

AT YOUR PARISH

Christ the King

Father James Connolly SJ will preside at a Mass for the Charismatic Renewal community, 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 18 at Christ the King Church. Refreshments will be served after Mass. The public is invited

Holy Trinity

Webster — Parishioners of Holy Trinity Church will host a "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" dance, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 15 in the parish hall. Music will be supplied by Don Piccolo and Company. Refreshments, beer and mixers will be available.

St. Mary

Elmira — Father Patrick Connor of St. Mary's Parish Southside, will conduct a 13-week study of the Passion and Resurrection Narratives of the Gospel, 7:30-9 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 20. The program is free and open to the public.

St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier Church on Bay Street will hold its annual spaghetti dinner, 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 12 and will be available at the door. Take-out dinners will also be served.

Guardian Angels

Henrietta — The Queen of the Americas Prayer and Study Guild of Guardian Angels Parish is offering group showings of the movie on Our Lady of Guadalupe, "Once upon a Barren Hill," to diocesan persons and organizations. Interested persons are asked to contact Phil Drexler, 334-2794; or Gloria Shostad, 244-7887. In addition, following the regular Monday night novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, 8:15 p.m., March 4, the organization will show a slide presentation, "A Fragrance of Roses," which is open to the public.

Cathedral

The first mixed euchre tournament sponsored by the social life committee of Sacred Heart Cathedral, will be held, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 22 in the rectory hall. Entry fees are \$2 per person, \$4 per team. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are made by calling Karl Denninger, 458-6541; Dan McKenna; 254-3357; or the rectory, 254-3221.

St. Mary of Lake

Ontario — An afternoon of family activities including Mass with "family-style" homily, and a pass-the-dish supper, is scheduled for 3-7 p.m., Feb. 17 at St. Mary's of the Lake Church in Ontario. Further information on the program may be obtained from Deacon Joseph Fox, (716) 872-2798.

Assumption

Fairport — The Marriage Enrichment Team of Church of the Assumption of Our Lady will host a special evening for married couples, beginning with Mass, 7:30 p.m., Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. The program includes a renewal of vows, and a cake and punch reception.

St. Patrick

Corning — A bake sale will be held after all Masses, Feb. 16 and 17 in the school hall of St. Patrick's Church. The proceeds from the sale will be used to defray expenses of the parish celebration of Father Francis R. Davis' 40th anniversary of ordination.

Perpetual Help

The monthly euchre party sponsored by the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Per-

petual Help Parish will be held 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16 in the parish center. Food will be served following.

"A Lenten Journey with Jesus" by Cole

A wide assortment of new and favorite titles for your lenten reading:

From Liguori Press: Day by Day thru Lent, by Lowery. Lent begins at home, by Ryan

From Ave Marie Press: Miryam of Nazareth, by Johnson. All the Days of Lent, by Recker. The Awakening Call, by Finley.

From Paulist Press: Biblical Meditations for Lent, Easter and Ordinary Times, by Stuhlmueller. Way of the Cross, by McCarroll. Lenten Pilgrimage, by Chilson.

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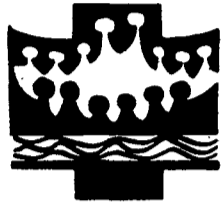
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Insights In Liturgy

By Father Thomas P. Mull Part III



Called To Preach

By Father Thomas P. Mull Part IV

While speaking of Eucharistic preaching, a word must be said about children's Eucharistic liturgies. These celebrations often invite a non-ordained person's unique personality and gifts. It is allowed and recommended that "one of the adults may speak to the children after the gospel (at a children's Eucharistic liturgy), especially if the priest finds it difficult to adapt himself to the mentality of the children." (Directory for Masses with Children, #24) These celebrations should be made meaningful to children if they are to participate fully. It seems that such directives welcome the possibility of catechists, teachers, parents and children-oriented people to preach the homily as an enriching force within an assembly of gathered children.

Our diocese seems to be experiencing a tension in regards to Sunday children's liturgies. There is the desire to incorporate these "children's experiences" within the Sunday Eucharist, and yet there is the concern that the Sunday celebration not be reduced to a spectacle. There is a need to maintain the strong tradition of ritual, dignity and reverence while incorporating a sense of hospitality, closeness and warmth. It should be noted that our Sunday assembly is an adult gathering. The importance of the Word and Sacrament is something which is constantly unfolding in the lives of the faithful. On the other hand, however, we cannot neglect the young ones in our midst.

Many parishes have instituted what is called a "children's" Liturgy of the Word. In these cases, the children gather in their own special place where a catechist (or other member of the community) meets with them. The Scriptures are read and interpreted for the children at their level of understanding while their parents are attending the regular Liturgy of the Word. At a time prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist (usually at the General Intercessions) the children rejoin the adult community

to participate in the remainder of the celebration. This seems to offer a good compromise to the Sunday morning tension. Obviously, those who would preach to the children would not be ordained people -- but ones comfortable with children and able to speak with them at their level.

There are also extensions of the Sunday liturgy which involve preaching. In many parishes, for example, the nursing home ministry is strong. After specific Masses on Sunday, volunteers leave the community's celebration and go to the neighboring nursing home. After proclaiming the Sunday readings, these Eucharistic ministers offer a small reflection on those readings. They then proceed to share the Eucharistic with the sick.

I have had many opportunities to hear people who are homebound tell me how happy they are that Eucharistic ministers stop to bring them Holy Communion after Sunday Mass. At this time, the infirmed hear the readings proclaimed (sometimes they proclaim them themselves!). Quite often they ask those who bring Communion to share a little insight into the readings. Would you believe it? Some have told me that these Eucharistic ministers' reflections on scripture are better than mine!

There are, then, many opportunities which flow from the Eucharistic gathering when those who are not ordained have the opportunity to preach. This calls forth the responsibility to be prepared. Preaching requires prayer, quiet reflection, research and understanding. There are times when a pious thought is helpful. By and large, however, if one is to preach, than that preaching should be consistent with one's life experience. To preach in the name of the Church is to speak of God's activity within the Church -- not just a local community, but within the Church itself. This requires a sense of what the Church is, what the Church believes and what the Church teaches. To preach well, one must do more than share feelings and personal reflection.

Next week, we'll conclude this series of articles by looking at the future of preaching.

REDO Meets

Rochester Eating Disorders Organization (REDO) will hold a public forum entitled, "Getting down to Cases: Eating Disorders Specialists Discuss Their

Cases," 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14 at the Baptist Temple at Clover and Highland. Further information is available from Erika Casler, 385-3823.

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