

## AT YOUR PARISH

### St. Catherine

**Ithaca** — The 11th annual festival for St. Catherine of Siena Parish will be held 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 inside, 4 p.m.-9 p.m. outside; and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Mayrene Slack chairs the committee which has planned the festival featuring a white elephant bazaar, crafts, a book nook, a plant boutique, dried arrangements, baked goods, a teen booth, a sandwich bar, a food tent, pizza frita, and clowns. A family chicken barbecue will be served 5:30 p.m., Saturday.

### St. Lawrence

"Journeys in Faith," three programs, are being offered at St. Lawrence Parish this fall. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be explained in an information night, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 3. Reservations and further information are available from Deacon and Mrs. William Maune, 225-0325. Also that evening, information on an RCIA program tailored for teens will be held. Further information and reservations are available from Sister Diane Dennie, 225-3870. Bible sessions for beginners or refresher courses, with both morning and evening sessions, will be explained in an information night, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 4. Further information and reservations are had by calling Marie Vanaglia, 225-7320.

### St. Bernard

**Scipio Center** — The traditional blessing of the graves in St. Bernard's Cemetery will be held after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Sept. 9 at St. Bernard. Father Paul Cloonan, pastor, will officiate. Any persons with relatives or friends buried in the cemetery are invited. In the event of inclement weather, the blessing and prayer will be held in the church.

### St. Isaac Jogues

**Fleming** — The annual chicken barbecue sponsored by St. Isaac Jogues Church will begin at noon, Sunday, Sept. 9. Chicken and fresh vegetables will be served. The public is invited.

### St. Bridget

St. Bridget's Church is hosting the 11th annual Afro-American Cultural Extravaganza this week on the church grounds. A garage sale, bake sale and barbecue are being sponsored by the church noon-9 p.m. through Sept. 9. The choir will perform at two programs, "The Culture Show," 4 p.m., Sept. 8; and "Speaking of Culture," 4 p.m., Sept. 9. The event is coordinated by the First Community Interfaith Institute Inc. Further information is available from Mrs. Rose Barrows (716) 454-4236; or Mrs. Gwendolyn Evans (716) 461-0379.

### St. Ambrose

The Rosarians of St. Ambrose Church will travel to Belhurst Castle in Geneva for a day of viewing fall foliage, a boat trip, two meals and entertainment Oct. 17. Reservations are asked to be made immediately. Other parishioners are welcome to reserve space on the trip, as space allows, after Sept. 17.

### Lady of Lourdes

**Elmira** — A meeting for all committee and organization officers at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is set 7:30-8:30 p.m. today, Sept. 5 in the convent meeting rooms. The parish staff will present the first draft of the Calendar of Events for the coming year.

### Immaculate

**Ithaca** — Parishioners at Immaculate Conception Church have been advised that Hospicare, a community-based program to help people with terminal illness, is accepting applications for its fall volunteer training program. The training program is limited to 20 people and applications must be submitted before Sept. 19. Further information is available by calling 273-7272.

The parish school celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. Several events have been planned: Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate the noon Mass, Sunday, Sept. 16, and rededicate the school; an open house and reception will be held 1:30-3:30 p.m., that day in the school gym; an alumni reunion will be held June 22-23, 1985. The public is invited to the events.

### St. Patrick

**Corning** — The parish council of St. Patrick's Church is scheduled to participate in goal-setting sessions, 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14, and 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 15.

### Assumption

**Fairport** — A Spiritual Gifts Workshop will be held 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15 in the Assumption Church hall. "The workshop is specifically designed to enable each person to discover and begin to use his or her own particular spiritual gifts," a parish release stated. "We know by faith that the gifts are given. Why is it then that we do not always feel 'gifted?' Why do we so often find ourselves doing work in the church simply because 'somebody has to do it?' Maybe it is because we are doing work for which we have no gift, while our real gifts lie undiscovered, and unused. When each person is using his or her spiritual gift, the person is happier and the Church gains a renewed vitality," the release stated. A fee of \$5 will be charged, \$6 for non-parishioners, which will cover lunch and supplies. Registration is made by calling Stephanie Batterman, pastoral assistant, 223-7540, and leaving one's name and phone number.

### St. Pius Tenth

"Journey with Christ," the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, will be explained at informational meetings, 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, or 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4. Further information is available from Father Frank E. DiSano, 247-2566; Sister Anne Michelle McGill, 247-8848; and Pat and Bob Dunning, 889-9520.

### Good Shepherd

**Henrietta** — The Shepherd's Clowns of Good Shepherd Church will offer a 7-week basic clown ministry class starting Sept. 24. Interested persons are asked to call Jeanne McDonough, 334-0074, or Sue Elias, 334-7556, for further information.



Photo by John Dash  
Sister Anne Curtis offers some friendly supervision as Sister Mary Alice O'Brien polishes a mirror in the North Street house.

## Sisters Ready A JVC House

By John Dash

Two Sisters of Mercy have been rolling up their sleeves, plunging brushes into paint and scrubbing down walls and floors this month to make ready the new living quarters for this year's team of Jesuit Volunteers.

Sisters Anne Curtis, campus minister at Our Lady of Mercy High School, and Sister Mary Alice O'Brien, principal of St. Andrew's School, have been preparing a North Street house, recently given to their congregation, for use as a community dwelling for the laypersons working in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps program.

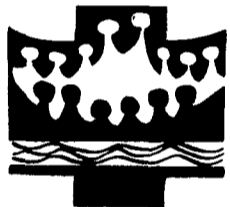
According to Sister Jean Marie Kears, RSM, superior general, the congregation accepted the gift last spring, and it was recommended that the building be used as a residence for those involved in lay ministry.

She said the move is in line with one of the congregation's ministerial criteria which is the "support and development of lay collaboration and leadership to the end of expanding lay leadership in ministry."

"This residence gives us as Sisters of Mercy a further opportunity to enable the generous gifts of others to benefit people beyond ourselves. It also provides us with a way to link our ministries and lives with generous young men and women from around the country who seek to give one or more years of direct service to the Church. JVCs have served this past year with our sisters at St. Andrew's and St. Monica's," she said.

Part of the JVC program is that the volunteers live in community, preferably in a poor, urban area, according to Sister Elaine Kolesnik, congregation spokesperson.

### Insights In Liturgy



By Father Thomas P. Mull

### The People Of God

For the past two weeks, we have seen the Fall possibilities for liturgical enrichment and training. Sometimes people can be blind as to the reason why? For that reason, I spent some time last week indicating some reasons why people should want training and enrichment. But I saved the biggest reason for this week so that we could look at it all alone. The biggest reason is the people!

Vatican II called the Church "the People of God." It defines the purpose for liturgy is to allow these people to raise heart, mind and voice in common praise and thanks of God. The real emphasis of all liturgy, then, must be placed on the people who have gathered. Yet, when liturgy committees meet, how often do they ask: "What message do the people need to hear?" When musicians plan, how often will they question themselves: "Will this music invite the people to collectively raise their voices?" When lectors prepare, how often do they consider: "What is this reading to say to the people?" When eucharistic ministers prepare, how often do they question: "What about the people who will come to me hungering the Bread of Life?" The people should be in the forefront of our planning and praying. But, are they?

There is a temptation to become caught up in the effort of preparation. Everyone wants everything to happen correctly, beautifully, and as planned. How do you feel when human error, mistake, or foible enters the picture? Did that person ruin "my" liturgy? Can you laugh and say, "I'll remember that the next time?" The response to such questions can often tell a lot about a person's motivation in regards to the liturgy.

I am not saying that we should have sloppy liturgy. Perish the thought! However, I am saying that we should not become so involved in the intricacies of liturgy that we allow no room for the human -- or, worse yet, won't allow the human.

There is a need for training and enrichment. There is room for continual growth and development. This, however, should not take place at the expense of the assembled people. They are too precious, too loving and lovable, too filled with God to be treated as mere spectators.

With all that will happen during the coming year, it is important to remember the real reason why it is all happening -- the people. Listen to them, invite them to grow, respond to them, create human liturgies which best exemplify a loving God, ever-present to the people. Through a community's liturgical activity, this God can heal, bless, encourage, smile, pray, and live!

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