

At Your Parish...

Blessed Sacrament

A troop of 50 city youngsters under the direction of Ken Sarkis will present a theatrical production on the theme of world hunger during

a soup supper following the 5:20 p.m. Mass, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Blessed Sacrament Church. The public is invited to the event.

St. Joseph

Weedsport — A Lenten Adult Education Series will open 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22, at St. Joseph's Church. Joseph Kelly, professor of theology at Nazareth College, will discuss "How Should Catholics Read the Bible?" The presentation will include time for questions and answers. The public is invited. Admission is free.

St. James

The first meeting of the St. James Five-Year Planning Committee was held Jan. 26, according to Sister Helen Lynch, school principal. Committee members are Vicki Grievé, Mary Jo Provenzano, Charlotte Larsen, Greg Missell, Leonard Fina, Brian Klos, and Sister Helen. Sister Anne Guerin, SSJ, of the diocesan education office was also present.

St. Helen's

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 14, at the parish center. Donors must be between 17 and 66. Further information is available from Joe Spohn of Troop 157 at 436-7547.

St. Vincent DePaul

Churchville — Adults of St. Vincent De Paul Parish here will participate in a unique weekend retreat program this weekend, Feb. 11 and 12.

The program includes speakers, presentations, discussions, time for reflection, prayer and individual reconciliation.

St. Stanislaus

The Holy Name of Mary Society of St. Stanislaus Church will hold its annual Valentine Card Party 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13, in the school auditorium. A donation of \$1.50 will be asked.

Corpus Christi

The 30-60 Social Circle meets 2-5 p.m. each Sunday at Corpus Christi School auditorium. A Valentine's Day party has been slated for Feb. 13. The afternoons consist of light refreshments and dancing to live music.

Holy Apostles

Gil Strother, field representative of the Rochester office of Social Security, will speak at the Holy Name Men's Club monthly meeting, Sunday, Feb. 13, at Holy Apostles Church. The president of the club is Jack Fawkes.

St. Charles

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held at St. Charles Borromeo starting 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, and continuing the next four Thursdays.

Scheduled speakers include Father Louis Vasile, secretary to Bishop Matthew H. Clark; Father David Mura, director of youth retreats; Sister Marie Brown, pastoral assistant at Blessed Sacrament Parish; Mike and Sylvia Skeps of St. Christopher's Parish and Joe and Mary Fagan of St. John the Evangelist.

Perpetual Help

A reunion for all graduates of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is being planned for April 23. A committee of Richard Leo, Mrs. Diane Nick Wesgate, Mrs. Susan Figler Picuch and Miss Marge Leo is gathering names of graduates.

The reunion plans call for a

Cathedral

The Living Rosary will be observed by the Rosary Guild of Sacred Heart Cathedral, 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 14, in the church. Following the rosary, Father Robert O'Neill will speak in the rectory hall. A beer and pizza party will conclude the evening.

Annunciation

The charismatic prayer group of Annunciation Parish will celebrate its second anniversary with a Mass at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, at the church, 1750 Norton St.

St. Ann's

Hornell — A host of academic, informational and social activities marked the calendar for St. Ann's School's observance of Catholic Schools Week.

The week opened with a concelebrated Mass Feb. 6, and included a balloon launch Feb. 7 and an open house Feb. 8.

A prayer service led by priests from Canisteo and Hornell was slated for today, and a Visitors' Day has been set for tomorrow. The week's activities will conclude with an adult party on Friday.

More than 30,000 have attended the school since its founding in 1867 by Father Michael Creedan.

4 p.m. school open house hosted by Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan, principal. Mass celebrated by Msgr. Richard Quinn at 5 p.m., and cocktails, dinner and dancing at 6:30 p.m. at the Mapledale Party House. Graduates are asked to contact Mrs. Wesgate, 148 Schnackel Dr., Rochester, N.Y. 14622, for further information.

St. Louis

A "Parent-Child Communication Evening," sponsored by the parish human development committee and the Home and School Association, will be held 8:15 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Junior High School building at St. Louis School. The evening will feature a discussion of family communications by Ron and Judy Platten, founders of the Parenthood Resource Center.

A parish release stated: "Many communications hints will be offered, as well as some constructive methods for seeing opposing viewpoints among family members. The techniques to be discussed will emphasize positive ways to resolve conflicts, especially for families who are coping with the difficult teen years."

"The evening is designed to provide support and encouragement to parents and family members with some practical skills that may be applied at home."

The Plattens have conducted workshops for parents of teenagers across the diocese for the past four years. They presently teach a new program at St. Paul's Church in Webster entitled "Christian Family Communications."

Good Shepherd, Guardian Angels

This week, during Catholic Schools Week, the Rush-Henrietta Catholic school system has planned many activities. At Good Shepherd there is a special Mass and breakfast to which parents are invited and a school-wide spelling bee. On Friday, Feb. 11, a talent show is scheduled and parent/teacher conferences are being held tomorrow.

At Guardian Angels there is a prayer service, and children will be decorating a Heart Tree to foster courtesy, kindness and love in Catholic schools. Today, the pupils will be square dancing in the gym.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parents Anonymous, which works against child abuse and neglect, is seeking volunteers. Positions are available in child care, telephone hotline counseling, public relations, transportation, clerical and group leadership. Training is provided in all areas. For further information, the telephone number is 454-5060.

QUIT SMOKING

The American Cancer Society will sponsor a "Quit Smoking Marathon" from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, at 1400 N. Winton Road.

The program will be directed by James Collins. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Cancer Society at 288-1950.

Fr. Falcone to Lead Scriptural Series

A series of six presentations on the "Theologies of Jesus in Paul and the Gospels" will be presented by Father Sebastian Falcone, director of St. Bernard's Institute, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., the Thursdays of Lent, at Blessed Sacrament School.

Father Falcone is considered a specialist in biblical language and has taught New Testament Scripture for 21 years, specializing the Luke, Paul and the Apocalypse.

The schedule:

Feb. 17 — "The Original Experience of Jesus," the discovery of Jesus as Christ and Lord by the followers; Feb. 24 — "Paul's Portrayal of the Christ," the presentation of Jesus in Paul's earliest letters; March 3 — "The Christ of Mark's Gospel," views on Jesus in the earliest Gospel.

March 10 — "The Christ of Luke's Gospel," the merciful Savior in the Gospel to the Gentiles; March 17 — "The Christ of Matthew's Gospel," a survey of Matthew's interpretation of Jesus; March 24 — "The Christ of John's Gospel," perspectives on the

Christ of the last Gospel.

Telephone reservations are requested through Audrey Renna at 442-7517, 473-3937 or 271-7240 by Feb. 14. All are invited and a dollar a meeting will be charged non-parishioners.

CYO Receives Grant

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) has received approval for a grant of \$4,000 from the John F. Wegman Foundation for continuation of its Resource Referral Network Project, an information and referral service for youth in need of employment assistance.

Since it began in May 1981, the project has referred more than 1,200 youths to agencies and programs in Rochester and Monroe County which provide employment and related educational services to them. The project has also served as a clearinghouse for youth service personnel by providing them with program information relevant to their client needs.

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Why is the death of a child so difficult for parents?

The natural order of life is that our children will outlive us. Death changes that order and dashes our plans and hopes for the future. The painful feelings that parents experience makes it difficult for them to support one another during the crisis of grieving. As feelings become stronger and support dwindles the relationship between the partners can become strained. Communication between partners is most important and needs special attention so that their difficulties with grief do not spill over and create misunderstandings in other parts of marriage. Many grieving parents report that they feel abandoned by friends at a time when they need them to listen and help.

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Webster School Claims Top Fire Prevention Awards

Jennifer Carnevale, an eighth grader at Holy Trinity School, Webster, was awarded first prize recently in the 18th annual Fire Prevention Essay Contest sponsored by the Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Numerous other awards won by the school were announced at an assembly on Friday, Jan. 28.

As top winner, Ms. Carnevale received a trophy and \$50, and for one year the school will display the association's Traveling Perpetual Trophy with her name inscribed. It marks the second time that a Holy Trinity student has won the contest.

Other award winners from Holy Trinity included eighth graders Kevin Scott and Sean Donaher and sixth grader Jennifer Lukaszewicz. Scott was awarded second place, earning a trophy and \$40; Donaher placed fourth and won \$20 and a trophy; and Ms. Lukaszewicz won a



Among those honored at Holy Trinity School are, from left, Sean Donaher, Kevin Scott, Sister Mary Dorothy and Jennifer Carnevale.

plaque for best essay in her division. There were two prize lists, one for pupils in grades 5-6, and the other for those in grades 7-8.

Also commended was Sister Mary Dorothy, an English teacher at Holy Trinity, for her continued interest in fire prevention. She has en-

couraged essay writing and two schools where she has been assigned have won the Traveling Perpetual Trophy.

The topic for the contest was "Learn not to Burn," and entry was open to all public and parochial schools in Monroe County excluding the city of Rochester.

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