

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

High Gear

Recently, Father Charles Latus, chief of our diocesan personnel board, phoned: "Father Gene Weis of Palmyra needs a supply, just for Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10. Could you take care of it?" "Yes. Glad to." So I phoned Father Weis to get directions. With his customary effervescence, he exclaimed, "Wonderful! Ogdensburg needs a priest for the staff of a Marriage Encounter at White Mountain, near Lake Placid. Father Vogt usually could supply here, but he's committed that weekend. I'll mail you the schedule."

A few weeks before, I had met a beautiful woman in her mid-30s at the lobby of St. James Mercy Hospital at Hornell. Her son was having tests, so I sat and chatted with her to ease a bit of her anxieties. "We are from Groveland, and my husband and I just made a Marriage Encounter two weeks ago. We are not Catholics, but Catholic friends invited us. I think it was one of the most wonderful events of my life." With such an incident in memory, I was doubly glad to spell Father Weis who is active in both ME and Cursillo.

Saturday, April 9, I landed at the rectory. Pastoral assistant Sister Kathy McCarthy, SSJ, was there to guide me properly. There was a special: a baptism at the Saturday night Mass. A note from Mary Rutkowski, parish secretary, was on the kitchen counter: "If I can be of assistance, phone me at home," adding the telephone number. Confessions were light. So before the 5 p.m. Mass Sister Kathy gave me the baptismal booklet they use, and each member of the congregation had a copy to follow the rite.

Rare experiences often exhilarate me, so before Mass I proclaimed: "We have a baptism during Mass. Good liturgy should flow smoothly and with spirit. So let's put our souls into this Mass and baptism." And everyone did, gloriously. I was in high gear. The altar boys were alert. We processed with the lector grandly to the entrance of the church where we met little Ann Marie DeAngelo and the baptismal party. The father, Salvatore DeAngelo, is vice principal of Pal-Mac

High School. The mother is Orysia Guzyiak of Auburn, and the couple were married at St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Byzantine Rite, some years ago. A proud six-year-old Steve glowed with brotherly pride, and a cheering section of relatives and friends made an impressive reception. Usually I am not enthusiastic about baptisms at Sunday Mass because most people just want to go to Mass and a baptism can take an undue amount of time. But the whole rite flowed so smoothly it was little longer than usual.

Before going to Palmyra I was in Clyde, and hustled to Sacred Heart Cathedral for the ordination of 18 men to the diaconate. The rite was inspiring, and Bishop Clark has a certain savoir faire which makes a solemn rite both holy and cheerful. Two deacons are unmarried and they took the vow of celibacy, required by the Western Church. Bishop Clark read a beautiful instruction on celibacy from the ritual book: its purpose, its claims, its special place in service. As I listened I thought: "I must write Father Vasile, the bishop's secretary, for a copy of that, and send it to those clerics who recently published their opposition to Pope John Paul II's declaration on celibacy, published in the Rochester morning paper." This was in connection with the Thorn Birds series.

The Sunday Masses at Palmyra (8, 9:15, and 11 a.m.) manifested a strong faith and devotion. When all was finished I had dinner with Dan DeVito, his two children and his Japanese wife, Yoko, whom I baptized in Clyde around 20 years ago. Having been to Japan last October, I wondered: "Will Yoko serve a special Japanese dinner?" It turned out to be ravioli, nicely spiced meat balls, hot garlic bread, salad and desert. I left Palmyra humming happily.

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Faculty members and students will be present to answer questions and provide tours of the school and its facilities.

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The Guild Holy Name will sponsor starting at 9 April 23, in hall. Donation the sale will p.m., Friday addition, the baked goods Saturday. information is Rita Bryam, Phillipone, 86

St. Feli

Clifton St Rosary and St. Felix Chu annual Spring and dessert Tuesday, April 24, at Home. Fashion and children by Clothes Springs an Elizabeth C. are 53.

St. The Apostle

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