Wednesday, July 6, 1983

# AT YOUR PARISH...

## **Holy Trinity**

Webster -- Parishioners at Holy Trinity Church are preparing for a country fair and auction to raise funds for school renovation and expansion.

Features of the event, July 15 and 16, will be a 10 km foot race, and a 2.5 mile fun run. Registration for the July 15 races is made by contacting Art Wohlabaugh, 872-3489; or Mary Ann Penlon, 872-1616.

Michael W. Bruce will be

the auctioneer, noon, July 16 under a tent on the church grounds. A preview will be held 10 a.m.-noon that day.

Other features include a handcraft booth, baked food sale. Friday night fish fry, and a Saturday night Chicken dinner.

In addition, there will be three performances by Bob Remis, a clown, whose act includes audience participation in juggling and face painting.

# St. Francis de Sales

Geneva — More than 85 members and guests of the St. Anthony Society gathered recently for a Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church here, followed by the group's annual banquet at Fera's restaurant in Waterloo. During the event Mrs. Antoinette Ventura was named "woman of the year" by the society. She was presented with a corsage by Dora David, president, and a wall placque and flowers by her family.

Mrs. Ventura is also a member of the parish Rosary

## St. Mary

Dansville - Father Brice (Thomas) Ryan, OSB, of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pa., recently returned to his home parish, St. Mary, to celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination to

He made his first vows as a Benedictine in 1952 and was Society and a charter member and former officer of the Geneva American Italian Lodge of the Sons of Italy of America.

She has been an active bowler, and her hobbies include knitting, crocheting and cooking. Though retired, she is a part-time employe of the Finger Lakes Times.

Among guests at the event were Father Edwin Metzger, pastor: Father Eugene Emo, Sister Lorraine and Sister Kathleen.

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French and Canon Law and

holds several positions in ed<sub>7</sub>

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Latrobe Benedictine com-

In addition, he serves as

weekend assistant pastor at

St. Victor Parish in

plex.

Bairdford, Pa.

Scipio Center-A four-week program of adult religious education has been slated at St. Bernard's

> Church here. James Mulcahy, consultant for personnel at the diocesan Office of Religious Education, will open the program with a two-part talk, "Whatever Happened to the Church of My Youth?" 7:30-9:30 p.m.,

St. Bernard

July 11 and 18. Mrs. Peg Herstine, director of adult education at St. Mary's Church in Auburn will present "Faithshar-ing/Storytelling," 7:30 p.m.,

## **Holy Apostles**

Msgr. Emmett Murphy was honored by parishioners of Holy Apostles Church recently on the occasion of his retirement after 22 years as pastor of the parish. Many former parishioners returned to wish him well.

Aug. 8; and Mrs. Maribeth Mancini, consultant for adult education at the diocesan religious education office, will discuss "Echoing the Gospel in the Family,' 7:30 p.m., Aug. 22.

# St. Vincent

Churchville - More than 500 parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Church recently feted Father Louis J. Hohman on the occasion of his departure from the pastorate here to take up the pastorate of St. Louis in Pittsford. In addition parishioners took the occasion to welcome Father Dominic Mockevicius, their new pastor. Gene Ehrmentraut was master of ceremonies for the event, introducing town and parish dignitaries who toasted Father Hohman for his contributions and participation in town activities during his 11-year tenure.

# Love Is

Virtue

Word for Sunday

Fr. Albert

Shamon

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Lk. 10/25-37. (R1) Deut. 30/10-14. (R2) Co. 1/15-20.

The question a lawyer asked Jesus one day was, "What must I do to inherit everlasting life?" (R3). As if in answer, Moses said. "Heed the voice of the Lord, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes" (R1).

The first reading from Deuteronomy was addressed to the Jews during their captivity in Babylon. But are there not idols in our lives? Do we make false gods out of our hopes or fears? Money or reputation? Or even out of virtue? Can we say the love of God dominates our lives? Or is it reduced to forty-five minutes on Sunday and a few minutes of prayer during the week? When a mother has a small child at home, she leaves it to do her work, but always in the back of her head is her child. Ever so often she returns to baby's room to see if her little one is all right, she may fondle it, and then go back to her housework. Her child is never out of her mind. Is it that way with us regarding God and our daily work and life?

Our Lord said the counterpart to loving God is to love one's neighbor as oneself. And the

brotherly love, they used the noun philis ("Philadelphia" means "city of brotherly love"); for passionate love, there was the noun eros (the root of our word "erotic").

Now these three words express an emotion. They are words which have to do with the heart. They express an experience which comes to us unsought, and, in a way, inevitably. We cannot help loving our kith and kin; blood is thicker than water. We speak about "falling in love." That kind of love is not an achievement; it is something which happens to us which we cannot help. There is no particular virtue in falling in love. It is something with which we have little or nothing consciously to do; it simply happens.

But Christian love is far more than that. It is virtue; it is a will act. As is taught in Marriage Encounter: "Love is a de-cision." It is a conquest, a victory, an achievement. No one ever naturally loves his enemies. To love the unlovable, to love one's enemies, is a deliberate conquest and achievement of the will. To express that kind of love, Christians used the Greek word agape. In the New Testament agape occurs 120 times and the verb agapan occurs more

than 130 times.

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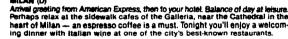
• In A Special Liturgy At St. Peter's Basilica

• A Special Dinner Hosted By Bishop Clark

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- MILAN/LAKE GARDAVERONA/BOLZANO (B,D) Day 3 Orientation drive round the city, then by motorcoach to picturesque Lake Garda A stop at the popular resort of Desenzano, then to Verona to see the vast Romar arena (still used for major opera productions) and Shakespeare's balcony setting "Romeo and Juliet". Afternoo drive towards the Alos and mediev
- BOLZANÓXCORTINA/LUGANO, SWITZERLAND/VENICE A day of dramatic scenic contrasts. First to Cortina d'Ampezzo in the snow-capped Dolomites and on to Lugano, Switzerland for shopping and hot chocolate. Off for an affernoon descent to Venice. Day 4
- VENICE (B) Day 5





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beautiful story of the Good Samaritan illustrates who one's neighbor is. For the Jews, it was only another Jew. For Jesus, neighbor is anyone in need. As a poet put it: "Who is my neighbor?/Who claims my word and deed?/ Anyone in need,/ Anyone in need."

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The trouble too often with human love is that it is conditional; "I love you, if ... '' God's love is unconditional: "I love vou even though you don't deserve it...' Parental love is like that. I celebrate Mass every week at the county jail. No matter how bad a boy may seem to be. I have never known of a parent forsaking him.

Christian love is so unique that the New Testament used a special word to describe it. We have only one word for "love"; the Greeks had at least four. To express parental love, the Greeks used the word storge; for

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Samaritan owed the wounded Jew nothing but hate: instead, he loved the unlovable — returning good for evil. That's agape.

Once a rosebush grew next door to an apple tree. People admired the beautiful roses and raved about their sweet scent. The oohs and ahs went to the rosebush's head. It began to think it was better than everything else, even the apple tree. One day the apple tree got mad at the arrogance of the rosebush and in anger spouted out to the rosebush, "You're not so good as you think you are. You seldom give of your roses without pricking fingers with thorns; whereas I give of my fruit even to those who throw stones at me." That's agape: returning good even to those who throw stones at us. Do this and you shall inherit everlasting life.

Morning walking tour begins at SL Mark's Square. You'll visit the magnificent Byzan-tine Basilica and marble Doges' Palace. Later, perhaps hire a gondola and stop just about anywhere for delicious wine and seafood. Come evening, outdoor cartes just about anywhere for delicious wine in vast St. Mark's Square are a must.

#### VENICE/PADUA/FLORENCE (B,D) Day 6

Morning drive to ancient Padua. You'll see the Basilica of St. Anthony and Donatello's famous equestrian statue. Then to Renaissance Florence for dinner.

#### Day 7 FLORENCE (B)

Michelangelo's "David" in the Accademia and a visit to the Pitti Palace highlight moming sightseeing. "Afternoon idees" the superb at collection in the Uffizi Gallery, or shop for exquisitie Florentine gold and silver jeweiry, leather goods and knits.

### FLORENCE/SIENA/BAN GIMIGNANO/ASSISI (B.D) Day 8

PLOTRENGE/SEE/NAMAAN GERRIGNANQ/ASSISS (6,0) After breakfast drive south to San Gimignano, where ancient towers recall days when rival families strived to build higher than their neighbors. Continue down to the hill town of Siena for a stroll through narrow streets to shell-shaped Piazza dei Campo — site of a no-folds-barmet, bare-back horse race twice a year. Dinner is in the Umbrian hill town of Assisi.

#### ASSISI/SORRENTO (B,D) Day 9

ca of St. Francis, then a drive south around cre A morning visit to the Basilica o shaped Bay of Naples to Some

#### SORRENTO/POMPEN Day 10

Mid-moming finds you in Pompeli. The ruins are surprisingly well-preserved and ing gives you an insight to life 2,000 years ago before Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D.

## SORRENTORIOME Early morning drive to Rome and a papal audience that day.

### Day 12 ROME (B)

An outstanding full day of sightseeing spans the centuries. Few major sights in Rome are missed. Bonus visits include the Sistine Chapel, Valican Museum, Church of St. Peter in Chains, and a drive down the Applan Way-to view the Catacombs. You'll also tour St. Peter's, the Pantheon and the Colosseum.

#### ROME (B) Day 13

Lissure day to comb the shops in the little streets fanning out from the Spanish Steps (Via Condotti is outstanding). Some of the best sidewalk cartes -- try Via Veneto, Piazza Novona and Piazza dei Popolo. Nightictube by the Tiber, elegant restaurants in the Parloi district, neighborhood trattorie in ancient Trastevere are just a few evening ideas.

### ROME (B) Day at leisure. Day 14

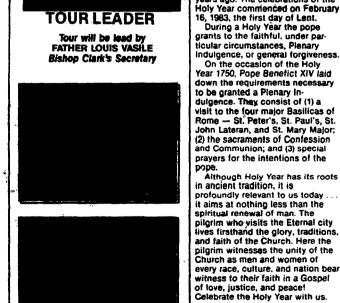
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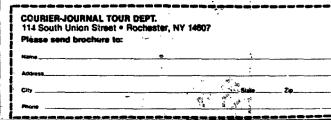
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