

### AT YOUR PARISH

#### Assumption

Fairport — Parish retreats have been scheduled for parishioners at the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady. The annual men's retreat is Oct. 19-21. Those interested are asked to call Jack Muthig, 223-2357. The women's retreat is Jan. 20-22, 1985. Persons interested are asked to call Kathy Cannan, 223-4518.

#### St. Columba/ St. Patrick

Caledonia — Ray Repp will be hosted by the dual parish of St. Columba here and St. Patrick in Mumford for a workshop and cabaret Sept. 29. Repp will lead a discussion on the basics of liturgical music 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the United Presbyterian Stone Church on Church Street. A cabaret will open 7:30 p.m. in St. Columba Church hall on North Street. The workshop fee is \$6; the cabaret \$5; and a box lunch for those attending both \$2.50. Further information is available from the church, 198 North St., Caledonia, N.Y. 14423.

#### Mother of Sorrows

Diocesans are invited to attend the Eucharistic Liturgy celebrating the patronal feast of Our Mother of Sorrows, 5 p.m., Sept. 15 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd. Light refreshments will follow on the parish grounds.

#### Mt. Carmel

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, observing its 75th anniversary of founding this year, has slated a celebration for parishioners and former parishioners Oct. 7. One committee is searching for the names and addresses of former parishioners, and also for photographs to display at the dinner. According to Jean Caccamise and Mary Tantillo, chief workers on the project, photographs showing the parish's Italian heritage will be particularly welcomed. The chairpersons said the committee is especially interested in photographs of Mt. Carmel parishioners involved in sports, business, education, politics, religion, the military and labor. They also asked that diocesans with such pictures loan them to the cause as quickly as possible, each photograph clearly labeled with the owner's name, address, ZIP code and telephone number. Interested persons are asked to call Sister Regis Straughn, 454-6766, or Father James Hewes, 232-1133.

#### St. Francis Assisi

Parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Whitney Street are preparing for a garage sale in October. They are seeking donations of any good used items from members of the public wishing to donate them to the church. Interested persons are asked to call the rectory, 436-6693; Mike Simmonetti, 436-0206; or Vic Leo, 458-4451, for pick-up.

#### St. Andrew

The St. Ann's Altar Society of St. Andrew's Church will present a "Bell's Dinner," 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27 in the school hall, 901 Portland Ave. Paid reservations are being accepted by President Hazel Schneider, 467-5148; Dolores Burns, 467-9250; and Sara Tantillo, 467-4958. Proceeds from the promotion will be used for the completion of the daily Mass chapel.

#### Immaculate

Ithaca — The Catechumenate program of Immaculate Conception Church will begin Sept. 30 and will continue through baptism on Holy Saturday Night, April 6, 1985. Persons knowing possible candidates, or who would like to be involved as a sponsor, prayer partner, hospitality helper or otherwise, are asked to contact the rectory, 273-6121.

#### Lady of Lourdes

Elmira — The Rosary-Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church will hold a Communion brunch following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Sept. 16 at the Elmira Country Club.

#### St. Patrick

Corning — The St. Patrick's Bazaar will be held Friday, Nov. 16. A call was issued for volunteers to help the handicrafts booth. Interested persons are asked to contact Georgianna Watkins, 524-8476.

#### St. Stephen

Geneva — The annual parish family picnic for St. Stephen's Church, will begin 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16 at the large pavillion in Seneca Lake State Park. Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass, meat, table service and cold beverages. The rest will be provided by the parish life committee.

#### St. Ambrose

Parishioners at St. Ambrose Church learned last week that the parish's fifth annual Summer Vacation Bible School held in August drew 159 children. The theme of the event was "Indian Summer." Running the program were Mark Stephy, Kevin Consul, Dan Zicari, Jenny Kane, Theresa and Linda Sirinis, Todd Hanley, Phil Cirrincione (and his mother, Linda), Linda Palmieri, Bob Interlicchia, Lisa Restivo, Ann Marie Dinolfo, Ann Dealy, Carolyn Ross, Tom Giordano and Greg Stephany.

In other news, The St. Ambrose evangelization committee has slated a Spiritual Gifts Workshop, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15. The program will be directed by Sister Nancy DeRycke, SSJ, pastoral assistant at the Church of the Resurrection, and a team from Resurrection.

#### St. Anne

Tryouts for the 7th and 8th grade CYO basketball team for the 1984-85 season will begin 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 17. All parishioners 14 and younger are welcome.



Annunciation pupils Angelo Anello, Kelly O'Reilly and Mary Beth Haag check over the wares in the school's annual candy sale.

#### Annunciation

The Home-School Association of Annunciation Parish is sponsoring its annual candy sale through Sept. 17. Profits from the sale are used for field trips and computer software for kindergarten through eighth graders.

#### St. Helen

Dr. Dennis Boike will speak on "Parent Power/Person Power," 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 17 in St. Helen's Parish center. Refreshments will be served following the talk. A parish release asked, "Are you interested in finding out what

kind of parent you are? Or in finding out how you may become a better one? Or maybe you don't even have children, but would like to improve other relationships in your life," indicating the questions would be answered in the program.

#### Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window

#### Notions Balance

Dear Father Hohman, This is a follow-up to the question I asked about the Real Presence and why the tabernacle is not on the main altar any more. I am also confused by the Mass, because different people seem to have different attitudes toward it. Some people talk about the Sacrifice of the Mass and others the Eucharistic Meal or the Sacred Liturgy. I, of course, grew up thinking solely in terms of the Sacrifice of the Mass. Has anything changed in that regard?

(Signed) F.G.

Dear F.G. Last week I forgot to mention that the business of the Eucharist being in a side chapel is not entirely a new thing. If you were to go to the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul in Rome, you might be somewhat hard put to even locate the Eucharistic presence, since it is not found very close to the main altar. It is very definitely in a side chapel, and considering the number of side chapels in St. Peter's it might be somewhat difficult to locate.

It is still perfectly proper to refer to the Sacrifice of the Mass, although we can also refer to the Eucharistic Meal. These two, far from contradicting each other, are complementary and it's a question of "you can't have one without the other." As you remember from your catechism, Jesus

offered one perfect sacrifice to God for all humankind and that sacrifice cannot be repeated. In that one sacrifice, the salvation of the entire human race throughout history was assured. It was Jesus's total offering of himself to God's will, best expressed in the giving of his life. So it was not primarily his dying, but rather his giving of self which brought about the salvation of the world.

In the sacrifice of the Mass, we do not repeat that sacrifice, but we merely recall the one same sacrifice Christ offered on Calvary so that each and every one of us can come into contact with it through this external sign. In this contact, we are called upon to make the sacrifice of our own wills and to give ourselves to God in union with Jesus. This meal element expresses the idea that Jesus broke the bread of his life (remember, bread is a symbol of life) and gave it to us to nourish us, to love life into us. We are called upon to receive that bread and to share the bread of our own lives with others in order that we might be totally joined to Jesus in his saving action.

It should be remembered that Communion outside Mass is by way of concession, and that the norm is Communion within a congregation in the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Otherwise the full meaning cannot be ascertained, and something is lost in the translation.

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