

Italian Women's Club Schedules Dante Ball

The Italian Women's Civic Club will sponsor the annual Dante Ball at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn. Proceeds from the annual affair go to the Dante Scholarship Fund.

Three recipients will be honored at this year's gala --

Seneca Mass Set Sept. 5

Corpus Christi Church and Pax Christi Rochester are co-sponsoring a Mass to be celebrated outside the main gate of the Seneca Army Depot in Romulus, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 5. It will be the fourth Mass the two groups have sponsored at the gate.

Interested persons are invited to participate in the rite and to join the group leaving the Corpus Christi parking lot at 6:15 p.m.

No civil disobedience is planned.

Further information is available from Chava or Lee Strong of Pax Christi, (716) 482-5664.

Donna Marie Ringholz, Nazareth College; Cheryl Lynn Shank, St. John Fisher College; and Joseph Albert August, University of Rochester.

Chairman of this year's ball is Ida Bianchi. Other officers include Ann Marie Lipari, tickets; Evelyn Brun, decorations; Mae D'Amore, hostesses; Joan Vazzana, hospitality; Florence Bianco, honorary chairman; Mary Proia, patron chairman; Margaret Vincent, publicity; and Marie Bianchi, scholarship chairman.

Music will be provided by the Tom Monte Band. For further information, contact Ann Marie Lipari, 544-0303.

Adoration

The monthly afternoon of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is slated to begin at noon, Thursday, Sept. 6 at Blessed Sacrament Church. Included are recitation of the rosary at 12:15 p.m., and benediction at 5 p.m. preceding the regular 5:20 p.m. Mass. The intention is for the "Protection and guidance of our national leaders."

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

The Ego And Cross

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 16/21-27. (R1) Jer. 20/7-9. (R2) 12/1-2.

Two great problems confronting every Christian are the ego and the cross. Jesus said about these, "Deny the one and take up the other."

Channing Pollock told of meeting an old friend, John, on the street one morning. John was going to work at the same place he had been going to every morning for the last 40 years. This particular morning he was wearing what he always wore — a shiny, old, blue serge suit. Pollock reflected, "You know how blue serge can shine and where it can shine."

So Channing said to his

friend that morning, "John, I'm glad to see you. There are a couple of things I've been wanting to say to you."

"The first is this: you've done a great job. You raised a fine family, bought a house and paid for it, got your kids through college. Your son is a fine doctor, your daughter is happily married and you have lovely grandchildren. Any way you look at it, you've done a magnificent job!"

"The second thing I want to tell you is that you take care of everyone except John, so I want you to promise me you'll begin taking better care of John."

John answered, "It's nice of you to think of me, Channing. I appreciate it. You're a friend and so I can be frank with you. I'm carrying a lot of insurance now. I should have started

way back when the premiums were small. But there was the house to pay for and the education of the kids. I couldn't do it then. So I had to start my main insurance program late and the premiums are awfully high. It's got me strapped. But I know you'll understand — I've just got to make sure that Martha will be provided for when I'm gone."

Pollock said, "When John turned to go down the street to work, a sunbeam fell across his shoulders. I didn't see shining serge any more. I saw shining armor! I saw John with his lady's colors. Sir Lancelot fought 40 minutes for his lady love. John fought selflessly for 40 years!"

The other problem of Christians is the cross. Jeremiah complains about being laughed at. Peter reacts vehemently to Jesus' saying that the Messiah must suffer. Yet Jesus said, "If a man wishes to come after me, he must... take up his cross." In other words, suffering is inevitable, to some degree in the life of all of us.

We have no obligation to

seek suffering. Rather we have an obligation to mitigate it whenever we can. And we have an obligation to accept the suffering that comes into our life. This is what is meant by "taking up the cross." We must accept the suffering that comes our way, because it is permitted, or even planned for us, by God.

Look at what the Father asked of Jesus, what Jesus asked of His Mother. It seems the more God loves someone, the more suffering is required of him or her.

Suffering is not a punishment for sin. It is a positive, perfecting thing.

What gives us the courage to accept the cross? First, to know that the Lord knows our sufferings and He is there working to draw good from them. And secondly, to know that the sufferings of this world are nothing compared with the glory to come. "He will repay each man according to his conduct."

Therefore said Jesus, "Deny your very self, take up your cross — the one specially tailored for you."

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