

# At Your Parish...

## St. Vincent

Corning — A dish-to-pass dinner followed by the film, "The Passover," and concluded with Stations of the Cross, has been planned by the St. Vincent Parish education in the liturgy committee for 6 p.m., Friday, April 2, in the school hall.

The scheme for dinner is that persons whose last initial is A to F will bring a meatless

## Holy Family

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Church will meet at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 14, in the Pine Room. Officers for next year will be elected at the meeting. Hostesses for the evening are Mrs. Kenneth Frank and Mrs. Frank Haag.

casserole; G to L, a vegetable dish; M to R, salad; S to Z, dessert. In addition, parishioners are asked to bring a complete place setting for each person. Coffee, tea and fruit will be provided.

## St. Agnes

Avon — Sister Nancy Burkin, SSJ, of the diocesan liturgy office will conduct a Lector Training Program, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday,

## St. Mary, Deaf

A program for parents of hearing-impaired children will be organized at St. Mary's Church of the Deaf, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 1. Regular meetings will begin April 15.

## St. Andrew

The Altar Society of St. Andrew's Church will hold a "Bells Dinner," 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 15. Reservations for the event are made by calling Mary Meritt, 342-7991.

April 3, in the school hall.

The program is for new lectors or those who wish a refresher course in proclaiming the Word of God. Participants are asked to bring a brown bag lunch. A fee of \$5 will be charged. Pre-registration is advised and is made by contacting Pat Zapf, 4856 Jones Lane, Avon, N.Y. 14414; (716) 226-8819.

## Holy Family

The annual German Night of Holy Family Church will start at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 17, in the parish auditorium. Tickets at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12, are only available by calling Marge Pollotta, 328-1616, before April 12.

# Geneva Parishes Readying Census

Geneva — Mrs. Mary Mulcahy of St. Stephen's Parish and Mrs. Mary Kay Puls of St. Francis DeSales Parish have been named the co-chairmen of the Coordinating Census Committee responsible for a city-wide visitation May 16.

The committee consists of 21 persons representing both parishes and is now in the process of selecting workers and publicizing the event. Individuals from both parishes are asked to serve as workers.

The last parish census was taken in 1975. Through this year's visitation program, the committee hopes to obtain accurate count of all baptized Catholics in the city, and identification of the needs of such community groups as

senior citizens, youths, and young couples.

Father Peter Bayer of the diocesan Office of Planning, together with Father Edwin Metzger and Father John Mulligan, stressed the importance of such a census at the committee's first meeting. The theme of this year's campaign is "Together in Christ."

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## Ireland In Africa

In 1979 I escorted a group to Ireland, and while in Dublin, stopped at the cafeteria in Clery's department store for coffee. Two Sisters of Mercy, in their early 40s, beautiful in their religious habits, were in line. Stepping forward, I said: "Sisters, will you sit with me and let me buy your coffee?" We sat, introduced ourselves, and I said, "Sisters, I am splitting to know how goes the Church in Ireland."

They smiled and one said: "Father, we don't know much about Ireland. We've been 20 years in Africa and have just come back for retreat with our community." Somewhat taken aback, I said: "Well, it's the Church anywhere I'm interested in. What of Africa?"

Both were nurses in hospitals run by Sisters of Mercy, but in different countries. I was deeply moved by their concern for the Africans, their compassion and selflessness. Both agreed that the Church was progressing in Faith and doing great good, especially in education and health, but both agreed sadly: "The worst thing in Africa is tribalism, one tribe pitted against another. No one has any solution."

In December I found the address of Sister Rita O'Hare, and sent a set of Sheen cassettes to her at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Transkei, South Africa, hoping they would reach her. Thieves steal tapes, erase Archbishop Sheen, tape in music and sell them at a high price. However, the tapes did arrive and she wrote this moving letter:

"Very many thanks for your Christmas letter and for the Sheen tapes which have recently arrived. They are a wonderful selection. They are inspiring and just what we need for Lent. I am back here and have done a week's work after three

month's sick leave. Every second patient here has tuberculosis. I always thought I was immune and it couldn't happen to me. However, after 20 years of daily contact, it did get a footing in my lung and knocked me off my horse and into the hospital in Durban. It gave me the time I needed for rest, praying and listening; and I really enjoyed the three months. I thank the Lord for it. Have responded well to treatment and thanks to the Lord's healing power, I am ready for action at St. Elizabeth's Hospital here.

"I arrived back to an outbreak of cholera in the district on top of all the usual accidents, assaults, gastroenteritis and TB, etc. I was just about exhausted after the week, but after a good rest on the weekend I will be ready for action in the morning.

"I had a letter from Sister Mary Boyle in Uganda when I was sick. She reminded me of our meeting in Dublin. Of course I have not seen her since the day we parted in Ireland. We have several Sisters working under very trying conditions and great privation in Uganda. They are a real inspiration to the rest of the community. Sister Mary is doing a power of work with her patients. I was delighted about your successful trip to Kenya, and that you could see the work of the Church there. And I thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on you and the work you are doing for His glory. Renewed thanks for your tapes, and I will continue to pray that the Lord will bless you for your apostolate."

## Deaths

### Regina N. Bush

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 1 at our Lady of Lourdes Church in Elmira for Regina N. Bush who died at age 81, Feb. 26, 1982.

Mrs. Bush was the mother of Father Justus John Bush, OFM Conv., who died in 1963, and of Sister Campion Bush, SSJ, of Ithaca.

Mrs. Bush served for several years as secretary at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, was former proprietor of Bush Liquor Store, a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and a member of the parish Rosary Altar Society.

Among those concelebrating her funeral Mass were Father Paul McCabe, Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, Father Gerald O'Connor, Father Lewis Brown, Father John Maloney, Father Bernard Carges, Father Anthony Mugavero, Father Francis Davis, Father Vincent McDonough, and Father Varghese Panangatt. Rev. Mr. Joseph Catanise served as deacon.

Besides Sister Campion, Mrs. Bush is survived by daughter, Mrs. John R. (Katrina) Sekella of Horseheads; a sister, Miss Ella M. Nicholson of Elmira; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Pallbearers at the rites were Thomas J. Sekella, Stephen J. Sekella, Leo J. Frederick, Ross L. Harman, Dominic Insogna, Anthony J. Strozinski, John J. Crowley and John J. Corsi.

## Blue Army Vigil

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima's monthly vigil opens at 9 p.m., Friday, April 2, at Holy Rosary Church. Fathers Patrick Magnier, Donald Curtiss and John Poluikis will lead the rites.



## Words of Our Lady

"Sacrifice yourself for sinners, and say often, especially when you make some sacrifice: 'O Jesus, this is for love of you, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'"

## PRAY THE ROSARY DEVOUTLY EVERYDAY

- LEARN • HEED
- PRACTICE and SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA
- GOD WILLS IT
- OUR LADY WISHES IT
- OUR HOLY FATHER ASKS IT
- HELP RETURN THE WORLD TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

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