

At Your Parish . . .

St. Thomas Apostle

The parish liturgy committee and the Rosary Society at St. Thomas the Apostle Church are sponsoring a morning of recollection, 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday,

March 18 in the parish center. Father Robert Kennedy, diocesan director of continuing education, will speak on reconciliation, and will celebrate a Mass at 9:15 a.m.

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.

Lady of Victory

A documentary film on the 1978 exhibition of the Shroud of Turin will be shown at 2 p.m. the Sundays of Lent at Our Lady of Victory Church on Pleasant Street.

St. Theodore

The Rosary-Altar Society and the Men's Club will stage a St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. Corned beef and cabbage will be served and a feature of the evening will be dancing to the music of Joe Cady's orchestra. Tickets at \$7 per person and \$5 for senior citizens are available from the rectory. Proceeds will go into the St. Theodore's Church Renovation Fund.

Holy Family, Auburn

Auburn — Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will preside at the celebration of Mass at 5:30 p.m., the Feast of St. Patrick, Wednesday, March 17, at Holy Family Church. Priests of the city will concelebrate with him; and a concert of Irish music featuring harps, flutes, bagpipes, organ and the parish adult choir will precede the Mass at 5:05 p.m. The intention of the rites is peace in Ireland.

The Sunday before, from noon to 9 p.m., the parish will stage an Irish Supper and festival featuring live stage entertainment. On display during the affair will be a curragh, an Irish boat, hand built by Father Ralph Fraats, associate pastor, and Father Oliver Stokes, former associate pastor now assigned in Rome.

St. Anne, Palmyra

Palmyra — Kenneth Rabinowitz, a private counselor will address the subject of parents' values and communicating them to teenagers at 7:30 p.m., March

14, at St. Anne's School. Rabinowitz is the last speaker in a series sponsored by the parish adult education committee.

Lourdes/Peace

The parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady Queen of Peace will stage an Emerald Ball at 7 p.m., Friday, March 12, at Oak Hill Country Club. Following cocktails and dinner, music for dancing will be provided by Joe Cady.

Corpus Christi

The Dick Tosti Trio will play for St. Patrick's dance, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday, March 12 in Corpus Christi church hall, 864 Main St. East. A \$2 donation is asked, proceeds will benefit the Corpus Christi Center Project.

ND ALUMNI

The University of Notre Dame Alumni will meet Father John Fitzgerald, associate director of campus ministry there, at the group's annual "Universal Notre Dame Night," Wednesday, March 17 at the University Club. A feature of the evening will be the naming of the Notre Dame Man of the Year and the Junior of the Year. Reservations are required and are made by calling Ronald Zlotnik, (716) 377-7488.

Holy Cross

The Men's Club and the Rosary Society of Holy Cross Parish will stage a gala St. Patrick's party beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13 in the auditorium. A ham dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Father Jeremiah Moynihan, associate pastor will lead an Irish sing-along and John Gaspar's Big Band (Gaspar is the parish music director) will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$8 per person.

Poland Topic Of Report

Editor:

"March 19, 1982, the fast St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church and mighty Protector of the Church against world communism, will commemorate the 45th anniversary of one of the most important encyclicals of this century, Divini Redemptoris, on atheistic communism issued by Pope Pius XI."

The Cardinal Mindszenty report, "Poland: 45 years after Divini Redemptoris," relates and analyzes the present situation in Poland from a spiritual and historical viewpoint.

The foundation would encourage readers to send for a "free" copy, enclosing a stamped-return addressed envelope, (business size, No. 10), to address below:

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More Opinions

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Less Protest, More Prayer

Editor:

Finally, a truly prophetic voice has been heard in our diocese in the words of Father Shamon and, as is the usual case with prophetic pronouncements, it is out of step with current popular causes. It will be contested, denied, disregarded and misunderstood by the new school of mistaken "pacifists" who tune out not only the most recent words of Pope John Paul II, in his message of Jan. 1, 1982, "Peace, A Gift of God Entrusted to Us," in which he states the principle that has been constant Church teaching: "In the name of elementary justice, peoples have a right and even a duty to protect their existence and freedom by proportionate means against an unjust aggressor." Reflect back only as far as 1945 — when has the United States invaded, conquered or subjugated another nation? Have we forcefully imposed freedom on Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Czechoslovakia, Afghanistan or Poland? The Vatican II document, "The Church in the Modern World" says: "All those who enter military service should look upon themselves as the custodians of the security and freedom of their fellow countrymen; and

when they carry out their duty properly, they are contributing to the implementation of peace."

So much of the current controversy is a result of imprecise terminology. Certainly, Our Lord has called all of us to be peacemakers — active makers of peace between nations by nonviolent means. This is not in any way equivalent to the passivism that is being preached. Passivism is a concept of non-action, of submission even in the face of evil. Christ's death was an action making peace between God and man, and freeing man from slavery to sin. It was not a submission to the kind of evil that could rob whole nations of their freedom. Neville Chamberlain attempted this kind of abject appeasement in 1938. Entire nations were enslaved and millions of innocent people killed as a result.

Even more curious is the intellectual myopia that would equate the protesting at Geneva General Hospital against the premeditated killing of innocent life with protesting against the possible presence of deterrent nuclear weapons at the Seneca Army Depot. This is especially incredible when one considers that the Campaign for Human Development last year awarded a \$6,100 grant to the Geneva Women's Resource Center. At their storefront operation you may freely obtain propaganda from such groups as Planned Parenthood, American Civil Liberties Union, Catholics for a Free Choice, Medicaid abortion rights, contraceptive literature, ERA, in addition to informative displays on Gay Rights, Feminism and Lesbian Tide. It also claims a Sister as a member of its board of directors.

Our Lady pleads with us to pray for the conversion of Russia. The U.S. Bishops last November requested the Holy Father to consecrate Russia to her. Please, God, in the future, may we devote more energy to storming the Gates of Heaven with prayer, than the gates of the Seneca Army Depot with protesters.

God bless Father Shamon — Ad Multos Annos!

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Column Does Injustice

Editor:

I am writing in response to Father Paul J. Cuddy's article (CJ 2/24/82) concerning the

"Cultic" Priesthood as Paramount. I am of the opinion that his "theological fact" that the "priesthood is concerned essentially with celebrating the Sacrifice of the Mass" is "essentially" poor theology in light of Vatican II and in light of our common mission as "Church." "The Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests" explicitly states that, "Since no one can be saved who has not first believed, priests . . . have as their primary duty the proclamation of the gospel of God to all" (#4; also, cf Rom. 10:8-18).

The proclamation of the Word is "paramount" in the life of one ordained for ministry; it is for this reason that most major seminaries today place greater emphasis on developing preaching and proclamation skills in those preparing for priestly ministry. Our growing realization in recent years as "Church" has been that one cannot separate the Liturgy of the Word from the Liturgy of the Eucharist; the former empowers us to move to the latter. It is for this reason that I feel that Father Cuddy's focus on the "cultic" priesthood as paramount is a focus which does an injustice to God's Word and to our Church's mission as bearer of the Good News to others.

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Eliminate Alcoholism

Editor:

There has been more and more articles on alcoholism. Last week, two such articles appeared in this paper.

I was glad to see that the county is playing its part by establishing a facility to aid in the rehabilitation of alcoholics.

I would like to see the Catholic parishes take a step toward eliminating alcohol from church functions. I feel the church should be a source of refuge, consolation, hope and love for its members. It seems to me that this would be most beneficial for alcoholics and their families.

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Guidelines

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