

Knights Install Officers

Five commanderies of the Rochester Regiment of the Knights of St. John have scheduled installation of their officers for 1984. The schedule of installations is:

Jan. 4, Commandery 43 of St. Michael Church, St. Michael's Hall;

Jan. 8, Commandery 9 of St. Boniface Church, and Commandery 39 of Mother of Sorrows Church, joint installation and dinner, Airport Holiday Inn;

Jan. 9, Commandery 40, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center;

Jan. 23, Commandery 308 at Annunciation Parish Center.

Col. Robert Stich has appointed installing officers for each commandery and he and officers of the regiment will attend each function.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 5/38-48. (R1) Mt. 4/1-4. (R2) Jas. 3/13-18.

Sunday was the world Day of Prayer for Peace.

There has been much talk and "action" regarding peace of late. Yet it is not so easy to determine what peace is. I suppose this is so, because we use the word "peace" for so many different things.

We say, "Hold your peace," when all we mean is "Keep quiet!"

We say, "Keep the peace," when all we mean is "Obey the laws."

We say, "Make peace," when we mean, "Don't be a sorehead. Make up and forgive and forget."

Peace can be the tranquility, the calm, the quiet that comes from good order. Hence St. Augustine defined it as the tranquility of order. And since order comes when everything is in its proper place, and everything is in its proper place when we give to everything and everyone its due, and since the virtue of justice inclines us to do just this, we say, "Peace is the work of justice" (the motto of Pope Pius XII).

But what does peace really mean according to the Bible?

In the Bishops' Pastoral "The Challenge of Peace," there is a section titled "Peace and the Kingdom: the Old Testament." In this section, four definitions of peace are given: (1) an individual's sense of well-being or security; (2) cessation of armed hostility; (3) right relationship with God; and (4) full realization of God's salvation in all creation.

It is the third and fourth definitions that predominate in Scripture. The basis of Israel's relationship with God is the concept of Covenant. A Covenant is a compact between God and man, much like a marriage-relationship between a husband and a wife. God says to His people: "Do my will. Keep the ten commandments. In other words, be just, be caring, especially toward the needy and the helpless, and be a friend to all. I for my part will dwell among you, fight your battles,

win your wars and give you security and peace."

In other words, in the Old Testament, peace is a gift from God, the fruit of His saving activity, the reward of fidelity to the Covenant.

Experience, however, made it clear to God's people that the Covenant of peace had not been realized in their midst. War, enmity, injustice, sin still abounded among them. They knew God would be faithful to His Covenant, so they yearned and longed for a time when all nations would enjoy peace, when the wolf would lie down with the lamb, when swords would be beaten into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks, one nation would not raise the sword against another, and every man could sit under his own fig tree undisturbed. They yearned for a Messiah, a king of peace.

This longed-for Messiah came in Jesus. And He made peace between heaven and earth by the blood of the cross. He was no warrior God, but a King of Peace, riding, not on a mighty Bucephalus, like Alexander the Great, but on a donkey coming into Jerusalem. He was meek. He turned the other cheek. He loved even His enemies and prayed for them. And He called His followers to do the same. This is the New Covenant: one of love of God and neighbor.

Jesus turned the sword inward against ourselves, and not outward against our neighbors. "The reign of God is at hand! Reform your lives and believe in the gospel" (Mk. 1/15). Peace will result as heaven's gift.

This was exactly what the Mother of God enunciated at Fatima. Seek the conversion of Russia - that's loving your enemies. Do this by an interior renewal: the daily rosary, monthly confession and communions of reparation, and consecration to Mary by wearing her brown scapular. That's our part of the New Covenant: glory to God in heaven; and then, and only then, peace on earth to those on whom His favor rests.

Migration Week Set Jan. 9-14

Washington (NC) - National Migration Week will be observed Jan. 9-14, 1984, according to Bishop Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Pittsburgh.

Bishop Bevilacqua - chairman of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Migration and Tourism, which sponsors the event - said the goal of the fourth annual observance is to develop "attitudes and

actions of welcome and fraternity."

The bishop said migrants in the United States form a "pastoral challenge" for "every local church as it responds to the spiritual and social needs of refugees, immigrants, undocumented workers, asylum seekers, migrant farm workers, and other people on the move."

Business in Diocese



RICOTTA

Ronald S. Ricotta, a parishioner at the Church of the Transfiguration, has been promoted to audit supervisor at Bonadio, Insero & Co., certified public accountants. Ricotta joined the company in 1979 and was previously a senior accountant.



WOLF

Dale E. Wolf, head of Du Pont's agricultural chemicals business, has been elected president of Groupement International des Associations Nationales de Fabricants de Produits Agrochimique (GIFAP). The international organization, based in Brussels, represents more than 950 companies which manufacture pesticides.

First Friday

Father Albert Shamon, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Waterloo and well-known author and columnist, will celebrate the First Friday Mass, 11:45 a.m., Jan. 6 at the Knights of Columbus clubrooms, 670 Thurston

Road. Father Shamon will also speak at the luncheon following the Mass. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Daily Mass League which promotes devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

DEATHS

Barbara D'Ortenzio, Charismatic Healer

Funeral rites were celebrated Christmas Eve for Barbara D'Ortenzio who was killed in an automobile accident, Dec. 21, 1983.

Father James Callan presided at the concelebrated Mass which drew several hundred to Corpus Christi Church. Mrs. D'Ortenzio, 48, and mother of two, was well known in the diocese as the coordinator for healing ministry of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

According to Father James Connolly, SJ, "The whole liturgy was a celebration of life with much joyous music led by the Thursday night folk group." He quoted Mrs. D'Ortenzio's husband Remo

as saying the Mass was in character with his wife's wishes. "He asked those who had not participated in this kind of funeral before to relax and participate as much as possible," Father Con-

nolly said.

Mrs. D'Ortenzio had been involved in many aspects of Church life from parish activities at Holy Spirit and Corpus Christi to ecumenical discussions, but she was perhaps best known for her work in healing ministry.

"From the time, 12 years ago, of her conversion to a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ, she was involved in the Lord's ministry of healing," Father Connolly said.

"Personally and in small groups she led many people into a deep relationship with the Lord and to new wholeness in body, mind and spirit," he said.

Mrs. D'Ortenzio in recent years conducted a number of workshops and seminars on healing. She was a member of the Association of Christian Therapists, an international association of medical pro-



MRS. D'ORTENZIO

fessionals and others with the charism of healing.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. D'Ortenzio is survived by two daughters,

Diane and Nancy; her parents, George and Julia Scarpa; two brothers, Joseph and Robert Scarpa.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated by Father Connolly, Friday, Jan. 6 at St. Lawrence Church, 1000 N. Greece Road.

Sister Bernardine Mitchell, SSJ

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Bernardine Mitchell of the Sisters of St. Joseph was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel Dec. 20. Sister Bernardine died Dec. 18, 1983.

Sister Bernardine was a native of Auburn and entered her congregation from Holy Family Parish in 1927. A graduate of Auburn High School, Sister Bernardine earned her bachelor's degree from Nazareth College and her master's from St. Bonaventure University.

She was a teacher at Nazareth Academy for 35 years, 1941-1976. Earlier she taught at Elmira Catholic

High School, St. Monica School and St. Peter and Paul School in Elmira.

Her congregation noted of her:

"At Nazareth Academy, Sister Bernardine taught English, Latin and math. She had a beautiful smile and was rather quiet. The students loved her. She had helped her father build a house when she was a young girl, and was very handy with a hammer, saw, screwdriver, pliers and other tools. So, when anything needed fixing in convent or school, she got the job."

She also had creative gifts and sewed, knitted and crocheted beautifully, mak-

ing many articles of clothing for people in her family. She also made gifts for sale in the Cornerstone Crafts shop at the motherhouse."

Sister Bernardine is survived by one sister, Mrs. Albert (Dorothea) Smiley of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

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