

**AT YOUR PARISH**

**Old St. Mary**

St. Mary's Church joined two other churches celebrating their sesquicentennials this year for an ecumenical service on Sunday week at Baptist Temple in Brighton. Thomas Donohue led St. Mary's Choir in song for the event during which the choirs of Baptist Temple and the First Baptist Church of Chili also participated. Rev. Kenneth Williams of the Baptist Temple preached the homily; Rev. James Braker of First Baptist Church gave the call to worship and scripture reading; Sister Kathleen Milliken of St. Mary's gave the prayer of thanksgiving and benediction.



**Science Fair**

St. Mary's School, Canandaigua, recently hosted a science fair to show the community what the students have been working on over the past year. The students displayed various projects from different areas of chemistry, biology, physics and earth science. From left, Michael Muse, Chris Simmons, David Appelton and Toby Brown with their project.

**Cathedral**

The Home School Association of Sacred Heart Cathedral will hold a Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 in the school hall on Flower City Park. The menu includes all the sausage and pancakes the diner can eat. In addition, Santa Claus will distribute gifts to the children. Tickets are \$3 per person and sold in advance of the event only. Tickets will be available through Nov. 26 in the rectory and the school office.

**St. Joseph**

Penfield — Father Steven Kraus will preside at a Mass for the Charismatic Renewal community, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 26 at St. Joseph's Church. The public is invited.

**Annunciation**

A blood drive will be held 2-7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 23 in the upper hall of the Church of the Annunciation, 1760 Norton St.

**St. Stanislaus**

An Arts and Crafts Sale will be held 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Nov. 24; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 25 at St. Stanislaus Auditorium on Norton Street and Hudson Avenue. Featured will be Christmas items, crocheted items, wire and string art, wall hangings, natural arrangements, needlepoint, pottery and ceramics, hand-painted china, and baked goods. The event is sponsored by the parish's Holy Name of Mary Society.

**St. Ambrose**

St. Ambrose School will benefit from some of the proceeds of the Christmas Boutique Arts and Craft Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 23 in Dailey Hall, 31 Empire Blvd. Featured will be crafts, dolls, theorem painting and clocks. Refreshments and baked goods will also be sold.

**St. Lawrence**

St. Lawrence parishioners will welcome five persons as catechumens during the Liturgy of the Word, 10:15 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 2 at the same time 14 baptized Christians and Catholics preparing for full initiation will also be welcomed. Following the Liturgy of the Word, the group, with their sponsors and community members of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, will be dismissed for further instruction. A coffee hour will follow, hosted by a group of Confirmation students.



**Band Takes Honors**

The Bishop Kearney High School Marching Kings Band captured top honors in Class AA at the New York State Field Band competition on Oct. 14 in East Kenmore. The Kings also claimed three individual first place awards for best overall drum major, color guard and drum line. Drum major Kathy Hand, left, and color guard captain Carrie Bayer hold some of the trophies collected.

**Lecture Series Concludes**

"Church" and "community" mean the same thing according to Rosemary Haughton, third and final speaker in Old St. Mary's Sesquicentennial Lecture Series on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Ms. Haughton addressed the topic "What It Means to be Church: What We Are Called to as Community" before a gathering of 80 people. She also preached the homily at all the Masses that weekend.

Ms. Haughton is a well-known author and lecturer, and is a member of a small community at Wellspring House in Gloucester, Mass., a place of hospitality for people in crisis.

She is also involved in the "Movement for North American Mission" which provides a two and a half year training program for Christians who wish to serve the poor in North America.

Ms. Haughton said that people today are disillusioned with the larger forms of community and are looking

for alternatives. She said she became aware some years ago of the existence of informal gatherings of Christians in the United States, not parish-organized, drawn together by a need for a sense of identity and purpose.

"They share prayer...anger at wrongs...experience leading to a new sense of identity and purpose because they are doing it together," she said.

**Fredonia Chamber**

The Fredonia State College Chamber Singers, under the direction of Donald P. Lang, will perform in concert 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29 at Our Lady of Mercy High School auditorium for the student body.

**Deadline**

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding Wednesday publication. Items must be written and sent to 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14610.



**Lady of Mercy**

Helen Mercier, left, chairperson of the tenth annual Hunger Bazaar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish displays some of the craft items obtainable at the event slated 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Dec. 1, at the Greece parish. All proceeds go to groups and organizations which feed the hungry, locally and world wide. With her are Gloria and Bill Mattiucci and Bill and Betty Heinsler.

**Fr. Louis J. Hohman**



The Open Window

**Can Jesus Ever 'Hurt'?**

Dear Father Hohman, I recently attended a home Mass with some of the kindest people on earth. We sang and read Scripture, we prayed with all our hearts. We celebrated, offered sacrifice, and hugged, held hands and shared. People in that room love God and each other.

I left that home with a tinge of depression. Just a terrible feeling that still lingers. I hope you can help.

During the dialogue homily I was shocked by the deep belief of many that we can hurt Jesus so much. When we don't say our morning prayers, or tell a

lie or get angry, the Lord is hurt?

I believe that when Jesus was on earth, He probably felt bad if a friend didn't talk to him, got a headache if somebody hit his head with a stone. However, I always thought that his death and resurrection changed all that. Is it possible for an all-knowing, all-loving spirit to hurt?

G.S.

Dear G.S.,

Your theology as expressed in your last paragraph gets an "A" except for describing Jesus as a spirit. After His resurrection and forever thereafter Jesus has a glorified human body, albeit separated from us and our world.

So, in answer to your question, words are signs of

ideas and are imperfect at best. One can believe fully that Jesus can suffer no more and at the same time talk as though He can suffer, to get across the idea that sin of its nature is a "hurting" thing. Sin is an aberration, against the will of God, evil in its consequences as well as in itself; and when Jesus was confronted with it before the resurrection, He hurt. When one speaks in this way, one is not saying that Jesus actually hurts, but rather that sin is a dreadfully hurting thing.

In the Old Testament, there are frequent references to the anger and grief of God over the offences of human beings. We call this by the high sounding word "anthropomorphism," speaking of the transcendent God in human terms. The ancients probably really believed that God could have these human feelings. There were at that stage of development in their concept of God. We know better. So the answer boils down to a "way of speaking," not a literal reality.

**Advisory**

The Courier-Journal is legally restrained from publishing notices of raffles, turkey shoots, bingo, or any game of chance or the prizes to be won in such games, regardless of the worthiness of the subsequent use of funds earned in such activities. Parish correspondents are also advised that the deadline for items in At Your Parish is Thursday noon preceding Wednesday publication. Items must be written. The Courier-Journal address is 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

**Eucharistic Hour**

The People's Eucharistic League will hold its monthly holy hour, 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 24, at St. Francis of Assisi Church on the corner of Orange and Whitney streets. The public is invited to join in the time of prayer.

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