

### AT YOUR PARISH

#### Assumption

**Fairport** — New and renewed volunteers for the Faith Development Program of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption are asked to meet 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20 at the youth minister's office, 10 Baumer Place, through office entrance. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

#### Immaculate

**Ithaca** — The Religious Education Office of Immaculate Conception Church is asking for parishioners to teach in its program. In addition, the office is devising a program for children with special needs. Persons wishing to contribute to either project have been asked to call Caryl Funke at the office, 273-0303.

#### Perpetual Help

Elections were recently held for the school board of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Those elected are: Peter Ciavarrri, chairman; Msgr. Richard Quinn, Father Matthew Kawiak, Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan SSJ, Pat Contreras, Ann Karp, David McIntyre and Elizabeth Meagher.

#### St. Mary

**Corning** — The celebration of the parish feast day for St. Mary's Church will begin with a festive Mass 5:30 p.m., Sept. 24 followed by a parish pot-luck supper in the school hall. Special guest of honor will be Father Thomas Brennan, pastor emeritus, who is celebrating his 80th birthday and 55th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

#### St. Charles

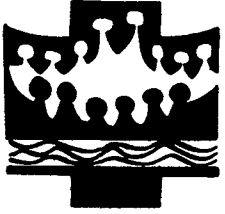
St. Charles Borromeo Church will hold its annual Country Fair, 7-11 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28; 1-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29; and noon-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30. A feature of the Sunday event will be a steamship round dinner served in the parish center, in the lower level of the school. Though tickets will be available at the door, it is advised they be purchased beforehand. Advance sale tickets are \$6 for adults; \$5, senior citizens; and \$3, children 12 and under, available after all weekend Masses preceding the fair. Tickets at the door are \$1 more in each patron category.

#### St. Christopher

"Living with Losses," a program dealing with grief and healing, will be presented by Sister Judy Green SSJ, chaplain at Park Ridge Hospital and Nursing Home, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27 at St. Christopher's Church. The topic will also be pursued 7:30 p.m., Oct. 9, by Sister Judy and Father James Schwartz, rector of Becket Hall.

#### Insights In Liturgy

By Sister Estelle Martin, RSM  
Part II



#### A Cross-Shaped Community

As a twentieth century Church we are only beginning to grasp the awesome responsibilities inherent in our commitment to a crucified Christ who remains among us in the people of his Church. Two models of Church emerge which touch the faith dimension and the faith expression of the gathered assembly: the begetting community and the institutional assembly. In most of our parishes both of these models are operative. It becomes the task of the pastoral team to reconcile them into a single worshipping body of believers. Obviously, the begetting community provides the more fertile soil for the seeds of Christian living. Here, the Pauline vision of a cross-shaped body of the faithful forms and reforms itself in the pattern of Christ's death and resurrection.

The begetting community rises from the waters of its baptismal commitment and centers its life together in the Christ who dwells in each of them and in all of them. The deliberate interrelatedness of font and altar, positioned in the midst of the gathered assembly, links word and sacrament with the people's sense of service to one another. Their extended focus embraces their call to mission and ministry in the context of the mystery of the cross. The simple, unadorned cross-form on the wall visually gathers all of their lives into an integrated whole, celebrating their corporate identity in the person of the crucified savior. Tensions released through individual goals become opportunities for creativity in the search to express gospel values and to reach beyond themselves into the lives of less fortunate brothers and sisters. A climate of hospitality is an essential element in the worship space. The sharing of bread and wine in Eucharist gathers and scatters the assembly conscious that the God-in-their-midst is the same God who cries in the poor and powerless.

A spirit of continual rebirth permeates the begetting community as it opens itself to appropriate the image of a crucified

Lord. Attention to the person as the ultimate sacramental symbol finds expression in the simple dignity of the architectural setting. The link between the tangible Christ of the ekklesia and the intangible mystery that gives it breath and life is further forged by the integrity and quality of the sacred space. The bricks and stones draw purpose and dignity from the image of Christ enfleshed in the body of the community.

The institutional model of Church, on the other hand, reaches inward to scrutinize its own identity. Its awareness of Christ is filtered through a short-sighted interpretation of sign and symbol. The worship space is cluttered with superficial objects that leave little room for creativity and depth of understanding. To this assembly, the cross becomes a crucifix with the image of Christ as one of personal savior instead of corporate identity. The dynamic of the gathered community is diminished in the shadow of a dominant God-me relationship. A church becomes a museum when the past is preserved for its own sake and the future is isolated from the present.

Effective renovation of the worship space begins in the heart of the faith community. Renewal of the external setting is meaningless unless those gathered within the enclosure are first convinced of their own identity in the body of Christ and their mission to witness to his gospel message. The aesthetic environment shapes and is shaped by these convictions. The continual re-formation of Christian community finds expression in the significant values expressed by the structure of its worship space. God does not need this tangible evidence -- we do! Our creatureliness depends upon these visible aids to push beyond the sign and symbol to the invisible reality.

Through continual re-evaluation the value of the non-verbal environment become part of the process of a renewed community. But, even beyond these externals, the theology of the worship space must speak of the faith of a Christ-of-the-cross-centered community celebrating their dying and rising with him -- together.

#### St. Patrick

**Corning** — A Bible Study program is being conducted 9:35 a.m., every Thursday in the convent of St. Patrick's Parish. No previous Scripture study or knowledge is necessary. Further information is available from Sister Margot, 937-1352.

#### St. Ambrose

The picnic for St. Ambrose Parish will begin noon, Sunday, Sept. 23 at Parkview Lodge in Webster Park. Parishioners are asked to notify the rectory if they wish to attend and to bring a dessert to the event.

#### St. Andrew

The Rosary Society of St. Andrew's Church will hold a tureen supper, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 in the school cafeteria. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass and to make reservations by calling Ginny Janas, 266-2628. Presiding at the meeting to follow the dinner will be the new officers: Mrs. Michael Tedone, president; Mrs. George Melino, vice president; Miss Jean Smith, treasurer; Mrs. James Huck, secretary.

#### Advisory

Parish correspondents are advised that the Courier-Journal is legally restrained from publishing notices of any games of chance or the prizes won in such games, including bingo, raffles, drawings and the like.

#### St. Philip Neri

The St. Philip Neri Women's Club will begin its new season with a picnic supper 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 25 in the school hall. Chairperson for the event is Marge Feniccia. Officers are: May Wright, president; Ms. Feniccia, first vice president; Helen Privitera, second vice president; Sharon Lazzara, treasurer; Mary Ellen Datz, recording secretary; Judy MacCormack, corresponding secretary; Jennie Cerone, advisor.

#### St. Francis of Assisi

The People's Eucharistic League has scheduled its monthly Holy Hour, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22. The public is invited to join in the hour of prayer and adoration.

#### St. Helen

"Paradise Alley," a drop-in center for high school students of St. Helen's Parish, will open its doors 7-11 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, in the parish center of the school, 150 Lettington Drive. The movie, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," will be shown for the grand opening festivities, which will also feature air personalities from radio station Q92. The center also will have live and recorded music, video games, board games, ping pong, and refreshments. Admission is \$1. Everything else is free.

#### Holy Spirit

**Penfield** — Father Robert Hammond will speak at a special program sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish's evangelization committee, "God's Call," starting with dessert and coffee, 6:30 p.m., today, Sept. 19.

#### St. Anne

**Palmyra** — Communal Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at all Masses Sept. 22 and 23 at St. Anne's Church.

#### St. Joseph

**Penfield** — Father James Moynihan, pastor, will celebrate a Mass for the charismatic community, 8 p.m., Sept. 24 at St. Joseph's Church.

#### St. Thomas Apostle

The Home School Association of St. Thomas Apostle Parish will sponsor an "Olde Fashioned Ice Cream Social," 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27 in the school cafeteria on the corner of St. Paul and Colebrook. The event promises sundaes, floats, cones and dishes of ice cream. Hots, pizza, popcorn, baked goods and beverages among the featured items.

#### CLIP 'N' SAVE Fall Workshops & Retreats

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  - SELF-AWARENESS THROUGH DREAM EXPLORATION
    - Beginning group, Mon. Sept. 24-Nov. 12
    - Advanced group, Mon. Nov. 26-Jan. 28
  - ENNEAGRAM — Orientation Oct. 18
  - ENNEAGRAM — Spirituality Dec. 1-2
  - SPIRITUAL AWARENESS SEMINAR
    - Tues. eves. Nov. 13-Dec. 4
  - CHRISTIAN DISCERNMENT IN LIFE'S WORK
    - Process, Wed. eves. Nov. 14-18
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