

Assumption Fairport Sets Ground-Breaking

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will officiate at ground-breaking ceremonies for a new church in Fairport's Assumption of Our Lady Parish, 1:30 p.m., Sunday, April 25, the parish council announced last week.

In addition the bishop is scheduled to preside at Mass at 12:15 p.m. that day in the present church.

He will join a procession to the new church site, accompanied by priests and parishioners and several area dignitaries, including Congressman Frank

Horton, Fairport Mayor Vincent Kenelley, County Legislator Peter McDonough, priests of the Northeast Region and members of the Perinton Clergy Council. In addition, contingents of parishioners representing age groups and official positions in the parish community will assist in the ceremonies.

The order of the day consists of an opening hymn and prayer, remarks by Bishop Clark, Father John Norris, pastor, and Charles Cleary, president of the parish council; the singing of the

Magnificat, led by the Assumption Choir; a litany with the refrain, "Let the work begin;" and the ground-breaking proper.

Following the rite, St. Mary's Guild will host a reception for all present. The Perinton Community Orchestra will provide music. Because of uncertainty over the weather, both the ground-breaking and reception sites will be tented.

The parish building design committee has been meeting since last June with architect Dave Miller of Walzer, Miller, Genga and with the diocesan Building Commission to formulate plans and design. Specifications, completed earlier this month, are now in the hands of local contractors for bid.

The new church is planned to accommodate 700 in the sanctuary area, with a hall and meeting rooms on the lower level. Funding for the project has come from accumulated savings and a three-year Expansion Fund Campaign.

Coke Announces Recycling Drive

Rochester Coca-Cola Bottling is expanding its recycling center and has instituted a program whereby churches, schools and other organizations can raise funds by returning cans, bottles and plastic containers.

A spokesman for the company said the program will soon be introduced to Catholic schools. Collectors will be paid 20 cents per pound of all-aluminum cans, one and a half cents per pound of color-separated glass bottles and jars, and one and a half cents per pound of plastic soft drink bottles.

The company said that more than 18,000 pounds of

aluminum has been collected for recycling since the program began in July 1981. Now it is adding the glass and plastic recycling to complement the can recycling.

Recycling centers at Coca-Cola in Canandaigua, Dansville and Batavia are also accepting glass and plastic soft drink bottles.

The centers are at St. Bridget's Drive, Rochester; 570 N. Main St., Canandaigua; 850 N. Main St., Dansville; and 610 E. Main St., Batavia.

Further information is available at (716) 546-3900.

Women's Club Plans Sale

The Cardinal Mooney garage sale, sponsored by the Women's Guild, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at the rear of the school, 800 Maiden Lane. Dorothy Keenan and Ruth Tracy are co-chairpersons of the event.

Items to be sold include jewelry, appliances, books, clothing, baby items, records, dishes and toys. Those wishing to donate items may drop them at the Brothers garage Monday through Friday, April 26-30. To have large items picked up call 663-4366.

Garage Sale

The Women's Guild of Cardinal Mooney High School will hold a garage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at the rear of the school, 800 Maiden Lane. Dorothy Keenan and Ruth Tracy are chairpersons of the event. Items offered for sale include jewelry, appliances, books, clothing, baby goods, records, dishes, toys, and shoes. Small items donated for the sale may be brought to the school April 26-30. Persons wishing large donated items to be picked up are asked to call Ms. Keenan, 663-4366.

Montessori

The Rochester Montessori School will host an open house, 2-4:30 p.m., Sunday, April 25, at 170 E. Scholfield Road. Further information on the Montessori program is available by calling the school, 544-8540.

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On the Right Side



Candor About Celibacy

When celibacy was much discussed a dozen years ago, I wrote an article on celibacy in this column, and received this fiery letter in return.

"Just whom do you think you're kidding by that article on celibacy? Who are these priests so undivided from Christ because no wife stands between? Either you know different priests than I do or you're joking. I think I am a fairly well organized mother, and I take care of my family. You know what a good man my husband is, but his work brings home a pretty slender pay envelope which is hard to stretch even for ordinary needs. However, we manage, even if we don't live in the same luxury as our parish priests.

"I serve meat loaf and creamed chicken. It goes farther that way. At the rectory they are eating off the fat of the land. I skimp to get enough money ahead to buy the insurance on our jalopy. The Fathers spin around in flashy cars. I used to run down to morning Mass, but no more. I have to schedule my time for my family. The Mass I could go to is always 5 to 20 minutes late, and never any apologies. If there was a wife for the priest, she'd see that he got over on time. As for vacation time, I wish the Fathers would share mine and let me share theirs. I'd have a ball and they'd have nervous prostration.

"No, Father. I could add dozens of things that divide our celibates from Christ. Celibacy, as an ideal, may be better, but as far as I'm concerned, the real thing is that our priests are substituting the goods of this world for a helpful wife.

Doesn't this knock your pretty picture of the undivided priest into a cocked hat?"

After catching my breath, and some meditation on the letter, I replied:

You have many admirable gifts, but the one I have enjoyed most through years of friendship is your candor.

Have you noticed the cry from the anti-celibacy clergy is mostly about the need of a wife "to fulfill ME, to satisfy MY maleness, to develop MY lopsided personality." Were I a woman, I should be indignant that a celibate complainer's thoughts were on HIMSELF rather than on me, of HIS needs rather than mine, or even the needs of the Church and the people.

In all fairness, I have found that most of our priests live pretty much on the level of their parishioners: at table, in transportation; perhaps less in recreation. By and large they give good service to their people. They are good men, with faults and failings common to most men, but they are sincerely concerned about their people. If your priests were married, are you confident that the parishioners would be considerate of the rectory wife? Through my military service and even in civilian life, I have known and admired wives of Protestant ministers and Jewish rabbis. There is a general theme among them that parishioners can be demanding and even vindictive.

I think that a self-centered celibate's life must be terribly lonely. Your prayers, your understanding, yes, even long suffering, and your sense of humor could well direct some to a firmer union with our Lord.

Insights In Liturgy
By Sister Estelle Martin, RSM

Easter Timelessness

We find it difficult to live in the present. We are continually reminiscing or anticipating; for many, life becomes a struggle between meeting deadlines and making appointments. Somehow we strive to maintain a harmony between the rootedness of traditions and the expectations of the yet to come. In the celebration of liturgical festivals, however, we become caught up in the unmeasured moment of a sacred time. Thus, Eastertime can appropriately be called Eastertimelessness.

Our limited vocabulary makes our expressions of this concept clumsy and awkward, but our faith unfolds in the perspective of a paschal mystery of a Savior, dead and risen. It gives us resurrection-colored glasses through which we view every dimension of life.

For the early Christians Easter was the Great Feast, the Day of the Lord, the Original Festival, and they celebrated it continuously each time they gathered for Eucharist. The resurrection festival reaffirms the manifestation of God's presence among us. It is a slice of sacred time that reaches out to touch eternity.

shape of Eastertime has evolved from the "Easter Every Sunday" of the early Christians to an elaborate festival of 50 days marking Easter-Ascension-Pentecost, from an end-of-Lent time of rejoicing to a celebration of individual feasts each with its own octave.

Although the passage of measured time has often restricted the sense of the "wholeness" of the paschal celebration, the season has been consistently integrated with the initiation of new members into the faith community. Through the renewed liturgy of Vatican II we are reminded that it is not the past event of an empty tomb or the hope of a future union that we celebrate, but the living, active presence NOW of the One who conquered death and rose to life, never to die again.

You and I celebrate the ebb and flow of the Easter mystery because we believe that as baptized members of the Christian community, we as individuals and together as a worshipping assembly, are integral to the continuation of life in a risen Christ. The light and shadows of our daily lives shape a pattern of reconciliation and conversion, of dying and growth. We are an Easter people seeking to discover the timeless presence of Jesus in the death/resurrection mystery of our own lives.

Through the ages the

Makes First Profession

Sister Karlien Bach, a religion teacher at St. Rita's School in West Webster, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Bach of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Rochester, will make her first profession of vows as a Sister of Mercy, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 1, in the Motherhouse chapel. Sister Karlien entered the congregation in 1979.

Workshop On Change Scheduled

Sisters Rosemary Sabino and Maureen McCann will lead a day-long workshop, "Coping with Change," 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road.

Sister Rosemary is administrative director of the Mercy Consultation Center in Dallas, Pa. Sister Maureen is a staffer at the same institution. The two have presented the workshop more than 200 times across the U.S. for an audience totalling 25,000 persons.

The program is designed for clergy and religious and is being sponsored here by the Sisters of Mercy continuing development committee. Admission is free, but reservations are requested by calling Sister Jane Hasbrouck, 288-2710.

Initiation Talk

Sister Nancy Burkin, SSJ, associate director of the Department of Liturgy, will speak on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 28, at Holy Redeemer Church. Her discussion of the new rite is sponsored by the North Region. Reservations are requested and made by calling Elaine Clausen, 467-8712.

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