

Louisville Plans Tridentine Mass

By NC News Service
Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly of Louisville announced that at the request of lay people in his archdiocese a Mass will be celebrated in the Tridentine Rite Jan. 19 under conditions approved by the Vatican in October.

Meanwhile, the New York Archdiocese's liturgical commission was preparing guidelines to respond to petitions for the Tridentine Mass. But other dioceses reported few requests for the old rite, which was replaced with the new form of the Mass by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

Archbishop Kelly, in a Jan. 2 statement, said enough requests had been received to allow the Jan. 19 Mass, which "will offer an opportunity to make some determination about the future use of this faculty in the archdiocese." Auxiliary Bishop Charles G. Maloney of Louisville will celebrate the Mass to show it has the approval of the archdiocese, the archbishop said.

In New York, Sister of Charity Janet Baxendale, executive secretary of the New York Archdiocese's liturgical commission, said that about 50 petitions had been received as of Jan. 3.

The commission was preparing guidelines in conformance with the Vatican's

restrictions, which then must be approved by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph T. O'Keefe, vicar general. If approved, requests for Masses could be granted on an ad hoc basis, she said, but no plans for a "archdiocesan-wide Mass were underway."

The Tridentine Rite, based on a text approved by Pope Pius X in 1570, was last published in 1962. In 1970 Pope Paul called for the liturgy to be celebrated in the language of the participants but said Mass could be celebrated in Latin so long as the new order of the Mass was used. Some traditionalist groups continued using the Tridentine Rite in defiance of the Vatican.

According to the Vatican's decision to allow the rite, the Tridentine Mass must follow the 1962 missal of Pope John XXIII in which the Mass is celebrated in Latin. However the epistle and Gospel also are read in English and the homily is given in English.

The Vatican announced Oct. 15 that Pope John Paul II had given permission for the old rite to be celebrated when specific groups request it and with permission from the diocesan bishop. It must be used without mixing it with the new rite and the participants must demonstrate that they accept the liturgical changes made in 1970.

'Rorantysci' to Perform at Fisher

Rorantysci (The Rorantists), an ensemble of eight male singers from Cracow, Poland, will perform medieval, renaissance and baroque music at St. John Fisher College in a free concert, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25 in Kearney Auditorium.

A 300-year-old tradition will be staged when the double quartet performs the old music of Europe and, particularly, Poland.

The choir dates back to 1540 and the cathedral of Cracow. Its name, Rorantysci, is derived from a

service dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The choir gave its first performance in 1543 for King Sigismund the Old. From the beginning, the choir maintained a repertoire of Polish, Netherlandish and Italian compositions. The works are sung "a capella" and were done for Masses in Sigismund's chapel. The tradition held for more than three centuries. The choir disbanded in 1872.

Revived in 1982, the Rorantists are part of the Capella Cracoviensis, an

ensemble of musicians founded in 1970 to promote the performance of renaissance and baroque music in Poland. Founded by Stanislaw Galonski, the larger group is composed of 20 chamber orchestra musicians and the eight madrigal singers. The two ensembles perform together or separately.

The existence of the group has contributed to the organization of two annual musical festivals in Poland, "Music of Old Cracow," and the "Festival of Old Music"

at Stary Sacz. The group has performed throughout Europe, and has been hailed in Germany, France, Italy, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

In addition, the ensemble performed for Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in 1981.

The Rochester performance is co-sponsored by the Polish Arts League and the Polish Studies Program of St. John Fisher College. The concert will be followed by a reception to which the public is invited.

AT YOUR PARISH

Assumption

Fairport — The Comfort Group of the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady will hold an information meeting on its ministry, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 9. The group works with the ill and their families.

St. Rita

West Webster — The adult religious education committee of St. Rita's Church will host a personal finance seminar by Roger L.

In-House Broadcasts At St. Ann's

This past Christmas Eve, residents at St. Ann's Home/The Heritage were able to attend Christmas Mass without being in the chapel.

Those bedridden or unable to move to the chapel were able to participate via closed circuit television in their own rooms or floor lounges.

The new in-house broadcasting system is thanks to VTR Service Association of Rochester, along with consulting services of David Merrick, formerly of WHEC-TV.

The home now has the ability to telecast live or video-record for playback at later times.

Walsh Inc., 7:30-9:30 p.m., Jan. 23 and 30. Topics to be covered include establishing goals and budgets, overcoming financial crises, making money work, and keeping more income. A \$15 tax-deductible fee will be charged each family unit. Preregistration is required before Jan. 13. Further information is available from Jack or Ann Steinkamp, 671-3278.

St. Bridget

Minister Fleming W. Ashford of the Lighthouse Church of God in Christ will be the main speaker at a memorial service and gospel music tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13 at St. Bridget's Church, 175 St. Bridget's Drive. Gospel music will be sung by the Voices of Clouds, Morning Stars, Spiritual Gospellettes, Mighty Gospel Travelers, Community Gospel Choir, Sons of Faith, Harmonettes, Christ Jerusalem Church Choir of Hilton, Serenity Gospel Group, Pastor McMillian's choir from Faith Temple of the Living God Church, the Spanish Assembly Choir and the Fantastic Bright Clouds Gospel Group. Further information is available by calling the church office (716) 454-4236.

Immaculate

Ithaca — Parishioners at Immaculate Conception Church were advised that the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart will host a period of discernment for women contemplating a religious vocation, March 3-9 at the motherhouse in Baltimore, Md. Further information is available from Sister Barbara Baker MSHS, 1001 West Joppa Road, Baltimore, Md.; (301) 337-9659.

St. Joseph

Penfield — A retirement brunch for John Dailor, outgoing scoutmaster for St. Joseph's Troop 260, will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13 at Periwinkle Pub. Reservations are made by calling William Seiffert, 381-0299. Bernard Keele, in the public relations department at Strong Memorial Hospital, took over the duties of scoutmaster Jan. 3.

St. Lawrence

The religious education committee of St. Lawrence Church is presenting Father John Powell's film series, "Free to Be Me," 7-9 p.m. for five consecutive Tuesdays starting Jan. 15 in the school's multi-purpose room, 1000 N. Greece Road. The public is invited to the event.

St. Thomas Apostle

The Home School Association of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will host its third annual family pancake breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Jan. 13 in the school hall. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Tickets will be available Jan. 12 and at the door.

Holy Family

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish will meet 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9 in the Pine Room. Mrs. Albert Burnette will be hostess for the evening.

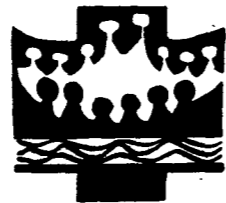
Good Shepherd

Henrietta — Father Scott Kubinski will preside at a Mass for the Charismatic Renewal community, 12:35 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 3155 East Henrietta Road. Refreshments will be served after the Mass.

St. Mark

The Rosary Society of St. Mark's Church will be held 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15. Following recitation of the rosary, Mary Ellen Hoderlein, a physician's assistant at Monroe Community Hospital, will speak on alcoholism.

Insights In Liturgy



By Deacon Kenneth Scarciotta

Nearing Ordinary Time

Christmas has passed: I cannot help but recall a little sign that pupils found hanging in their school corridor upon their return from Christmas vacation. In bold letters it stated, "Christmas is over, and business is business."

While this warning seemed to imply the lack of permanence of the Christmas season, it more strongly made known that there was a task at hand and that it ought to be addressed.

In a way, the liturgical immediacy of Ordinary Time to the Christmas season seems to convey the same message. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the angels heralded his coming, the shepherds and Magi came to adore. But, that was not the reason why he came into the world. The Son of God came to be about his Father's business -- to bring salvation to all people. His mission was not Christmas, but Easter... not to be born, but to die and to rise again.

Ordinary Time thrusts us immediately into Christ's adult life and into his mission of Good News and Redemption. The Lec-tionary is our tour guide leading us Sunday by Sunday down the reads and pathways of Galilee and Judea to the hill of Calvary and the empty tomb in the garden.

This liturgical season, which in fact compromises

most of the weeks of the year, is interrupted only by two significant celebrations that contribute to the overall meaning of Jesus' life: Christmastide with its Advent preparation, and Eastertide with its Lenten preparation.

Ordinary Time can be a model for our own life -- a step-by-step following of Jesus' own life and mission. To do this best we should prepare ourselves adequately for the Sunday liturgy, studying beforehand the scriptural readings that bring us in touch with the Jesus experience. Look ahead to the next Sunday's readings and during the week reflect on them. Make reference to the previous week's liturgy and try to round out the context of this experience of prayer and reflection. Do not hurry your reading; think about what you read; share with your family and friends; begin to live the reflections that you have experienced.

The "extraordinariness" of Ordinary Time is that we are swept along by the drama of Jesus' public life. We know the history of his presence among the people of his time, but we also need to reflect on what this historical presence means 20 centuries later in our own life and experience. Jesus is the reality of life headlines in the Good News we share throughout the year.

(Deacon Scarciotta is director of the Office of Continuing Education for the diocese, and a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.)

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