happen? How can we love and give more to life, to people and to the God who loves us so much?

Sister Susan Altpeter, RSM, is a pastoral counselor.

St. Leo's

Hilton — A World Day of Prayer observance will be held at St. Leo's Church here March 5. All area churches have been invited to participate. A bible study program will be held at 1 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the prayer service.

St. Christopher

Rev. Raymond McGinnis of Pearce Memorial Church will address the topic of "God's Beloved Son," as the second in the ecumenical Lenten series, "Forty Days in Faith," being sponsored by St. Christopher's Church in North Chili.

Holy Family

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish will conduct a Lenten program at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, in the Pine Room. A business and lunch will follow. Mrs. Charles Noto is hostess.

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