

AT YOUR PARISH

Guardian Angels

Henrietta — Members of the Queen of the Americas Guild are sponsoring First Saturday devotions, "to fulfill the Fatima request," following the 9 a.m. Mass every first Saturday, starting Sept. 3. The program is based on the belief that devotions of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will bring about a number of events,

including the establishment of world peace

Devotions include attendance at Mass, reception of Holy Communion, praying five decades of the rosary, spending 15 minutes meditating on one of the more mysteries of the rosary and going to confession within the octave of participating in the devotion.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

The Angelus Rings

My Shortsville-Manchester tour of duty ended Friday morning, Aug. 11. I was scheduled for Canistota-Rexville for Saturday afternoon through Monday night, Aug. 13-15.

"That leaves only one day in between," I thought. "Why not go to Hornell and meet with the Fathers?"

So I phoned Father Paul Schnacky at Wayland: "I'll be leaving Shortsville about 10:30 and should get to Wayland before noon. Expect me for lunch."

A late start delayed the schedule, so I stopped in Naples at 11:58 where Father Charles McCarthy opened the door. "I'm expected at Father Schnacky's at noon, but am late. Could I phone to tell I'm delayed?" "Of course."

All of a sudden church bells began pealing so loud and beautifully as if all the bells of Rome were concentrated at Our Lady of the Grapes Church in Naples. It is a carillon of bells installed under Father Kuchman, and they are superb.

Ignoring my startled expression, Father McCarthy said: "Let's say the Angelus. 'An angel of the Lord declared unto Mary...'" What a wonderful experience to find the Angelus devotion alive.

I narrated this to Father Elmer Schmidt later. He smiled in recollection: "When I was at St. Vincent's, Corning, years ago, Father John Brill so trained the school children on the Angelus that if it rang in the middle of the game, they stopped to recite the prayer. It was impressive."

Pope John Paul has asked that we revive the devotion of the Rosary AND the Angelus. To refresh your memory, here it is:

"An angel of the Lord declared unto Mary...And she conceived by the Holy Spirit...Hail Mary: Behold the handmaid of the Lord...Be it done unto me according to thy word...Hail Mary; And the Word was made Flesh...And dwelt amongst us...Hail Mary; Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ...Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that

we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through Christ, Our Lord Amen."

At 12:45 Father Schnacky welcomed me with his pixie smile. We sat in the kitchen as he poured out chicken soup and centered the table with two jars of peanut butter, jelly, bread and butter for a "do-it-yourself" lunch. Wayland's rectory has the second best mattress in the diocese, so after discussing the Church and the spiritual trends, I used it. Then off to Hornell, 20 miles south.

When I arrived at St. Ann's about 5 p.m., the sisters of Father Dick Mattie, Mary Louise and Pat (who are secretaries), greeted me, along with the faithful Rena, the cook.

Pastor Schmidt was away. Father Antinarelli, the troubadour of Trent, was on retreat with the Trappists in Spencer. Father Leo Ward, now residing at St. Francis Xavier, Rochester, with Msgr. George Cocuzzi, was Locum Tenens. He settled me into quarters and we had supper together.

The next day, on to Canistota, five miles south. Factotum Sally Stuckey, clued me in on keys, switches and how to put supper into the microwave oven. The charge at Canistota-Rexville was simple: just the scheduled Saturday, Sunday and Holy Day Masses.

So Saturday, I went to St. James Mercy Hospital to visit Father Paul Gibbons. His body is suffering from severe morbidity but his spirits are splendid, and he expressed great gratitude for the kindness from so many people, including Bishop Clark who visited him twice. He hoped to return to St. Ann's rectory the next week.

On Sunday evening off to Rexville, 15 miles away, for the vigil Mass of the Holy Day. It was held in the fire hall. Lightning burned down the church two years ago, but \$400,000 insurance and a determined congregation persuaded the Bishop's office to rebuild.

A fine church and hall will be ready by Thanksgiving, the pride of the parishioners, and the pastor, Father Tom Burr. And 500 "Treasury of Prayers" booklets are circulating now within the two parishes. Deo gratias!

St. Bridget

St. Bridget's Church, 175 St. Bridget's Dr., will host an informational music program and meeting on the 10th annual Afro-American Cultural Extravaganza, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3.

The Fantastic Bright Clouds Gospel Group will perform during the program.

The sponsors and coordinators of the cultural extravaganza will give information about the event,

stated this year for Sept. 5-10 at the First Community Interfaith Institute, Inc. Groups and individuals are invited to audition on Sept. 3.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Further information is available by calling Mrs. Rose Barrows, (716) 454-4236; or Minister Lawrence Lee Evans, (716) 275-0379.



Dante Ball principals include (left to right) the Mesdames Bianchi, Bianco and Gasbarre.

St. Joseph

Rush — The annual chicken barbeque and bazaar of St. Joseph's Church will be held 4:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10. The yearly event is the main fundraiser and social activity of the parish year. Proceeds provide

scholarships for young people of the parish. In addition to the home-cooked meals served, patrons will be able to make purchases from variety and baked food booths. A Mass will be celebrated at the closing of the event.

Holy Rosary

Registration for the Holy Rosary Religious Education Program will take place 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 6-9; following the 5:30 p.m. Mass, Sept. 10; and following all Masses, Sept. 11, in the

parish rectory, 414 Lexington Ave. Further information is available by calling Peggy Kelly, 458-4422 (days), 647-9317 (evenings).

Blessed Sacrament

An afternoon of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with the intention, "The restoration of prayer in public schools," will begin at noon, Thursday, Sept. 7, at Blessed

Sacrament Church. Rosary is recited at 12:15 p.m. and benediction is held at 5 p.m., preceding the regular 5:20 p.m. Mass.

Holy Family

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Church will meet 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14 in the Pine Room. Officers of the society will

host the meeting at which plans for the coming year will be made. New members are welcome at the event.

Holy Name

The Church of the Holy Name recently held its sixth Mission Renewal. The event

drew more than 100 people during its eight days of activity.

Holy Apostles

The Rosary Society of Holy Apostles Church will hold its first meeting of the

year following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Sept. 1, in the school basement.

Dante Ball Club Sets 60th Dance

The 60th anniversary of the Dante Ball, the gala fundraiser sponsored by the Italian Women's Civic Club of Rochester, will be held Sept. 24 at the Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn.

culture, and by financial need. The scholarship has been given to 45 students at Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College, the University of Rochester, and Monroe Community College.

The yearly event raises money for the Dante Scholarship, granted annually to local college students of Italian descent. The students qualify by demonstrating a desire to promote the Italian

Thomas Fabiano, professor of history at MCC is the guest speaker at this year's ball.

Organizers for the event are Mrs. Mary Jean Gasbarre, chairman; Mrs. Ida Bianchi, ticket chairman; Ms. Patricia Gasbarre, publicity; Mrs. Sylvia Vazzana and Mrs. Evelyn Brun, decorations.

IWCC officers for 1983-84 are Mrs. Florence Bianco, president; Mrs. Margaret Vincent, first vice president; Mrs. Helen Barbato, recording secretary; Mrs. Lorraine Fay, corresponding secretary; and Ms. Carol Anne Bianchi, treasurer.

Further information on the ball, which includes dinner and dancing, is available by calling 544-3432.

Saint Agnes

Avon — The annual International Food Festival of St. Agnes Church will be held 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Circle in Avon. Chairpersons for the event are Bob and Marda Neth and Ed Girard.

The festival, featuring Italian, Greek, American and Mexican foods, will also include a garage sale, crafts, and baked goods. The public is invited.

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