

At Your Parish . . .

St. Bridget

A Summer Gospel Concert featuring Bright Clouds of Joy will open 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 15 at St. Bridget's Church, 175 St. Bridget's Dr.

The concert which also features other local groups is sponsored by St. Bridget's Concert Committee, St. Bridget's Boy Scout Troop

147 and the First Interfaith Institute, Inc.

The event is open to the general public. Further information is obtained by calling Mrs. Rose Barrows, 454-4236; or Minister Laurance Lee Evans, 275-0379.

St. Patrick

Mt. Morris — The annual summer festival for St. Patrick's Church will open at noon Saturday, Aug. 14, in the church parking lot at the corner of Stanley and Chapel

streets. The festival will feature a next-to-new sale, a craft booth, a plant booth, a baked food sale, and a wide assortment of foods.

More Opinions

Letters from 13

Good Old Days Really Weren't

Editor:

Mr. Carl Burrows, in his tirade against unions, recommends the book, "Free to Choose," by Milton Friedman, the non-Catholic, anti-labor conservative who advocates a return to the irresponsible law of the jungle economics of pre-New Deal days. I have the book and have read it.

Friedman advocates a return to the good old days when business could do as it pleased. It dictated long hours, low pay and dangerous working conditions to its employees without interference from government or unions.

Ronald Reagan is doing as much as he can get away with to repeal, sabotage and ignore New Deal laws that were enacted to protect the rights of workers, consumers and the elderly.

What was it like when conservative economics prevailed with balanced budgets but without minimum wage laws, unions or government regulations?

For over 100 years of balanced budget economics we had 13 depressions from the first one in 1825 through the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The liberal New Deal took from the platform of the Socialist Party and the two papal social encyclicals only enough to save the capitalist system from complete collapse.

Since private enterprise demonstrated that it could not operate successfully, the oxygen tank of government spending and unbalanced budgets, together with government regulations and labor unions, is all that keeps the economy breathing.

Were the government to impose the huge cuts needed to achieve a balanced budget, it would pull the plug from capitalism's life support system.

Without the monthly federal checks for veterans pensions, Social Security, school lunches, food stamps, welfare and other social programs, we would be in a depression now.

Workers were working for

less than 25 cents an hour before the minimum wage laws and unions corrected this injustice. Without a union, the boss is dictator.

I suggest that Mr. Burrows develop a broader background by reading the four papal social encyclicals which condemn the rugged individual selfish philosophy of capitalism and which support the right of workers to organize and join labor unions and the duty of employers to respect that right.

He should also read "Dynamite," a short history of the Ludlowville massacre of union workers on strike against John D. Rockefeller Sr. and other beatings and killings by corporations. This terrorism of the corporation dictators prevailed for a hundred years until the Wagner Act liberated the American workers.

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Handicapped, Let's Organize

Editor:

I am as happy as I know my brothers and sisters of the handicapped community are when I read of the efforts of our Catholic diocese to reach the institutionalized and mentally disabled brethren through LILAC. I pray the program will succeed.

However, in meeting more and more with physically restricted persons who are still mobile enough to reach services and events in their parishes, I hear only of monthly communion calls, no community contact, and very often, a real longing to participate more fully in the faith community of their choice. To any handicapped person faith and a real longing to do God's will is vitally important when we are battling not only the ordinary cares of this world but also have the additional burden of our difference.

For many years, I have been the one lone voice in my parish, begging to participate as fully as possible — not only at Mass, but in the parish events I used to enjoy so much. The response is loving, but a bit patronizing and a constant reassurance that I am not forgotten (I don't let that happen!), but there is absolutely no comprehension of the loneliness that is felt when one is cut off from

SBI Offers New Courses in Fall

St. Bernard's Institute and its Office of Continuing Education has published its Fall list of courses.

The SBI courses will be offered this year at both the Colgate Rochester Divinity School campus and at St. Mary Our Mother School in Horseheads.

Registration for the credit courses is slated Aug. 16-Sept. 1. Included on the SBI agenda are:

The Apocalyptic Tradition, interpreting the books of Daniel and Revelation in the light of their historical and theological setting;

Lucan Theology, a study of the key features of the Lucan text and themes with a view to determining the theological tendencies of the author of Luke and Acts;

Historical Parallels, the illumination of present religious trends and phenomenon in the Church by seeking out their origins or parallels in the Christian past;

Faith, Revelation and Religion, an introduction to theology focusing on God's self-revelation and humankind's response, while investigating the place of scripture and the role of the

Church in the lived faith of today's Christian;

Principles of Social Morality, the social dimensions of Catholic moral theology as developed over the past century;

The Lord's Supper, community, sacrifice and reconciliation as contemporary keys to the ancient eucharistic tradition and the present ecumenical questions;

Contemporary Moral Theology, a fresh look at moral theology from the ethical mandate of Jesus to the call of conscience.

Information on the entire SBI course list is available by writing Father Sebastian Falcone, dean-president, St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, N.Y. 14620.

The Office of Continuing Education's list includes non-credit courses in Spiritual Direction, New Approaches in Parenting, Every Parish Has a Social Mission, Teaching Sacraments to Young and Old, "On Human

Work" and its meaning for the United States. Without a Song: Dimensions of Suffering.

Included this year are courses in Spanish and in American Sign. Registration for the language courses is Aug. 24.

A complete description of the office's offerings is available by writing Father Robert Kennedy, director, Office of Continuing Education, 110 S. Goodman St., Rochester, N.Y. 14620; (716) 271-1320, ext. 21.

D/S Catholics Plan Meeting

The Divorced and Separated Catholics group will meet at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 15, at the St. Charles School library, 3003 Dewey Ave.

Information from the Divorced Catholics Convention in Niagara Falls will be shared. Further information is available from the Hot Line, 225-9102.

yourself. From which side comes THE BOMB?

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The Reason For Unions

Editor:

Re: unions are on the decline (7-28). There is truth in the statement that some union officials are out for their welfare. I believe that is the shame with many people. However, unions are needed if for no other reason than to put a small fear into the hearts of some men of business. There are some that would have a person work 16 hours a day for three days a week and pay them regular time. No one is perfect; at least I have yet to find one. We cannot put all the apples in one basket.

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communal worship and sharing. Thanks to good friends, I am luckier than most, but I am still often an outsider, far removed from my-parish life.

It has been suggested that we—must prove that we are here, and want, and need—we are invisible and have yet to be counted. Only when the diocese is faced with our members and our needs will ramps be put in place, rides arranged and events made possible. Will the handicapped make themselves known? If anyone who reads this letter has been shut off from a parish, for whatever reason, due to a physical restriction, I would like to hear from them. Perhaps a lone voice is not listened to—but I don't think a diocese could long ignore an organized group. I just can't imagine that I am alone.

I can be reached at 436-4064 or 235-8636.

Maureen Havens

Nuclear Bomb Devil's Work

Editor:

What could possibly justify anything so terrible and devastating as nuclear war? Political power? Patriotism? Nationalism? For some, perhaps, but ironically and sadly some would try to justify nuclear war in the belief that they are defending the values of God. America defending Christianity from Godless atheism. Jim Wallis of "Sojourners" has reflected on "how biblically predictable it all is. The anti-Christ always comes in the guise of Christ. He is the inversion of the true Christ and uses religion for his justification. Nuclear war would be the most godless act committed in history, done in the name of God."

Let's examine THE BOMB against a background of the very core of Divine Revelation. There are two great "forces" at work in the world, each diffusive of itself, each seeking to transform the world in its own image in the marketplace of human freedom. One is love, the other hatred; one is from God manifested perfectly in Christ and in us through the Holy Spirit, the other from the devil evidenced in the principalities and powers; one brings hope, the other despair; one brings light, the other darkness; one speaks the truth, the other enslaving; one forgiving, the other avenging; one good, the other evil; one brings peace, the other war. Decide for

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