

St. Peter's Kitchen runs out of steam, seeks volunteers

Imagine four or five volunteers serving lunch to as many as 460 people. That's been a reality at St. Peter's Kitchen on West Main Street this summer.

Meanwhile the kitchen, which serves lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday for an average of about 250 people, is facing winter's approach without heat.

Brother Walter deCremieux, the new coordinator of the three-year-old program, is concerned that he and his co-workers can't continue their ministry without additional help, both financial and volunteer.

Funds are needed to overhaul the St. Peter and Paul school building's boilers if the kitchen is to remain at its present location. An attic sale held this past Saturday and Sunday was one way the kitchen's organizers hoped to combat their financial distress. But the work involved in fund raisers further drains the already-overworked corps of

volunteers.

Brother Walter has noticed a slight decline in his pool of almost 500 volunteers and attributes the loss to burnout, pure and simple. "I don't find fault with the people who have been so committed to our work here, but people do get tired ... It's a difficult ministry and you can only squeeze so much blood from a stone," he observed.

"We emphasize being servants and welcoming to people," Brother Walter added, but that kind of personalism is nearly impossible to maintain with a ratio as high as 90-to-1.

Volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. any day of the week but Sunday. Anyone interested in assisting with time, food, clothing, or funds may contact Brother Walter deCremieux at the rectory, (716)436-3110 or the kitchen at (716)235-6511.



Florence Jay and her daughter, Bernadette Tuttle, look for bargains among the items they helped unpack earlier for the Attic Sale. Both are parishioners at St. Peter and Paul Church.

Peace Child Auditions

Young people from age 10-17 are invited to audition for the Rochester Peace Child chorus 1985/86 season on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Universalist Church of Rochester, 150 S. Clinton Avenue, and on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. at Monroe Community College.

Members of the non-sectarian chorus, supported by the Rochester Committee of the Peace Child Foundation, travel throughout the northeastern U.S. Major concerts planned this year include the premiere of a new work by Director Alvin Parris with the University of Rochester Symphony Orchestra and an appearance aboard Pete Seeger's sloop, Clearwater, next spring.

For more information, call Ruth Lubanski at (716)247-4569.

'Life in the Spirit' Seminar

The religious education and liturgy committees of St. Patrick's Church in Victor will sponsor a seven-week seminar "for the Christian who wants to learn more about the Holy Spirit" according to coordinator Sheila Cody. "It is an informational, learning and renewal experience that is intended to lead people to a closer walk with the Lord," she said.

Sessions will be held Monday evenings at 7 p.m., Sept. 23 through Nov. 4, at the church's school of religion on High Street. Father James Connolly, S.J., diocesan liaison for the charismatic movement, will lead the team of presenters.

Preregistration is required. Call Cody, (716)924-3833, or Patricia Ranney, (716)924-2144 for more information.

Communication Workshop

The Elmira Young Adult Ministry and the diocesan Commission on Young Adult Ministry are presenting "Communication: Improving Our Relationships" with Debra Girtman on Sunday, Sept. 29. The workshop, designed to improve communication skills to enhance relationships, will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Convent, 304 Demarest Parkway, Elmira, at 2 p.m.

All are welcome. For more information, call (607)734-5031.

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