## COURIER-JOURNAL

## Wednesday, November 7, 1984

# **AT YOUR PARISH**

## Assumption

Fairport — Father John Norris, pastor, will explain the planned columbarium in Assumption of Our Lady Church 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 in the south meeting room of the church hall. The presentation will be open to non-parishioners.

### St. Patrick

Seneca Falls – The Christmas bazaar for St. Patrick's Church will open 5

p.m., Friday, Nov. 16, with a ziti dinner. A magic show featuring Charlie the Magical Clown will start at 7:30 p.m. The festivities continue 9 a.m. the following day. Lunch will be served 10:30 a.m. A firetruck bearing Santa Claus will arrive at 1 p.m. Featured during the days will be baked goods, deli, knit goods, white elephants, ceramics, arts and crafts, gifts, decorations and

Christ the King Mitte A Mass for the Charismatic Renewal community will be celebrated 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 12 at Christ the King Church. Father George Beaune CSB will preside. A collection of dried milk and canned goods for the poor will be taken up. The public is invited.

## Lady of Lourdes

Elmira — The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy the Church? On the Right Side perfect love would she be Does that she would have gone **Purgatory** right to heaven, when heaven was opened. But if she was like most of us, as Exist? she lived on she probably hugged to her soul certain Do Catholics still believe resentments, selfishnesses, envies, etc., which were

not bad anough to merit

eternal damnation, but

unhappy enough that she

would not want to be in

the presence of the Infi-

nitely Holy God, without

some purgation. Do you

know of any woman, in-

vited to a swanky ban-

quet, who would be will-

ing to appear with a big

tomato soup stain on the

bosom of her white dress?

So with those who die in

God's grace, they would

want to stop for a bit a

purgation before appear-

ing in the perfection of

heaven. Sir Edward Elgar,

composer of the famous

' ' P o m p a n d Circumstance'' took this

theme from Cardinal

Newman's poem, "The

Dream of Gerantius" and

made it into a beautiful

oratorio. The only way

one gets to heaven is

through the merits of

Christ. The only way a

soul is lost forever is

through complete rejec-

tion of God's grace in a

heinous way. That's why I

don't think there are so

many who are lost forev-

I can't find the word

So? You can't find the

words Blessed Trinity,

Mystical Body, Incarna-

tion in the Bible. The

Bible is God's word but

Purgatory in the Bible.

er.

others.

in Purgatory? I know a priest who says he does not.

Well, so do I, but few people who know pay much attention to his theological fancies. He is an engaging man who enjoys shocking people, and if he dies before me, I will pray for his soul; and if we die simultaneously I expect to be with him in purgatory. The only things we know about purgatory from the definition of the Church, is that it exists, and that it is a place of some suffering, but also of great joy. By some misreading it was considered a place of fire, but Father Bernard Basset SJ, in his final retreat talk in "A Weekend with Cardinal Newman," declares that the notion of fire is entirely erroneous, and that there is joy as well as suffering of a kind. I wonder if there isn't a parallel between convalescing from an operation, with its concommitant state of well-being and recovering and the love and solicitude from relatives and friends. But are we not redeemed

## by the Precious Blood of Christ?

Yes. All salvation is through the Blood of the Lamb, the sacrifice of Our Lord. But when Our Lord interpretations? How would we know what Christ intended if He had not given us the teacher, How can intelligent people believe in Purgatory? My problem is with

those who do not. It is because the Church is Christ teaching that so many intellectuals became Catholics during this century: G.K. Chesterton, Sigrid Undset, Evelyn Waugh, Ronald Knox, Bruce Marshall, Arnold Lunn, Henri Gheon, Mauriac, Maritain, Alice Meynell, C.C. Martin-dale. These became Catholics because they discovered Christ had given a teacher to the world, the Church. I marvel at those little popes, making dogmatic declarations about things they are incompetent to declare. With some curiosity I presented these names to a bumptious little pope who was earnestly explaining to me what was wrong with the Catholic Church. The only name he recognized was Chesterton, and that was because of his detective stories. Now that we are at it, how many of these great authors have you read, or even know about? Father Paul Schnacky of Wayland gave me a big, fat book: "The Return to Tradition," edited by Francis Beauchesne Thornton. It has 119 great modern Catholic authors, with a brief biography of each and excerpts from their writings. They range from John Lingard, the great English historian, to Thomas Merton whose "Seven Storey Mountain" of 1948 shook the whole reading United States and produced many vocations to the priesthood. These great minds had no trou-

### St. Joseph Lourdes Church will hold a: Livonia - The annual

roast beef dinner for St.

Joseph's Church will be

served 1-4 p.m., Nov. 11 in

the church hall. Proceeds

from the event will be used to

install facilities providing

access for the handicapped.

The cost is \$5 for adults; \$2

for children 6-12; and free to

children under 6 with family.

The Christmas craft sale

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Family parishes will run 10

Holy Apostles/

Holy Family

pot luck supper for all the women in the parish 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8 in the meeting rooms. Participants are asked to bring table service and a dish to pass.

### Newman Brockport

Brockport A perfor-mance of "Alice in Blun-derland," the anti-nuclear arms musical, will be staged by Crossroads, 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11 at SUNY Brockport's Newman Center. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for students and senior citizens; and \$10 family maximum.

## **Pediatric Center Adds P.M. Hours**

Elmira -- After studying and surveying the pediatric health care needs of the community, St. Joseph's Hospital Pediatric Health Care Associates is now scheduling evening appointments.

The PHCA currently is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Appointments now will be available from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Monday and Thursdays.

The PHCA is in the Elmira Medical Arts: Center on Washington Street. Appointments may be made by telephoning 734-2264.

## **Parish Fetes Minister Evans**

Minister Lawrance Lee Evans was honored by St. Bridget's parish Saturday night for the three years he served the parish as cultural consultant.

As a representative of the First Community Interfaith Institute, he ¿coordinated parish cultural programs until recently when he had to leave to devote more time to other pursuits.

Minister Evans, is considered an important influence in Rochester's revival of African and Afro-American culture. An expert in African history and culture, he coordinates many programs for churches and organizations.

## Vespers

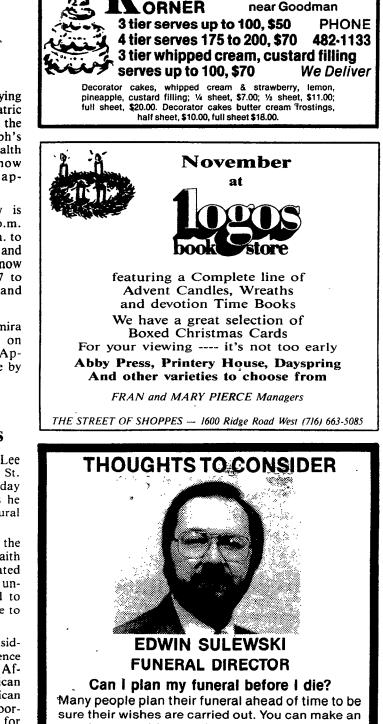
The Diocesan Music Committee is sponsoring an Evening Prayer (Vespers) Service 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Music for the celebration will be provided by the Polyphonic Choir of St. Stanislaus Church under the direction of Virginia Miller. The public is invited to attend the rites which are designed to offer not only a worship opportunity but a model for celebration in the parish.

## am.-8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18 in the school auditorium, 899 Jay St.

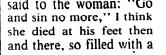
## Immaculate

Ithaca — Immaculate Conception Church will hold its first "Renewal and Reconciliation'' weekend, beginning 6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 in the school. The theme of the weekend is "I am the vine, you are the branches." Parishioners have asked diocesans for their prayers for the success of the program.

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appointment with us and we will help you consider every option. Final decisions are completely left to you without any pressure from us. A funeral is a family matter. Whenever possible you should communicate your wishes to your children and other family members. Then when death occurs they will be comfortable knowing they are following wishes you made together. With the funeral pre-planned fewer decisions will have to be made during a crisis period and satisfaction is assured for all. If you choose not to include your family in your planning it is important that you leave your plans in a place where they can be located. Give them to your clergyperson, a son or daughter or leave them with



must be correctly - 111terpreted. Did you know that the four words, "This is My Body" has over 50 ble accepting Purgatory, since they recognized the entire Catholic Faith is from God.

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