

Liturgy Office Plans Lent-Easter Workshops

The diocesan Office of Liturgy is planning workshops in music, environment, art, and seasonal details for Lent, Easter and Pentecost.

The workshops are for those planning the parish celebrations.

Entitled "Sights and Sounds: Lent-Easter-Pentecost," the workshops will have a

format expanded from previous years.

Participants will receive an in-depth presentation on the season, time to explore the Scriptures, and special-interest sessions on music and in the area of environment and art.

The workshops will be 3-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22 at St. Thomas More

Church, Rochester; and 3-8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 29 at St. Mary Church, Elmira.

The registration fee is \$5 per person.

Participants should provide their own lunches.

Further information is available from the liturgy office, (716) 328-3210.

Music Ministers Elect Officers

The Genesee Area Music Ministries recently named the following officers: Joseph Kraus, president; Carol Doran, vice president; Vincent Parks III, treasurer; Anthony Rimore, secretary and Father Robert Ring, chaplain.

The organization's purpose "is to promote liturgical music in Christian assembly while offering support and encouragement to Church musicians," a news release stated.

Membership in the group is

"open to all clergy, musicians, choir members and anyone interested in liturgical music," it said.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (on East Henrietta Road near the Thruway).

David Nease, president of the Church Musicians Guild of Buffalo will give the main presentation. Nease is also director of music for Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna. The public is invited to the event.

Lady of Guadalupe Honored by Banquet

The ninth annual banquet honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe was held Dec. 11 at D'Andrea's Party House.

On the day's program Jarvis Palaban sang the Our Father, followed by a ceremony of crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary by Mary Macafuso who then recited the rosary.

Following the rosary, Joan Valentini sang the Ave Maria. A litany to Our Lady was prayed and "America the Beautiful" was sung.

A buffet dinner was served, after which Stella Masuzzo introduced the "Chaplet to Our Lady of Guadalupe."

Further information on chaplet is available from Mrs. Masuzzo, 334-5516.

Secular Franciscans

St. Patrick's Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will meet Sunday, Jan. 15, at St. Anthony's Church, 60 Lorimer St. Novice instruction will be 1:15 p.m.; rosary, 1:30 p.m.; and Mass, 2 p.m. In addition a short business session will take place.

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Winner

Elena Rivera, Nazareth Academy senior and candidate in the newly founded National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program established by the College Board under a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is eligible to receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the college of her choice. Winners are chosen on the basis of their performance in the PSAT. Elena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Rivera, is listed first, academically, in her class, and is active in the band. She plans to major in either engineering or computer science.

'Family' Theme of Congress

Nairobi, Kenya (NC) -- Pope John Paul II has chosen "The Eucharist and the Christian Family" as the theme for the 43rd International Eucharistic Congress, Aug. 11-18, 1985, in Nairobi.

Cardinal Maurice Otunga of Nairobi will be the host and will serve as liaison with the Holy See's International Eucharistic Congress Secretariat.

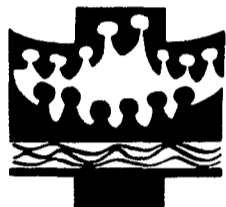
The Eucharistic Congress is a worldwide assembly of people -- primarily Catholics -- which meets every four to five years to praise God in the Eucharist, renew spiritual lives and receive blessings and graces through an active participation in Eucharistic celebrations.

The last Eucharistic Congress was in 1981 in Lourdes, France.

Seminar: Jan. 21

"Prayer and Celebration" is a workshop, sponsored by the diocesan Office of Religious Education, for Catholic school teachers and catechists to learn and experience some forms of liturgical prayer. It will be presented by Father Tom Mull, director, Office of Liturgy, from 9-1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21 at St. John the Evangelist School, 545 Humboldt Street.

Insights In Liturgy



By John M. Kubiniec

Prepare For Easter

It is that time of year when liturgy planners need to begin looking at the season of Lent-Easter-Pentecost even though the melodies and words of our Christmas liturgies have barely vanished. It is difficult to switch focus so quickly, but it must be done if the season of Lent-Easter-Pentecost, comprised of 13 weeks (one-fourth of the Liturgical Year), is to be celebrated with grace, dignity and preparedness.

Lent is a time of conversion, introspection and renewal. It is a time when Christians re-examine their baptismal commitment. It is also a time when Christians journey with those adults who are seeking to be baptized at Easter and with those Christians who are seeking to be brought into full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church. As all people seek a renewal of the heart, hopefully a renewed commitment to ministry as Church will take place. Hopefully, our Lenten celebrations will be moments when people will be called to look within and in doing so will find themselves renewed so that they may move forward during Eastertide to renew the face of the earth.

This year the Sunday Lenten readings serve as an excellent basis for renewal. They are readings which most closely correspond with the rituals associated with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Integration of the rites of the RCIA with the Sunday

celebrations should be carefully thought out. If this is begun now, the various catastrophes encountered in years past can hopefully be avoided.

It is also the time to discern and plan what other liturgical celebrations will be offered during Lent and into the Easter season. It would be most appropriate to celebrate evening prayer on the Sundays of Lent and Eastertide and invite those involved in the RCIA to join in the prayer celebration.

The liturgies of the Triduum need careful attention. So often they are the last to be planned and therefore they receive the least attention. These liturgies form the highpoint of the entire Church year. It would be a good idea to plan these celebrations first, and then plan the liturgies of Lent so that they might help build to the climax of the Easter Vigil.

One can readily be overwhelmed by all of this. Some help can be found in the following publications: "Parish Path Through Lent and Eastertide," "The Three Days," "Parish Prayer in the Paschal Triduum," and "Groundworks" all published by Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago. And from Pastoral Arts Associates in Old Hickory, Tennessee, "Planning Guide for Lent and Holy Week." An additional source of help and support for this year's planning is also available in the upcoming Sights & Sounds: Lent-Easter-Pentecost workshop to be held from 3-8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 22 at St. Thomas More (in the school) and from 3-8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 29, St. Mary's (parish center), in Elmira.

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