

Ecumenical Worship Service To Celebrate Baptismal Unity

An ecumenical worship service celebrating the common baptism of Christians will be held 7:30 p.m., Nov. 11 at Old St. Mary's Church.

A diocesan release stated, "This celebration will provide an opportunity for all Christians to gather and to celebrate that baptism which is the common foundation of all under the theme: 'One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.'"

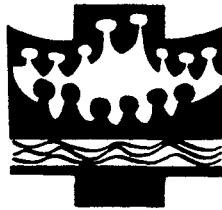
Bishop William Burrill of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester will be among church leaders at the event.

Sister Barbara Moore RSM, executive director of Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, will preach. Music will be provided by the Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church Troubadours and the Korean United Methodist Church choir.

The service, sponsored by Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, is open to the public.

An informal coffee hour will follow the service. Further information is available from Rev. Scott McNaney, Community Christian Church (716) 247-2494.

Insights In Liturgy



By Sister Nancy Burkin SSJ

Masses of Reconciliation I

The eucharistic prayers for Masses of Reconciliation were proposed initially for the Holy Year 1975, and recommended for use during Lent, pilgrimages and spiritual meetings. They are structured like eucharistic prayers II, III, and IV according to Article 55 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Thus, when they are prayed, we hear elements familiar to us: the preface; the Holy, Holy; the epiclesis or call for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform the gifts of bread and wine and, later in the prayer, to transform us who will receive that food and drink; the institution narrative; the anamnesis, remembering the salvation brought us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the offering; the intercessions; and the concluding doxology.

Though these elements are common to almost every eucharistic prayer, the tone and atmosphere with which they are surrounded differs from prayer to prayer. In Eucharistic Prayer I for Masses of reconciliation, the tone is the loving covenantal relationship God offers us. That relationship binds us as God's people to God and to one another. This prayer is steeped in an atmosphere of God's loving care for us -- an atmosphere that supports and encourages our continual turning back to God with deep trust in that continual love.

In the preface, the stage, so to speak, is set: "God of love and mercy, you are always ready to forgive...you invite us to trust in your mercy."

The first epiclesis continues the theme calling upon the power of the Spirit of God to transform the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus "in whom we have become your sons and daughters."

A brief prayer follows this invocation of the Spirit which places the institution narrative within this same atmosphere of loving relationship: "When we were lost and could not find the

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way to you, you loved us more than ever..."

The anamnesis simply, yet consistent with the rest of the prayers, recalls the death and resurrection of Jesus, sign of the new covenant between God and humankind, and the coming of the day when that covenant will be fulfilled in joy. The offering follows naturally. Remember Jesus "our Passover and our lasting peace" and celebrating his death and resurrection, while looking forward to the day when fullness of joy will be shared by all, we offer "God ever faithful and true, the sacrifice which restores us to God's friendship."

The second epiclesis calls for the power of God's Spirit on us and focuses on our relation with one another, a necessary requirement of our relation with God. The intercessions continue this focus, praying for "communion of mind and heart" and asking for help in our working together for the coming of the kingdom, "the new creation."

This eucharistic prayer concludes "Through him, with him and in him..." May our Amen resound, acclaiming our assent to covenantal relationship in Jesus to God and one another.



The new building at St. Joseph's Villa nears completion.

Villa Construction Nears Completion

Major construction on the new education complex at St. Joseph's Villa is nearing completion, and villa spokespersons say the work may be virtually finished by year's end.

Funds for the construction were drawn exclusively from private sources through a \$1.35 million capital fund campaign. Contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations and many community organizations totaled nearly \$1.4 million last week.

Additional funds are also being sought. It is estimated \$200,000 is yet required to furnish and equip the facility.

PRO-LIFE VIGIL

A pro-life prayer vigil has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15, at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 3003 Dewey Ave.

Auxiliary Plans Christmas Sale

Elmira-- The St. Joseph's Hospital auxiliary will open the holiday season with its annual Christmas sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8 and 9, in the lower level of the Dunn Memorial School of Nursing building.

On sale will be homebaked goods, games, crafts, sweaters, scarves and mittens as well as Christmas wreaths, decorations, ceramics and toys. A silent auction and luncheon will take place each day.

Despite the construction, free parking will be available.

Nursing Alumni Slate Meeting

Elmira -- The St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association will celebrate its annual harvest supper and meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Dunn Memorial Building.

In addition to the dinner, a business meeting is scheduled as well as election of officers and presentation of special awards. Father Eugene McFarland, pastor of St. Patrick's, Macedon, will be special guest.

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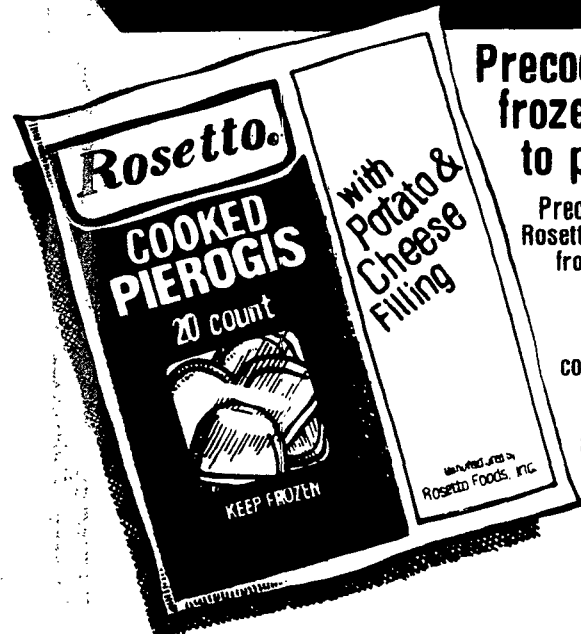
Dick and Kathy Zoller, co-chairmen for the Bazaar which is being held on Friday, November 9th, promise a fun-filled night for everyone.

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