

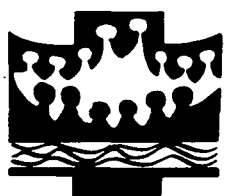
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Immaculate Conception, Ithaca

The students of Immaculate Conception School recently joined in a Holy Year pilgrimage to St. James the Apostle Church, Trumansburg. Five buses transported the group to the shrine, where they were welcomed by Father Robert Kanka, St. James pastor. Fathers Lewis Brown and Anthony Mugavero of Immaculate Conception then joined Father Kanka in concelebrating the liturgy.

Insights In Liturgy



By John Kubiniec

A Time To Thank, Share

"...All come before you with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women so that we may share your gifts in loving service." (Opening Prayer for Thanksgiving Day)

Thanksgiving Day is again upon us amidst the flurry of preparations for the family dinner, which takes place around Macy's parade and the football schedule on TV. It becomes the prelude to the season of Christmas shopping and visits to Santa Claus in local department stores and malls. Amid all this bustle of activity it is possible and quite probable that what we truly intend to celebrate gets lost in the mayhem of holiday functions.

The meaning of the day can be gleaned from its title: a day to give thanks. Meaning can also be found in the legend of the first Thanksgiving celebrated by the Pilgrims and the Indians that each generation passes down to the next: sharing and thankfulness.

For American Indians giving thanks was not isolated to a single day but took place every day as they thanked the Great Spirit for the new day given to them. Today, in our worship celebrations it is a day on which we give thanks for all the gifts which have been given to us by our Creator.

It is a time to give thanks for health, shelter, food, family, and friends. It is also a time to think about those who do not have as much as we may have, and becomes a time to reach out to others around who are in need.

In many area churches people will gather to give thanks for all God has

given them. They may also collect food to be distributed to those who may be experiencing hard times. The actions in this day should focus our attention on what we should be doing every day of our lives.

Every day should be a time to give thanks for the bounty we enjoy and a time to reflect on how we might better reach out to others less fortunate.

The Thanksgiving Day liturgy speaks clearly from the opening prayer to the closing prayer of our gratitude, our need to be mindful of the needs of others and implores us to share and be concerned.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we are called upon to be the Body of Christ and to build up the Body of Christ in every manner possible. Thanksgiving focuses our attention in a specific area in which we may work to build and strengthen the Body of Christ, the Church, namely in the care of the poor and hungry.

On this day our prayer, whether we are gathered publicly in a church service or privately at the dinner table, is best stated simply and pointedly avoiding the clutter, the excess baggage that the holiday season brings in its wake.

In the rush of this week and the weeks ahead it might behoove us to take some time to reflect by ourselves, as a family and as a Church, on all that we should be thankful for and how we might share that thankfulness with others.

"...In this celebration we have seen the depth of your love for every man and woman and been reminded of our negligence toward others. Help us to reach out in love to all your people so that we may share with them..." (Closing Prayer for Thanksgiving Day)

St. Francis of Assisi

"PEOPLE'S Eucharist League" has scheduled its monthly Holy Hour from 7-8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the church, corner of Orange and Whitney Streets. The public is invited.

St. Salome

ADVENT Festival, sponsored by the Education Committee, from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27 in the school hall. The public is invited to join in an afternoon of family activity, prayer and refreshments. Families will have the opportunity to make an Advent wreath, Christmas tree ornaments and cards for shut-ins. Babysitting will be available in the school for infants and toddlers. For information and registration, call Katie Tieppo, 323-1279.

St. Ambrose

CRAFTS sale, the Third Annual Morning for Mothers and Others Craft Sale; from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25 in Dailey Hall. No admission and over 60 exhibitors; also features baked goods and Santa's Secret Shop for children.

St. Pius X

"WHATEVER Happened to the Church of My Youth?"; presentation and discussion by Jim Mulcahy of the diocesan education department. This two-part adult education program will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, in the school. Call the parish religious education office to register, 247-3322.

St. Agnes, Avon

MEN'S Club will sponsor a St. Nicholas Dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the village hall. Music will be provided by Tim Cole. Tickets are \$4 and are available from any Men's Club member.

Pilgrimage Highlights 'Bishop Clark Day'

Waverly -- The students of St. James School joined other parishioners in the annual observance of "Bishop Clark Day" on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

The occasion has been called such since the bishop stopped at the parish on that day last year to visit shut-ins, meet the school children and administer Confirmation.

New Year's Retreat At Cenacle

An evening of joyful fellowship beginning at 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve will be offered by the Cenacle, 693 East Avenue.

Father David Mura will speak at 9 p.m. and there will be quiet prayer time before a midnight Eucharistic celebration followed by refreshments, overnight accommodations and breakfast on New Year's Day.

An offering of \$25 includes overnight; \$10 for those wishing to attend the evening program only. For reservations or details, contact the Cenacle Ministry Office, 716/271-8755.

Painting Restored; Missing 50 Years from St. John's

Newark Valley -- For half a century, a painting -- the property of St. John the Evangelist Church here -- remained hidden behind a dresser in a home in this village, the whereabouts of which remained a mystery to parishioners.

A portrait in oil of St. Agatha was given to the parish in 1929 by the family of Alida Noble from her Manhattan collection upon her death.

The gift seemingly vanished into thin air shortly thereafter, until being discovered recently by Father Ralph Fraats, pastor of St. John's.

Shortly after that, Dr. Paul D. Schweizer, director of the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, and the Frick Art Reference Library, New York, identified the painting of the third century martyr as that by 17th century artist Guido Reni.

The 26" x 30" portrait depicts St. Agatha, a woman of nobility miraculously healed of her wounds of torture. The delicate process



The 17th century portrait of St. Agatha.

of restoration was done by the West Lake Conservators Ltd. of Skaneateles.

The portrait was re-

dedicated this past Sunday, Nov. 20, with members of the Noble family present, and now hangs in the parish hall.

Symposium Scheduled

This year's Fall pediatric symposium for school personnel of the 10-county Finger Lakes region will be from 3:30-8:40 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the lower auditorium of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

The topic will be "Depression and Suicide: Identifying and Helping the Adolescent." Pre-registration is required by calling the Department of Pediatrics, 275-5174, or the Mental Health Chapter, 271-3540.

Guardian Angels

THE QUEEN of Americas Guild has selected new officers for the coming two years with Father Richard A. Hart, pastor, as Spiritual Director.

They are: Philomena Drexler, president; Inez Hennessy, secretary; Theresa Schafer, treasurer; Cathy Weston, library and materials; Dorothy Mirabile and Ethel Dame, publicity.

St. Theodore

FAMILY therapist, Dr. Dennis E. Boike will lecture on positive parenting and rearing well-adjusted children at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the school auditorium. The public is invited.

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