

At Your Parish...

St. Joseph's, Penfield

The area just north of the Four Corners in Penfield will be resounding with oompah-pahs the nights of Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15-16, as St. Joseph's celebrates Oktoberfest under the tent on the church grounds on Gebhardt Road.

Traditional German food will be the highlight of the celebration with 200 area persons serving on various committees. An eight-piece orchestra will play and an added attraction will be the Heidengold Schauplatzer

Dancers performing German folk dances three times nightly.

Catered by Effinger's German House, food will be served from 7 p.m. on German dinners at reasonable prices and bratwurst, knockwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad and desserts will be served.

Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. Admission will be \$3 with children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

St. Margaret Mary

Apalachin — Adult education at St. Margaret Mary's Parish starts off the season with three different programs at 10 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 7.

Father John Powell, SJ, will discuss on videotape, "Jesus as I Know Him."

The second program will be a discussion of Bishop

Matthew H. Clark's recent Pastoral Letter, "Fire in the Thornbush."

The third event will be the opening of a Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults inquiry class. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Salacka, parishioners, stated that the inquiry class would especially welcome non-Catholics.

St. Boniface

The St. Boniface School Faculty Garage Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Saturday, Oct. 9, at the school on Gregory Street.

Fr. Louis J. Honman



The Open Window

Doctrinal Challenge

Recently a man and his wife belonging to our parish decided to go to church elsewhere. It was determined that the reason for going elsewhere was that "we were not being taught doctrine at Mass." By that they meant catechetical instruction.

What are we to think about such a problem and complaint? The first thing that comes to mind (it is almost trite to say this) is that the number of people who are not able to live with the changes of Vatican II are far greater than we suspected at that time. To me it shows the profound influence habit and upbringing have on our way of looking at things. I hold no animosity to people who can't move into the church of post-Vatican II days, but I also wish there were some way in which we could soothe their troubled minds and hearts.

That soothing, however, does not include changing a style of preaching which I have personally had to learn over the last several years. I am making a distinction between catechetical instruction and preaching the Gospel. Back in the days when I was at the cathedral on weekends Bishop Lawrence E. Casey had a very intricate and complete series of talks on Catholic doctrine. The rationale for teaching Catholic doctrine on Sunday was that there was a captive audience who had to be there and that was the only time we would be able to give them catechetical instruction. It seemed to the good bishop and many other pastors that Sunday Mass was the only

time in which to do it. My own personal thought is that we have a people sophisticated enough and mobile enough to seek to better their knowledge of their faith outside of Mass. We do no service to people if we allow them to think that it is only within the confines of the Mass that their obligations to religion are fulfilled.

The second point I would like to make here, and this is a somewhat new development in the concept of a celebration of liturgy, is that we now rarely refer to the talk given at Mass as either an instruction or a sermon, but rather a homily. A homily differs from a sermon and instruction in that it is not primarily intellectual, an accumulation of knowledge, but rather it is a shared experience in the listening to and living out the word Word of God as it is presented to us in the liturgy of the Word. Therefore it has a tone which is geared much more toward developing attitudes and creating a sense of inspiration and enthusiasm for the faith than it does for instruction in the faith. I realize all priests do not have that particular approach or philosophy in regard to their Sunday homily. But again we are in an age of transition, when things are not always what we might hope them to be, and it takes time to go from a standing position acquired over centuries to a viewpoint which is more dynamic. I certainly would be most interested to enter into dialogue with readers about their concept of the Sunday homily, and especially about the philosophy which I have here presented.

Deadline

Items intended for At Your Parish should be typed, double-spaced, and at the Courier-Journal offices before noon on the Thursday preceding Wednesday publication.

St. Helen

The Altar-Rosary Society of St. Helen's Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a banquet Wednesday, Oct. 13 at The Party House, Beahon Road.

An evening of entertainment and surprises is being planned by Jean Herrera, chairman, and her committee. A history of the organization is also being compiled and will be presented during the evening. Tickets are obtained by calling St. Helen's rectory, 235-1210, no later than Friday, Oct. 8.

St. Cecilia

An Arts and Crafts Fair featuring craftsmen from across Upstate New York will be hosted 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, by St. Cecilia's School, 2732 Culver Road.

Items featured include wooden clocks, doll furniture, plants, baby quilts, wooden toys, jewelry, silk flowers, oil paintings and a variety of macrame and Christmas items.

Food and refreshments will also be served.

St. Vincent

Churchville — Senior adults of St. Vincent-De Paul Parish have been invited to the 8 a.m. Mass Sunday, Oct. 10. A breakfast in their honor will be served in the church hall by the parish communications committee immediately following the liturgy.

Changes in Sunday Mass times were also announced last week. Starting Oct. 24, the Mass will be celebrated at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

St. Thomas

A communal anointing ceremony will be held at 11:45 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. The parish invited "all families, friends and neighbors to attend this liturgical event." The rites are sponsored by the liturgy, parish life and human development committees at the parish.

St. Aloysius

Auburn — St. Aloysius Church will hold a holy hour 7:30-8:30 p.m., each Thursday of October. The devotions will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the rosary, a sermon and Benediction. The public is invited to the events, according to Mrs. Bernadette C. Trapani, spokesperson for the sponsors.

St. Stanislaus

A pilgrimage to the Youngstown shrine of Our Lady of Fatima for parishioners of St. Stanislaus Kosika Parish will depart at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 10, from Wegmans parking lot, and return around 8 p.m. Reservations and additional information are obtained by calling M. Szilag, 467-1437.

Cenacle Sisters Form New Province, Elect Rochesterian to Lead

The Religious of the Cenacle have re-formed a massive eastern seaboard province of their order and have installed a Rochester native to lead it.

Sister Joan Fitzgibbons, a former 25-year Eastman Kodak employe, took office Sept. 26, the feast of St. Therese Couderc, the foundress of her order.

The new province, which as yet has no name, is actually a reunification of two groups of

Cenacle religious which divided in the 1960s, Sister Joan said last week.

As provincial, Sister Joan leads 175 Sisters in foundations from Toronto to Florida.

The 63-year-old religious was born, educated and employed in the Rochester area. She took degrees from the University of Rochester, earning her bachelor's degree during the evening school,

eventually taking an MA in education.

She was employed for a while as a teacher in the Fairport Central School system, but for 25 years worked at Eastman Kodak Co.

She entered the Religious of the Cenacle in 1967, made her first profession of vows, in Rochester, in 1969, and made her final profession in Lima, Peru, May 31, 1973.

The new provincial, who has two sisters living in the area, said last week that the creation of the new province provides "a time of great hope for us." Her own installation as provincial occasioned, she said, a comforting display of support from the Sisters.

She looks toward the future, "depending on the help of the Lord, as we commence to make Him better known in our ministry," she said.



Livingston Region Schedules Assembly

Livonia — The Livingston Region will conduct a regional assembly Saturday, Oct. 30, at Hagerty Hall of St. Joseph's Parish here.

The program consists of parish council and committee workshops covering an overview of and philosophy of parish councils and their place in parish life.

In addition, the day will provide training sessions for members of various committees; human development, education, Catholic school, liturgical, youth, finance and family life. It is anticipated that speakers from various diocesan offices will be present to moderate and assist in the workshops.

The assembly will open with prayer at 9:30 a.m., and conclude at 12:30 p.m.

The program is one of four scheduled by the diocese and was developed by after

studying responses given by 63 parishes.

Father Jerome Schifferli, pastor of St. Joseph's and coordinator of the region, last week urged all parishes in the region to send representatives to the assembly, saying that the effectiveness of the program and workshops requires full participation of parish staff and council and committee members.

Parishes in the region will register their attendance with Father Schifferli or Mary Hines by Oct. 20.

Representatives from parishes outside the Livingston Region have also been invited and are asked to call Father Schifferli, (716) 346-3815, to register.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.

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