



Seton Fashion Show

Fashions by Sibley's will highlight the 15th annual Seton Fashion Show and Luncheon at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 16, at the Rochester Plaza Hotel. Planning the show are Seton committee members Mary Ellen Mount, Pat Hammele, Barbara Kircher and Maryjean Herberger. All proceeds from the show will benefit the cardiac care facility at St. Mary's Hospital.

School Nurse Workshop Set

Donna White and Ann Reddington will conduct their third workshop for school nurses March 15 and 16 at the University of Rochester School of Nursing.

The event is sponsored by the University of Rochester School of Nursing.

The seminar is designed to improve the school nurse's skills in health and developmental history assessment, thus promoting identification of students in need of individualized educational and health intervention, a release stated. In addition it will increase the school nurse's effectiveness as a member of the pupil service team.

St. James Honors Retirees

Hornell -- Four retiring members of the St. James Mercy Hospital Board of Directors were honored recently prior to the annual board meeting.

Ronald Putnam of Greenwood (who served for 10 years), Sister Scholastica Caulfield of Canisteo and Mary Elizabeth Patti of Hornell (nine years of service), and Sister Anne Marie Lennon of Rochester (eight years), were presented gifts of appreciation by Spencer Crow, board president.

Officers were also elected for 1985 -- Crow, president; Sister Jean Marie Kearse, vice-president; Sister Mary Augustine Malley, secretary; and Robert Granger, treasurer.

The workshop was patterned after a primary workshop funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and developed by the National Association of School Nurses, the release said.

Mrs. White and Mrs. Reddington attended a primary seminar two years ago.

Mrs. Reddington is a school nurse teacher at St. Louis School in Pittsford.

Mercy Mission Day Slated for March 22

Students at Our Lady of Mercy High School will hold their annual Mission Day Bazaar starting with a spaghetti supper 4:30-7 p.m., Friday, March 22 in the school's gymnasium.

The bazaar, held annually by students, faculty and the Campus Ministry Board, supports 31 missions around the world. Among the missions are the local St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, and Melita House, and Covenant House in New York City and missions in Africa and South America.

Tickets to the supper are \$4.50 for adults; \$3.50 for children under 12. The bazaar will run 7-11 p.m.

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Word for Sunday

Covenant, Revelation

Sunday's Readings (R3) Jn. 2:13-25. (R1) Ex. 20:1-17. (R2) 1 Cor. 1:22-25.

The theme of the Lenten Sunday readings is Covenant. The two most sacred institutions of the Old Covenant were the Law and the Temple.

How faithful God is! First He called our first parents. They failed Him. So He called Noah. Again, people failed Him. Finally he called Abraham. Abraham was faithful! So He called Abraham's descendants from Egypt and also made a Covenant with them.

When God made a Covenant with our first parents, he asked but one thing: obedience! "Don't do this. I mean it: you'll die if you do!" Of Noah, He asked a bit more: "Don't kill your fellowman. Instead increase and multiply and fill the earth." Of Abraham, He asked still more: faith. "Believe me!" he said to Abraham. "Leave the land of your kinsfolk and go to a land that I will show you. Consecrate the wellsprings of life to me by circumcision. I'll do the rest: give you a land and a posterity." Abraham believed.

Centuries later, God did so much for Abraham's descendants, the Hebrews, that He could demand much more of them -- not just faith, but a faith that expressed itself in a way of life patterned on the Ten Commandments. This Law is exalted in the Responsorial Psalm. "The Law of the Lord," wrote the psalmist, "is perfect. It refreshes the soul, gives joy to the heart, enlightens the eye. Yes, it is more precious than gold, enduring forever."

Is it any wonder then that Israel put the tables of the Law in an ark, the Ark of the Covenant? And then one day housed both the Ark and the Law in the Temple, the very focal point of the Hebrew's life. By keeping the Law, they could find God, the God of their fathers.

Jesus didn't come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it. yet He constantly challenged the power that both Law and Temple had assumed over the lives of his fellowmen. What should have been life to the soul, joy to the heart, light to the eyes, had become an unsupportable burden. Bureaucracy, in this case religious bureaucracy, was doing its usual thorough job of grinding up those it intended to serve. Jesus would have none of it. While He showed nothing but mercy and forgiveness and love to weak sinners, He had nothing but harshest words for those in authority in Israel. He publicly called them hypocrites, a brood of vipers, whitened sepulchres. He didn't hate them. He wanted to shock them out of their complacency. he knew He would fail for His forthrightness, the custodians of Law and Temple would condemn Him to death.

This death would end the Old Covenant and usher in the New and Eternal Covenant. In this New Covenant, institutions would be replaced by a Person. God is revealed, not in Law and Temple, but in a man who died for love of us and rose again.

The Jews asked Jesus for signs. Jesus now asks us for signs. His death and resurrection are the sign of his love. What are the signs of our love? Jesus asked for one only: "If you love me, keep my commandments" -- out of love!

AT YOUR PARISH

St. Mark

The Rosary Society of St. Mark's Church will meet 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, or immediately following the 7:30 p.m. Mass. "Matter of Choice," a pro-life movie, will be shown, followed by a discussion headed by Carol Leary. The public is invited to the event.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Parishioners were advised last week that plans for the parish festival are underway. The event is slated for May 31 and June 1. Heading the event are Lisa and Dan Dwyer, 482-0305; Chuck and Ann Switzer, 482-9418; Joe and Mel Callan 482-6331; and Karen and Paul Ostrowski, 288-8384. Parishioners with suggestions for the festival have been asked to contact any of the above.

St. Patrick

Corning -- Pre-Cana for couples at St. Patrick's Church will be 7-10 p.m., March 22; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., March 23. Registration is accomplished by calling Judy Thomas, 962-2027.

A day of recollection will be led by Father Daniel Holland, 2-5 p.m., Dunday, March 10. Father Holland is pastor of St. Patrick in Elmira.

Lady of Lourdes

Elmira -- Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church were advised that the Parents Association of Notre Dame High School will hold an old-fashioned auction 8 p.m., Friday, March 29 in the Holiday Inn, downtown. The association is seeking donations of antiques, services, appliances, vehicles, talents, crafts, and potpourri. Donations are tax-deductible. Further information is available from the high school or from Kathy Rurak, 733-7676.

Good Shepherd

A Mass will be celebrated for the Charismatic Renewal community, 12:35 p.m., March 10 at Good Shepherd Church. Father John Madden SJ will preside. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. The public is invited.

Holy Family

The Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish will meet immediately after the Penance Service, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 13 in the Pine Room. Hostesses for the evening are Mrs. Joseph Leone and Miss Betty Schillaci. Members have been urged to attend the Penance Service.

St. James

The education committee of St. James Parish Council will serve a spaghetti dinner 2-5 p.m., March 17 in the school hall, 119 Brockley Road. Advance tickets are \$3.50 for adults; \$2 for children under 12; free to children under 3. Tickets are available at the rectory, 109 Brockley Road, or by calling 654-8797, or 654-8183. Tickets at the door will be \$4.50, adults; \$2.50, children.

Luncheon Meeting Scheduled

The Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs has scheduled a luncheon meetings beginning at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 14 at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant near 12 Corners, Brighton.

The club's Executive Board will meet at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and a general business meeting at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Olive Rockcastle, publicity chairman, at 271-4585.

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