



St. James

Children of St. James School on Brockley Road participate in a recent Mission Day, "a day of hard work and fun," according to Sister Helen Lynch, RSM, principal. The eighth grade, she said raised more than \$3,200 which will be given to missionaries around the world.

Father Hogan to Retire As St. Vincent's Pastor

Corning — Father Joseph F. Hogan, pastor of St. Vincent De Paul Church, will retire June 28 after 19 years of service to the parish. He will concelebrate a high Mass, 12:15 p.m., Sunday, June 12. Father Thomas F. Brennan, pastor emeritus of the neighboring St. Mary's Church will be guest homilist.

A testimonial will be held 4-6 p.m. that day in the school hall where parishioners will fete their pastor.

A native of Waverly, Father Hogan was ordained May 18, 1940. He had attended Waverly High School and the diocesan seminaries.

During his tenure at St. Vincent's, the first parish council and the first school board were established, and parish-wide elections held, thereby giving parishioners an opportunity to more actively participate in the operation and administration of church and school affairs. Under his leadership, the first Stewardship program was conducted in the parish. In addition, Father Hogan served as honorary chairman of the parish Bishop's Annual Thanks Giving Appeal.

In June 1972, when Hurricane Agnes hurled her fury at the greater Corning area, the church and its surrounding properties suffered extensive damage. Many parish family members suffered the same fate. However, through his leadership, the Church facilities were completely restored to their original beauty.

Following the disaster, St. Vincent's School became part of the Corning Catholic School Consolidation Program for grades six through eight. St. Vincent's School assumed a new identity as Corning Catholic North consisting of kindergarten through fifth grade.

When the parish convent was no longer needed as a home for women religious, Father Hogan directed it be utilized as a childhood center for preschoolers.

Father Hogan has served as chaplain for the local Knights of Columbus, and as moderator for the parish

Catholic Action and Holy Name societies.

His other assignments have included service on the Clergy Relief Board, as a diocesan consultant and as a member of the Priests Council.

His assignments following ordination include: St. Michael's, Penn Yan; St.

Patrick's, Elmira; St. Bernard's Seminary; St. Patrick's, Owego; St. Stephen's, Geneva; Notre Dame High School; St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen; and St. Benedict's, Odessa.

Following his retirement, Father Hogan will move to St. Patrick's Church in Elmira.

Parish Celebrates Organ Restoration

Waterloo — St. Mary's Parish is celebrating the complete refurbishing of its organ and has slated a recital on the instrument 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 22.

Dr. Thomas J. Donahue of Auburn will be the soloist featuring works by Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn and Buxtehude. In addition he will play two pieces of his own composition. The concert is free and open to the public.

The organ was installed in the summer of 1900. By 1981, several stops and pipes were inoperative and a decision had to be made whether to restore it or replace it with an electronic instrument. A committee of choir members and concerned parishioners met with Father Albert Shamon, pastor, and the parish council to request restoration.

Both the pastor and the parish council gave approval for the restoration, and the Parsons Organ Co. of Penfield was given the contract. Their work was completed last Fall.

Dr. Donahue is organist at Trinity Church in Auburn. He has studied with George Damp at Ithaca College, and plans to continue his studies with Anthony Newman at SUNY Purchase this summer. He is the composer of more than 50 works for organ, piano, voice and small ensembles.

He is also a dentist, and maintains a private practice in Auburn where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

Summer Choir

A choir, the "Summer Sing Festival Singers," dedicated to sacred music, is forming under the direction of Edward Taylor Jr., director of music at the Greece Baptist Church and music teacher and choral director in the Rush-Henrietta School District. The choir is open to experienced singers throughout the community. The cost of music and registration is \$16. Further information is available from Taylor, 334-4382 or 225-6162.



The Fire in the Thornbush Dialogue

Love One Another

By Sister Jean Marie Kears, RSM

"At every step of our common journey we need to let the light of the Gospel shine on our attitudes and conduct. Our life together should be characterized by the fruits of the Holy Spirit's presence, such as charity, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering. The primary statement which should always be made about us is that we love one another. This love, with the grace of God, will be evident among us even when there is lack of agreement or harmony about certain aspects of our life in the Church." #92 (6)

Over the past year I have welcomed and studied Bishop Clark's pastoral on women. One reason is because it has provided a forum and a context which encouraged conversation about our common journey as Christians in holiness and love for one another. This personal and shared renewal supercedes all the differences with which we often struggle.

The pastoral provides a new setting for the central Gospel message: how well are our hearts and actions governed by our love for one another? Love in Eric Fromm's definition is "active concern for the life and growth of the other." In an environment of harmony and understanding, love and respect for one another are rather easily accomplished. But in the tensions of misunderstanding, feelings of insecurity and lack of self-worth, anger and hurt, how well do we respond and care for one another?

Our grasp of love is battered and buffeted by an age which consistently confuses it with control and self-satisfaction. In our need to control we label and pigeon-hole

vibrant, creative, holy human beings, thereby reducing persons to the limits of the label. We do this to one another, regardless of sex, and sadly diminish one another's freedom which is our inheritance as Christians.

Compassion, peace and joy, gifts of God's Spirit, are too often squeezed to death in us before they are properly birthed and nourished. Fear of one another's gifts or lack of forgiveness for human limitations and failures are lethal traps which cut us off from one another and from full possession of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost renews in us the belief that we possess one Spirit in common. We belong to one body, in the one Lord. In serious illness when we observe the inability of a person to coordinate hand and eye motion, or thought and speech, we are touched with great sadness at that disintegration of the body's potential. As members of the Body of Christ, equally responsible for its health and holiness, we must be vigilant to avoid whatever obscures our ability to show clearly the unconditional love of God for this world. Nouwen reminds us that when we have been remodeled into living witnesses of Christ, words like these will cease to be necessary. Simply seeing us will be the message: we are all one in Christ Jesus and our love for one another is unconditional.

"Christ, Instruct us in your oneness entangle us in existence entice us to the challenges which careful persons never know give resonance to our protests give urgency to our questions give tenderness to our touch at least, let us touch."

Sister Jean Marie Kears, RSM, is Superior General of the Sisters of Mercy.



NFP SESSION - Sponsored by Natural Family Planning Education of Rochester, 7:30-9 p.m., Monday, June 6, Kearney Bldg., St. Mary's Hospital.

SENIOR MATINEE - "April Showers" starring Ann Southern and Jack Carson, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 26, George Eastman House.

CHILDREN'S THEATER - Presents "Pinocchio" by the TIC/TOC Players, 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 27; 2 p.m., Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29, main auditorium, Nazareth Arts Center. Tickets are \$4 and are available at the Nazareth box office.

PIANO RECITAL - By Kim Bova performing Haydn, Debussy, Liszt and Chopin, 3 p.m., Sunday, May 29, Rochester Memorial Art Gallery Auditorium. Free.

CLASSIC FILMS - "Dinner at Eight", 2 and 8 p.m., Monday, May 30, Eisenhart Auditorium. Free with museum admission.

SKIES OF SPRING - A 20-minute look at the current night sky including bright stars, planets and constellations, 7:30 p.m. nightly through June 19 at Strasenburgh Planetarium. Adults, \$1.25; students (K-12th grade) \$.50. Children under 5 not admitted.

Guild Plans Meeting

The Maryknoll Mission Guild will meet at noon Wednesday, June 8, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 670 Thurston Road, Rochester. All members are requested to attend to discuss future plans.

Field Mass Scheduled in Elmira

ELMIRA — The annual Memorial Day Field Mass sponsored by Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, will take place at noon, Monday, May 30, at the Priests Plot in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery. In the event of rain, the Mass will take place at St. Mary's Church on Franklin Street.

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