

At Your Parish...

Holy Trinity

Webster — Women of Holy Trinity Parish will join other church women at a retreat, slated Oct. 15-17 at the Cenacle Center for Spiritual Renewal.

Father James Schwartz, a member of St. Bernard's Institute and director of the Ministry to Priests program, will lead a team in giving the retreat.

Themes chosen include prayer, building community, and ministry. Further information and reservations are obtained by calling the Cenacle Ministry Office, (716) 271-8755.

St. Catherine

Ithaca — Parishioners and friends of St. Catherine of Siena Parish are asked to "drop anchor" Sept. 10 and 11 at the grounds off Hanshaw Road for the annual parish festival.

In keeping with a nautical theme, this year's program includes "Portside," a ship's store; "The Captain's Kitchen," a snack bar in the parish center; and the "Ship's Hold," a recreational area in the parish garage.

In addition, workers for the festival have been asked to dress in nautical togs.

Among the many booths are a white elephant boutique

featuring baby items, furs, linens, collectibles, antiques and jewelry; a baked-goods booth; a book nook featuring dried floral arrangements; an ice cream booth sponsored by the parish youth organization; and a plant boutique.

A chicken barbeque will be served at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, and other food available throughout the event will include hot dogs, sausage, pizza, salt potatoes, corn on the cob, and pizza frita.

According to Joline DiGiacomo, parish secretary, Mayrene Slack is chairing the event.

St. Paul

Webster — A pilot program of scripture study in this area, developed by the Diocese of Little Rock, Ark., will open 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16, at St. Paul's Church on Hard Road.

The program, which runs 10 consecutive weeks through Nov. 19, has already been introduced to 41 states and six foreign countries since 1974.

Persons wishing to enroll in the program are advised that regular attendance and completion of daily homework assignments of reading the scriptures and

writing responses to questions are required.

Persons wishing to enroll are asked to send \$3.50 to cover the cost of materials to Mrs. Georgette Ermatinger, 224 Shorewood Dr., Webster, N.Y. 14580, before Sept. 9.

Further information is available by calling (716) 872-6591.

Holy Rosary

Registration for the Religious Education Classes for public school students, grades 1-9, of Holy Rosary Parish has been slated 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 9 and 10, at the rectory, 414 Lexington Ave.; and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in church, Saturday, Sept. 11. A fee of \$20 per family is due at the time of registration. The fee is \$25 for late registration. Parish

literature states: "All students who plan on attending Holy Rosary Religious Education classes must register at this time."

Holy Family

A social and fund-raising club, sponsored by Holy Family Parish, will hold its annual banquet on Saturday, June 4, 1983. The date is correct. The club is now starting up with the week of Sept. 12 as the kick-off. Further information is available by calling Carol Ciafre, membership chairman, 328-9157.

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish will meet 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8 in the Pine Room. Mrs. Anthony Mastrella will be hostess for the evening.

Fr. Paul J Cuddy



On the Right Side

Dealing With Retirement

Are you satisfied to be retired?

I am pleased not to have the headaches of the pastorate. For 47 years I have served in many different kinds of work in the priesthood: as an assistant, a military chaplain, a college chaplain, a teacher, a hospital chaplain, a tour chaplain — and was happy in all the work. I was a pastor for 10 years, and happy to be with the people and blessed with fine assistants. But after 10 years, I realized I had begun to lose steam about the eighth year and requested a transfer; not because I did not love the people, but because I felt I was not serving them as well as they deserved. Personnel director Bishop Dennis W. Hickey transferred me to St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell. There I gathered fresh steam and functioned satisfactorily.

The reason I suggested a transfer after five years was that the chaplaincy included teaching ethics in the nursing school, and at my age I did not feel adequate for young students. So, Father William Hart at Holy Trinity, Webster, accepted me as an assistant until my retirement four years ago. Since then I have helped in many parishes and am continually impressed by the conscientious service of our priests.

Would you like to be a pastor today?

No. Father Catoir put it candidly many years ago. He said, "The role of pastor in today's world is not what Christ intended when he spoke of them as shepherds." The system has become so complex, so cluttered with material concerns, and so organized that a pastor must conform to a thousand irrelevant demands on his time before he can begin to function on a purely spiritual level. A pastor is responsible for: (a) maintaining the plant. He is a

personnel director, a treasurer, a fund-raiser, a telephone-answering service and a listener of many problems and a participant at too many committee meetings; (b) providing spiritual care. He is supposed to be a liturgist, a preacher, a reader of Scripture, a supervisor of youth groups, a schedule maker.

"A pastor knows very well that the quickest response from his superiors will come, not for the good that he has done, but for any mistakes that he may make — particularly if he mismanages money or fails to meet his assessments. He is surrounded by younger priests and sisters who want him to do things he may not feel ready for; by lay people who criticize him for mistakes and many other things, ranging from bingo operations to the quality of the snow removal. All pastors are fighting against terrific odds to be what they should be. But strive they must and they know it. They believe deeply that Christ's grace is present, and they depend upon Him to live this extraordinary life."

What has retirement meant to you?

A freedom to exercise my priesthood in ways peculiar to my character. By nature I am a propagandist, and Our Lord's command, "Preach the Gospel to all nations," impels me to evangelize through the sale of cassette conferences, especially Archbishop Sheen, Father Bernard Basset, and Ralph Martin, whose book, "Crisis of Truth," is in a cassette album as a series of blunt lectures. I am able to spread orthodox religious books, to give occasional conferences and talks for societies, to carry on an extensive correspondence, to escort groups as chaplain and tour conductor to foreign lands — and to roam the diocese, meeting parishioners and thus keeping the diocese posted through this column about many priests, sisters and parishes. It is all part of the doctrine of the Communion of Saints. And more than priests in "the active ministry," there is some leisure to pray my prayers.

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