

AT YOUR PARISH

St. Francis Assisi

The People's Eucharistic Hour will be held 7-8 p.m., Saturday, May 26 at St. Francis of Assisi Church, the corner of Orange and Whitney streets.

Holy Family

Holy Family Church will hold a festival, 6-11 p.m., Friday, June 1; and 5-11 p.m., Saturday, June 2. Food and beverages will be available on the premises.

St. Mary

Corning — A special service honoring Mary will be held 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 29 at St. Mary's Church. Father Michael Bausch will lead the rites whose theme is "Peace," and which will include recitation of the rosary, Scripture readings, homily and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Margaret Mary

The Home-School Association of St. Margaret Mary's Church is sponsoring an Ice Cream Social, 6-9 p.m., Friday, June 1 in the school parking lot. Featured that evening will be hot dogs, pizza, ice cream, popcorn, a baked food sale and a cake walk.

St. John

Port Byron — A retirement party for Father Bernard Kuchman will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving, noon, Saturday, June 2 at St. John Church. A dinner will follow in the Port Byron Middle School.

Resurrection

Fairport — The Church of the Resurrection is hosting a presentation entitled "The Ups and Downs of Marriage," 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 29 at the church, 63 Mason Road. Mary Boike will reflect on communication, priorities, stress, joy, struggles, changes disillusionments, expectations and romance in marriage. Ms. Boike is well known in the area for her lectures and workshops on marriage enhancement and family relationships. Further information on the event is available by calling Carol Stark, 223-4965.

Sacred Heart

Anburn — The Catholic Committee of the Cayuga County Boy Scout Council recently announced that 13 boys will receive the Pope Pius XII Award in ceremonies 7:45 p.m. today in Sacred Heart Church. The boys are Pat Bryant, Jeff Colella, John Graceffo, Joseph Graceffo, Thomas Kennedy, Stephen Lawn, Rocco Lupo Jr., Charles Mason, Chris Molloy, Steve Morphet, Fred Poirier, Mike Ricci and Phillip Winnie.

Advisory

Parish correspondents are advised the Courier-Journal is legally restrained from publishing notices of any games of chance or prizes to be won in such games. Notices for publication in At Your Parish must be written and at the Courier-Journal offices, 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607, no later than Thursday noon preceding Wednesday publication.

St. Andrew

A celebration including Mass and brunch for couples wishing to renew their marriage vows will begin at noon, Sunday, June 3 at St. Andrew's Church. Tickets to the event are \$10 per couple and \$6 per guest. They are reserved by filing name, marriage date, and number of guests at the rectory, 342-8686; or with Mary Gaul, 467-2723, or Grace Fox, 467-8313, after 6 p.m. The deadline for reservations is May 28.

St. Agnes

Avon — The possibility of establishing a Bible Study program dealing with the Gospel of Mark is being discussed at St. Agnes Church. The program would be held 9-10:30 a.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. on Thursdays. The fee for the materials would be \$6. The program would include individual study, and small group discussion, and "is designed to bring the average lay person to a greater understanding of the Bible, awareness of God's living presence in Sacred Scripture and the appreciation of how the Bible can be applied in daily life," according to a parish flier.

St. Christopher

North Chili — The annual summer festival for St. Christopher Church will be 6:30-11:30 p.m., Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2. Featured will be a variety of booths for all ages with food and refreshments. In addition, the parish will stage a five-mile run starting 6:45 p.m. Saturday.



St. Ann

St. Ann's Alumni Association of Hornell recently presented the school with a check for \$3,000, representing funds raised in various projects and from dues and donations. Holding the check are Father Paul Gibbons, associate pastor; Marylin Dewey, principal; and Salvatore Falzoi, treasurer of the association.

Italian Mass Goers Decreasing: Bishops

By John Thavis
Vatican City (NC) — A report by Italy's bishops says that only 20 percent of Italian Catholics go to Sunday Mass regularly, and the percentage is even smaller in large cities where weekend recreation has replaced traditional parish activities. The report urges parishes to make a renewed effort to deal with modern indifference to Sunday Mass and make the Mass a place of "clear welcome" for all. Archbishop Mariano Magrassi of Bari, president of the Italian bishops' liturgy commission, spoke May 10 on the report during a plenary assembly of the Italian bishops' conference at the Vatican. Archbishop Magrassi said the increasing absence at Sunday Mass was "a phenomenon worse than atheism." He said the decrease in Mass attendance was contributing to a "large-scale growth in the

numbers of non-believers," even among those who still define themselves as Catholics. One cause of the problem, Archbishop Magrassi said, was that "we have too many Masses." He said the large number of Sunday Masses, many celebrated for small groups, was removing the sense of community in the parishes and taking priests away from other pastoral duties. Cardinal Carlo Martini of Milan told the conference one big reason behind the empty churches on Sunday was the Italian weekend rush to beaches and other holiday spots. The Church should not try to discourage this "Sunday escape," Cardinal Martini said, but should follow it with its presence. The report of 20 percent attendance at Sunday Mass is the lowest reported in Italy, the bishops said, and is based on diocesan statistics.

Bp. Hickey Addresses Knights of St. John

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey was the principal speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Rochester Temple Noble and Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross, Knights of St. John. As spiritual director of the temple, Bishop Hickey admonished his hearers to be aware of the plague of abortion and to support those who are fighting present legislation. Newly elected officers of the Temple were installed for a term ending May 1985 by brigadier general Joseph

Cooper and past supreme president general John T. Schneider. Newly elected officers include Bishop Hickey as spiritual director; Ned Meloni, grand master; Frank Martello, first vice grand master; Frank Meleca, second vice grand master; Michael Fredericks, scribe; and Martin Stephan, keeper of the exchequer. Nominating committees were chosen to prepare a slate of candidates for office, to be presented at the annual business meeting to be held in November.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

On the Right Side



Notes From My Diary

Just as Bishop Clark's "Crossroads" interests many people, perhaps these notes from my intermittent diary may interest people who are interested in prayer.
March 13: Have had a terrible cold for weeks, since before the trip to the missions in Kenya. Mysteriously it stopped as soon as I got to Precious Blood Church last Sunday for the afternoon of Prayer and Renewal, and returned right at the conclusion. Thanks be to God for that. Rhoned Dr. Bernard Farnand who took me in mid-afternoon. I wondered about the constant phlem in the throat, and had an x-ray at Rochester General Hospital (\$36). Have heard nothing. Dr. Farnand gave me pills which gradually abated the coughing, sneezing and general distress.
March 16: St. Patrick's party at St. Augustine's, for the quasi-AA group established by Deacon Greg Doyle. Nice affair. First St. Patrick's party I ever attended where there was no liquor, not even beer. Gave a brief talk on Matt Talbot, the Irish drunkard who reformed and whose cause for canonization is on. There are over 100 in the AA

program, which has an added dimension of much prayer and spirituality.
March 24-25: Left at 11 a.m. for Elmira Heights, Saturday. Stopped at Dansville rectory for lunch, prepared by Father Clifford. Area priests meet there Saturday noons. Fathers Teuschel, Clifford and Paul Schnacky. Others away. Arrived at St. Charles at 4:30 p.m. with a cordial welcome from Fathers Gaynor and Wheeland. Talked at all Masses on prayer. Sold 900 "Treasury of Prayer" booklets. Everyone satisfied with talks and questions, especially the question period. Dorothy Koenig, chairman, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Teresa Meriweather, all of African tour, were there.
April 1, 10 p.m., TV Channel WXXI: "Bless Me, Father." Very funny, though Kay Tichatek thinks it is irreverent and will have nothing to do with it. The author is an ex-Jesuit, English, married to a cousin of my "Voice of Conscience," Eileen O'Toole Cichello of Weedsport, who gave a rousing roasting at my 75th birthday party. Father Robert McNamara praises it highly.
April 14: Stopped at Harold and Julia Aman's on Salt Road where Julia has been convalescing from a stroke. They will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary

soon. Beautiful family. One son, Leo, is in the deaconate program at St. Charles Borromeo in Rochester. Another, Father Gerry, is a holy Jesuit who looks like a picture of Christ and is with Canisius in Buffalo. The whole family is a glory to the Church.
April 22: Easter, at St. Mark's, near Hamlin. Assisting Father Joe Donovan who will be retired next year. Preached on the Resurrection as historic, but continuing living of Christ in His Members, e.g. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Sold \$100 worth of "Treasury of Prayers" and "Acceptance." Dr. Bernard Donovan and Msgr. Quinn came for Easter dinner. Turkey. It was glorious. Dr. Donovan said he would do my cataract, which keeps getting worse. Tired, so rested for an hour. About 4:30 to Rochester General Hospital. Jacqueline Gallagher in Medical ICU. Stopped to bless her and several others, including a niece of old Professor Bonn who taught us music at St. Andrew's Seminary 50 years ago. Very devout family. On to Trinity, home, to get TV life of Pope John Paul II. Father Donovan's TV is not very good. Returned to St. Mark's, 21 miles away, about 11:30. Father Donovan getting ready for a fishing trip next morning.
April 24: Wet and rainy. Mrs. Angeline Cocuzzi phoned from Dunn Tower and asked if I had the Scriptural Rosary Booklets. "Yes. They sell for \$4.95, but I sell them for \$3." "Will you please mail six, and I will send you a check for \$18 tomorrow. A group of women in Dunn Towers say the rosary together, and this will help." I suppose so devout a mother explains the piety of her son, Msgr. George Cocuzzi, who is director of our diocesan diaconate program.

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