

Mt. Carmel Programs Help Parish, Neighborhood Needy

By Terrance J. Brennan
Mt. Carmel Parish, in conjunction with the Sisters of St. Joseph, opened a soup kitchen in the church hall last Monday, Sept. 18, to feed that district's hungry.

St. Martin's Place, as it is called, is open weekdays serving, on the average, "about 65 meals a day," according to Father James Hewes, pastor. He also stated that the foods being served are products that have been donated by various groups and organizations.

The kitchen operates on the efforts of Sisters Peg Brennan, Marie Brown and Marilyn Pray, and lay volunteer Jean Jesserer, among groups from other parishes that have volunteered their services.

According to Sister Peg, Father John Mulligan, director of the Office of Urban Services, last December suggested approaching the parishes of the Northeast quadrant to scope the major needs of the people in that region, "and the biggest need was food."

"There is a large mix of people who come here -- neighborhood people, women with school children, street people," Sister Peg said. "We have no big goals or expectations. We're offering a meal. That's it. But it's going to take a while to gain the peoples' trust."

The doors to St. Martin's Place open at 11:45 a.m. and close in the mid-afternoon. Volunteers usually begin arriving at 9 a.m. to begin preparing the day's meal.

According to Father Hewes, the parish also offers a clothing center -- open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1-2:30 p.m. -- and a next-to-new furniture store -- open by appointment only.

The clothing center is operated by Sister Regis Straughn, RSM, assisted by Nellie Contreras.

"There is always a need for children's clothing," Sister Regis said. "Some days in the winter you can put your arm



Sister Regis Straughn, RSM, and Nellie Contreras in the clothing center.

around a child and feel nothing underneath."

Sister Regis also stressed a need for baby clothes and furniture. The center asks for a very small donation, but arrangements have been made for those unable to afford necessities.

Sister Regis emphasized the pride of the people in the parish and neighborhood. "The reason they prefer to give something is because they feel it's theirs if it's purchased, not charity," Sister Regis said.

Of the programs at Mt. Carmel, Father James Hewes said, "This is only a partial solution. We need to change structures so that these facilities are not necessary and that basic needs of food, clothing, housing and employment are met by our government and society at large."

Marie Howard, Elaine Carpin and Pat Yanish of Transfiguration Parish, Pittsford, are among the volunteers that help out once a week at St. Martin's Place.



William Sloane Coffin Corpus Dinner Speaker

Rev. William Sloane Coffin, internationally known social justice activist, author, lecturer and pastor of Riverside Church in New York City, will speak at the third annual Outreach Dinner Dance for Corpus Christi Church.

The event will be 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5 at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road.

Proceeds from the \$50-a-person event are the main financial support for

Villa Announces New Board Members

St. Joseph's Villa has announced the election of three new members to their Board of Directors: Francis K. McAlpin, Gardner C. Odenbach and Herbert W. VandenBrul, all of Rochester.

McAlpin, of Irondequoit, is president of McAlpin Industries, Inc. He will serve on the executive and develop-

several outreach programs run by Corpus Christi Parish.

The programs serve people in the greater Rochester community regardless of their religious or cultural backgrounds.

Among the ministries are:

- Corpus Christi Health and Neighborhood Outreach Center, which promotes and supports the physical, social, emotional and spiritual well being of the neighborhood. The vol-

unteer staff includes doctors, nurses, a social worker, a family counselor, a priest and other nursing and clerical support. Health care is provided to anyone regardless of income.

- Evening Supper Program, in which volunteers prepare and serve hot meals seven nights a week for those in need.

- Shelter Program, which provides overnight shelter for the homeless each night during the winter months.

- Child Care Center, which offers all-day care for 3 to 5-year-olds in a loving Christian setting.

- Rogers House, which is a parish home for offenders from Attica and Groveland prisons, and which provides a structured living situation for participants and referral to rehabilitative resources offered by the community.

Tickets to the event may be purchased at Corpus Christi, 80 Prince St., Rochester, N.Y. 14605.

Higher Wages Justice Issue, Lay Economy Writers Told

Washington (NC) — Private industry must elevate the economic standing of its workers as an obligation in justice, according to two witnesses' testimony Sept. 14 before the Lay Commission on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy.

The lay commission expected to issue a statement on the U.S. economy in November as an alternative to the pastoral letter on the same subject being prepared by a committee of U.S. bishops.

John C. Cort, editor of the quarterly newsletter "Religion and Socialism," compared the U.S. economy to the economies of other countries, advocated a "Christian socialism" and said workers should own the factories they work in.

Marianist Father William Ferree, co-founder of the Center of Economic and Social Justice and former teacher at the University of Dayton, defended capitalism and encouraged employee stock ownership programs to elevate the status of workers.

Mrs. Kelly Elected National Secretary Of Fatima Group

Mrs. Mary Kelly, a parishioner at St. Thomas More Church, has been elected secretary of the U.S. Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima.

Her election came at the annual national meeting in Washington, N.J., the organization's headquarters.

Mrs. Kelly, a member of the Blue Army for the past 20 years, is also president and a founding member of the Rochester chapter.

She is known throughout the diocese for her promotion of devotion both to Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She is presently working on the two-day visit of Bishop Costantino Luna, international president of the Blue Army. Bishop Luna will address a major rosary rally 7:30 p.m., Sept. 29 at the Community War Memorial. At 2:30 p.m. the next day, Bishop Luna will celebrate Mass and preach at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Mrs. Kelly noted that buses have been chartered



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throughout the diocese to bring pilgrims to the events.

Mrs. Kelly's term as national secretary is three years. Other officers of the organization are Bishop Jerome Hastrich of Gallup, N.M., president; Father Matthew Strumski of Warren, R.I., vice president; and Ralph Hampshire of Philadelphia, Pa., treasurer.

Religious Ed Office Presents Fall Series

As part of the new Adult Faith Enrichment program, the Office of Religious Education announced it is sponsoring several series this Fall.

Sister Mary Lynch, director of religious education at St. Francis, Phelps,

Thomas More Slates Series For Adults

"The Church and Social Issues," a four-part adult lecture series will present four consecutive forums entitled, "Morality in America," "The Rise of Cults and Sects," "Church and State," and "Media and Morality."

Sister Joan McAteer, chairperson of the theology department of Our Lady of Mercy High School will present the program.

The program on morality will present a survey of the different ethical systems in the country Oct. 1. The second, on cults and sects, will consider the major cults and will address such questions as "Who join cults and why?" "Should cults exist?" "What role to parents play in this issue?" Oct. 15

The third, on church and state, is set for Nov. 5 and will look at such issues as sanctuary, school prayer, town nativity scenes, and church leaders in politics.

The final lecture, Nov. 19, will explore the issues of censorship, the effect of media on children and the right to privacy versus the right of the public to information.

All lectures will be held 7:30-9 p.m., at St. Thomas More School. The program is free and open to the public. Further information is available by calling 381-0470.

Craft Bazaar

Union Hill — The Union Hill Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Country Craft Bazaar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Union Hill Fire Department. The town is five minutes east of Webster.

will lead a five-week series on "Prophets of the Old Testament," at 7:30 p.m., beginning Monday, Oct. 1, at St. Stephen's.

Permanent Deacon Tom Driscoll will present "An Experience of Prayer, Worship and Ritual," at 7:30 p.m., beginning Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Pastoral Office.

A six-week series entitled "As It Was in the Beginning: The Heritage of the Past and the Problems of the Present," will be led by John Dealy, teacher at Harley School and parishioner at St. Ambrose. It will also begin Oct. 4, at St. Anne's Parish.

According to Maribeth Mancini, consultant for adult religious education, these are the first of several planned throughout the diocese for the coming year.

Scheduled later in the year are series on "Infancy Narratives," "Moral Decision Making" and "Contemporary Justice and Peace Issues." In the Spring, more series are planned.

For further information, or to pre-register, contact Charlotte Richardson at 328-3210.

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