

DEATHS

Maxie Venuti Bartolotta, Assisi House Coordinator, of Cancer

*You are a romantic woman
sweet and rare
young and old,
black and white,
you are everywhere.
Sister believe,
You are stronger and wilder,
your moon's a little
brighter —
sister believe, sister believe in
your happiness.*

— Laura Nyro

Maxie Venuti Bartolotta, coordinator of Assisi House, was well-known for her love and compassion for others. Maxie, who ministered to the people of the Lyell Avenue community, died of cancer Friday, April 12, 1985, at the age of 33.

Born in Geneva, she was a graduate of De Sales High School. She worked in parish youth ministry with her husband, Vic, in Raleigh, N.C., before returning to Rochester, where she received her bachelor of arts in religious studies from Nazareth College in 1983. Since that time, Maxie worked as coordinator of Assisi House, a neighborhood center on Lyell Avenue.

Assisi House represented warmth to those out of work



Maxie Venuti Bartolotta

or in need of a friend. It was a welcoming place where they could sit with a hot cup of coffee, buy clothing inexpensively and enjoy friendship.

Maxie saw the services of Assisi House as closely tied to the mission of the Catholic Church.

"Church is not just Sunday worship and meeting the bills of the parish; it's much more" she once said. "It's imitating Christ's life by always being among the peo-

ple and bringing justice to those unjustly treated. Even though Assisi House can be seen as a Band-Aid approach, it's the best vision of Church I can think of."

"Maxie was a very compassionate person," said her brother-in-law, John Engels. "She had a great gift of being present to people, just being there. She saw herself as serving in a very healing capacity."

Maxie is survived by her husband, Victor Bartolotta, and daughter Lynn Patricia, age 3. She also leaves parents Sam Venuti and Viola Flynn Venuti; sisters Valerie Venuti Ferugia of Waterloo, Eileen Venuti and Rita Venuti Strahan both of Geneva, and Andrea Venuti and Alison Venuti both of Rochester; and brothers Stephen Venuti and John Venuti of Geneva, Mark Venuti of Washington, D.C., and Matthew Venuti of Rochester.

A memorial Mass took place at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Monday, April 15. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Outreach Programs, 53 Ontario St., Rochester, New York 14605.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, April 17
SPEECH: "A Woman of South Africa Speaks Out," by Motlalepula Chabaku, exiled leader from South Africa, founder Black Women's Federation of South Africa and representative to United Nations' International Year of Women; Asbury Methodist Fellowship Hall, 1040 East Ave.; 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18
NEXT-TO-NEW SALE: Blessed Sacrament School Hall, Monroe Avenue at Rutgers Street; 1 to 8 p.m.

Friday, April 19
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PLAY: "Night Must Fall" by Emlyn Williams; Nazareth Theater Arts Department and Drama Club; Nazareth Arts Center; 8 p.m. Tickets \$4, adults; \$3, students; \$2, senior citizens; free with Nazareth College ID.

Saturday, April 20
NEXT-TO-NEW SALE: Blessed Sacrament School Hall, Monroe Avenue at Rutgers Street; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items are half-price.

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Nazareth Theater Arts Department and Drama Club; Nazareth Arts Center; 8 p.m. Tickets \$4, adults; \$3, students; \$2, senior citizens; free with Nazareth College ID.

PLANT CLINIC: Doc and Katy Abraham; St. Bridget's Church hall, East Bloomfield. Admission \$2 at the door. Sponsored by the Altar/Rosary Society of St. Bridget's and St. Joseph's churches.

CONCERT: Orchestral, chorus and solo performances of contemporary Christian music Cutler Union, corner North Goodman Street and University; 8 p.m.

DANCE: Singles 30 and older; sponsored by Solo Club; St. Cecilia's Church, 2732 Culver Road; 9 p.m. For information, call Annette, 482-6598; Shirley, 467-1230.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: St. Nicholas Melkite Church, 20 Leo Street; 5 to 9 p.m. Donation \$5, adults; \$2.50, children under 12. For information, call Ann Nealon, 482-1981; church rectory, 467-8925.

Sunday, April 22
BENEFIT CONCERT: Instrumental and vocal performances of sacred music

by Eastman School of Music students St. Mary's Church, 15 St. Mary's Place, 3 p.m. Offerings will benefit the mission of Father Damian Milliken, OSB, in Tanzania, East Africa.

PLAY: "Night Must Fall"; 3 p.m. See previous entries.

Tuesday, April 23
ANNUAL CARD PARTY: Italian Women's Civic Club; Logan's Party House, Scottsville Road. Tickets \$12 per person. Reservations through Madeline Pezzulo, 254-3900, by April 18.

MEETING: Cardinal Mooney Women's Guild. Cocktails, 6:30; dinner 7:30; presentation on arranging fresh flowers. Cost for dinner is \$8; presentation, \$2. Contact Monna, 254-1781, or Rose, 225-0328.

FILM: "Silent Scream;" school hall, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4536 S. Paul Blvd.; 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24
ADULT EDUCATION: Michelle and Tom Driscoll on "Liturgy, Prayer and Art;" St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport; 7:30 p.m.; free.

DIOCESAN ROUNDUP

Regional Meeting

The Wayne, Ontario, an Yates regions of the Rochester Diocese will sponsor a regional assembly Saturday, April 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Michael's School, Newark.

The principal speaker will be Deacon Claude Lester, director of Parish Services for the diocese. "Call, Called, Calling" is the title of his talk, which focuses on evangelization and will examine the signs of hope in our midst today.

Other topics to be considered are: the authority and responsibilities of parish councils; the various way in which we give life to the unborn, the poor, those in prison, the abused, and others who lack dignity in their lives; and means of getting children interested in the faith.

Babysitting and lunch will be provided during the assembly. Questions and registrations should be directed to Father Tom Nellis, regional coordinator, at (311) 923-7315

Marriage Series

The Family Life Committee of St. John the Evangelist Church is presenting a six-week series on marriage. Speakers will be Dr. Dennis Boike, Ph.D., and Dr. Grady Bray, Ph.D.

Topics and speakers for the six Wednesday evenings are: April 17 — Why the Heavens Has Family Life Gone to Hades?, Boike; April 24 — The Real Question: Love — What Is It and How Do We Maintain It?, Boike; May 1 — Today's Essential Marital Skill: Conflict Resolution in Marriage, Boike; May 8 — Sexuality, Sensuality and Your Right to Intimacy in Marriage, Bray; May 15 — Sex After 30 (What Do You Mean "Is There?"), Bray; and May 22 — A Game Plan for Enhancing Your Marriage, Boike.

All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. at the parish center. Registration fees are \$4 per

person for each session or \$20 per person for the entire series. Preregister by mailing checks to Deborah Halsey, 115 Amsterdam Road, Rochester 14610. Checks should be payable to St. John the Evangelist Church.

CROP Walk

Sunday, May 5, is the date for the 1985 CROP Walk for the Hungry. Ten-kilometer walks are scheduled in more than a dozen city neighborhoods and towns in Monroe County. Walkers will call attention to the life-threatening problem of hunger, both around the world and here at home. They will be walking for pledges that will support various food development and emergency hunger-relief projects.

In addition to the full-length walks, "Golden Mile" walks have been set up in some areas to accommodate small children, elderly and handicapped people who wish to participate, but who cannot cover the full route.

Through the efforts of CROP walkers last year, nearly \$85,000 was raised in Monroe County. This year's goal is \$100,000. For details on walk participation or to become a sponsor, contact the Genesee-Ecumenical Ministries office, 232-6530.

Open House

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing has scheduled an open house Sunday, April 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. Prospective students and their families are invited to attend the event which will include career information and tours of the school's facilities.

Faculty members and students will be present to answer questions, and information will be available for persons who are considering nursing as a second career.

Workshop Set

The Sisters of Mercy of Rochester have scheduled a workshop on cultural

pluralism for their congregation, men and women of other religious orders, and diocesan clergy for Friday, April 26, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Mercy Motherhouse, Blossom Road, Brighton.

Speakers will be Sister Nancy Conway, SSND, and Dr. Jean Alvarez, coordinators of Organizational Leadership, Inc., of Cleveland.

Dr. Alvarez, a psychologist and organization consultant, says the workshop will be "an educational, experiential and spiritual program that will look at prejudice, enabling participants to recognize their own in all kinds of settings and to be effective in changing them."

Holy Hour

The People's Eucharistic League, Holy Trinity Chapter, will present a holy hour with the Rev. B. Thomas Celso Thursday, April 25, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, Webster. The program is part of the league's continuing series which runs through June 27.

Bach Concert

Nazareth College faculty members Dr. Barbara Harbach on harpsichord and Glenda Dove on flute will perform an all-Bach concert Friday, April 26, at 8 p.m. in the Gerald G. Wilmot Hall of Music of the Nazareth Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

The program, celebrating the 300th anniversary of Bach's birth, includes four sonatas for harpsichord and flute. Dove will also play the Partita in A Minor for Flute, and Harbach will play the Toccata in A Minor.

Leadership Day

The diocesan Commission of Young Adult Ministry will sponsor a leadership training day for those currently involved or considering involvement in planning parish or area activities for single or

married young adults, aged 18 to 35.

The program will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at St. Stephen's School Hall, 17 Elmwood St., Geneva. It will consist of a session on problem-solving skills and applying them to specific concerns that frequently arise in young adult ministry; time for prayer; and two workshops, one on planning and setting goals, and the other on group decision making.

For information, contact Karen Rinefierd, coordinator of Young Adult Ministry, at (716) 586-1919.

New Testament

Dr. Abraham J. Malherbe, Buckingham professor of New Testament criticism and interpretation at Yale Divinity School, will lecture on "Paul as Nurturer of the Church" at Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Divinity School on Thursday, April 19, 3:30 p.m. in Room 2A.

Malherbe is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and Harvard Divinity School. He has specialized on New Testament and Christian origins and is an authority on the social context of the New Testament.

South Africa

Robert A. Evans, executive director of Plowshares Institute, will speak on South Africa at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, in the Remington Lounge of Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Divinity School. The program is cosponsored by the Bexley Society, the Black Church Studies Program and Center PEACE.

Evans will give an analysis of the situation in South Africa and present viable options for action.

Pastoral Letter

Father Charles F. Mulligan, diocesan director of Social Ministry, will give a noon talk to the faculty, students and staff of Monroe

Community College Friday, April 19. His topic will be "What Are the Bishops Saying About Capitalism?" and he will address the impact of the Christian message upon our nation's economic climate. The lecture will be in Room 3-112A.

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New Merton Room

Nazareth College President Dr. Rose Marie Beston presided at dedication ceremonies for Nazareth's new Thomas Merton Room at the Lorette Wilmot Library. The new room, which houses Nazareth's collection of materials by and about the late Trappist monk Thomas Merton, was made possible through a gift from Monsignor William H. Shannon (left). Library Director Richard Matzek is shown at right.