

**DEATHS**

**Mother Mary Theresa of Infant Jesus, OP, Foundress, Prioress, of Elmira Monastery**

Elmira — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 9 for Mother Mary Theresa of the Infant Jesus, OP, foundress and first prioress of the Monastery of Mary the Queen here. She died at the age of 90, July 6, 1983, after 68 years in the religious life.

Born Florence Kelleher in Canisteo, she was the youngest of 10 children.

She first worked as a milliner, but under the guidance of her parish priest, Father John Carr, she was

introduced to the Buffalo monastery of Dominicans.

She entered that community, dedicated to the perpetual recitation of the rosary, Feb. 2, 1915 and clothed in the habit six months later. She made her temporary vows in 1916, and her final vows in 1919.

At the age of 40, she was elected prioress of the Buffalo community.

On Aug. 16, 1944, she and seven other Sisters started the Elmira foundation.

"She held the post of

prioress, first by appointment, then by election, for 18 uninterrupted years, but she would allow no exception to be made when her term of elected office expired canonically, and deferred with characteristic humility to the new prioress. Later she was re-elected for another term but by then she was 72 years old and her health was failing. She submitted reluctantly for three more years, but by the age of 75 she declined to accept anything further," a monastery newsletter reported.

"Shortly before her death, a Sister who was nearby, but whom she did not see, overheard her praying aloud over and over with great intensity, 'O God, thank you for everything! Blessed



MOTHER THERESA

Mother, thank you for everything! You have been so good to me!" the monastery reported.

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**St. Mark**

Michele L. Chatterton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Chatterton of St. Mark's Parish, has been chosen Miss Monroe County Teenager. Forty contestants representing various parts of the county participated in the competition. A student at Cardinal Mooney High School, Miss Chatterton

teaches Sunday School classes at St. Mark's, and often helps with rectory work. Her mother is coordinator of religious education at the parish.

According to Father Joseph D. Donovan, pastor, Miss Chatterton is "an exemplary teenager and we are all proud of her."

**Precious Blood**

Most Precious Blood Church will hold its annual summer festival, July 22-24 on the church grounds on Lexington Avenue and Stenson Street. The festival features rides and foods, including such Italian favorites as pizza, pizza frita and tripe. In addition, chicken

wings will be served.

Live music and entertainment will be featured Sunday night and a macaroni dinner will be served 1-5 p.m. that day in the school hall.

Further information and discount pre-sale ride tickets are available by calling 458-6079.

**St. Patrick**

Seneca Falls — The annual St. Ann Triduum hosted by St. Patrick's Parish here will be held 7:30 p.m., July 24, 25 and 26. The prayer services include prayers to St. Ann, recitation of the rosary, sermon and benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The spiritual message will

be delivered each evening by Deacon Albert Pioli, a native of Seneca Falls and a resident of Everett, Wash. Deacon Pioli is a member of the Archdiocese of Seattle and is assisting at his home parish for the summer months. The public is invited to the event.

**St. Francis Assisi**

An invitation has been extended to the public by the People's Eucharistic League to join in a monthly holy hour, 7 p.m., Saturday, July 23 at St. Francis of Assisi Church, on the corner of Whitney and Orange streets.

**Evelyn E. Russo Dies, Known for Volunteerism**

Funeral rites were celebrated July 13 for Evelyn E. Russo, widely known in the Rochester community for her social justice advocacy and for her volunteerism with a number of charitable institutions including St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, St. Joseph's Villa and the Al Sigi Center. She died July 11, 1982, after a brief illness.

Known among friends by the nickname Vicki, she had worked in recent years as a nursing aide. Prior to that time she had worked at and managed area taverns.

For many years it was her practice to organize fund drives for charitable institutions and causes, and to actively participate in the work of those institutions on a volunteer basis.

Her particular interest lay in both the developmentally disabled and the abandoned child, soliciting area support for foreign child-care associations and for Rochester's Al Sigi Center. At the latter she would sponsor a Christmas party each year, replete with toys and Santa Claus, a role she readily played.

Each year, too, she would organize and prepare the Christmas morning breakfasts at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.

**THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER**

**EDWIN SULEWSKI FUNERAL DIRECTOR**

**How can I help a friend after a funeral?**

Keep in mind that grieving people must deal with many feelings about the change in their life. You can help by visiting often and allowing your friend to tell you about their loss. Sometimes talking with someone they trust can relieve their depression and make them feel better. Sometimes it helps to offer practical assistance. House cleaning, babysitting or driving the person to the store can be important ways to assist. While you are helping your friend, you can talk about matters of importance to him or her. The most important thing you can offer is to make yourself available. Many bereaved complain that they feel deserted after a funeral. Go out of your way to contact your friend.

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**Annunciation**

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Annunciation School, a dinner will be held Friday, Sept. 30, at Arena's Party House, and a Mass will be celebrated at noon, Oct. 2, followed by an open house in the school and a reception in the church hall. Further information is available from the anniversary chaircouple, Vince and Jo Germano, 266-3983, or the school, 342-8390.

**St. Mark**

"Jesus, Lord of Promises" will be the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School, July 25 through 29 at St. Mark's Church. Classes will be offered for children from 3 years old through sixth grade. Lessons presented will center on Jesus' promises and the ways they transformed the lives of ordinary persons, a parish release stated.

**Holy Cross**

The annual festival for Holy Cross Parish has been slated to open 6 p.m., July 22, and to continue the next two days. Rides by E.B. Hall Family will be discounted 1-4 p.m., Saturday. Father Thomas Wheeland is pastor, and Joan Powers is festival chairperson.

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