

Activities Around the Diocese

Food for People

The Rochester Food for People Network is sponsoring a massive fund-raising campaign, beginning Sept. 27 and climaxing Oct. 16, World Food Day. From Sept. 27 to Oct. 6, money will be raised through local schools, churches, synagogues, service clubs, and businesses, to be used for emergency food aid to Bamako, Mali. Those who wish to volunteer may contact the Rev. Mary Lou Anderson at (716)334-2130.

Other events include a Sept. 27 lecture by SUNY College at Geneseo professor Donald Innis on "The Business of Hunger" (935 East Ave., corner Barrington, 7:30 p.m.); a discussion between Sister Joan Sobala and Carol Crossed on causes of world hunger on the "Good Morning, God" program on WHAM radio (Oct. 13, 8:07 a.m.); a 9:30 a.m. "Shades of Gray" television program devoted to world hunger (Oct. 13, WOKR-13 TV); "Issues and ACCT" adult seminars at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St. (Oct. 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 9:30 a.m.); an Oct. 14 "Sound Off" program at 12:15 p.m. on WWVG; an Oct. 15 WHAM radio program at 11 p.m. on world food resources; "Don't Grow Food, Grow Money," an Oct. 14 noon mime performance at Midtown Mall by Eliot Fintushel of the MIMeworkshop; an Oct. 16 Hunger Awareness Tour, starting at Corpus Christi parking lot, 880 E. Main St. (reservations, (716)454-1813; information, 647-3400); and "Portraits in Black," Oct. 16, 8 p.m. in Xerox Square Auditorium downtown.

Human Sexuality Lecture

As a follow-up to last Wednesday's slide presentation on morality, a lecture entitled "Human Sexuality" will be given at Blessed Sacrament School the corner of Oxford Street and Monroe Avenue, Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m., by Kenneth Berkes, physician and Christian counselor. Refreshments will be served after the lecture, which is free and open to the public. Parents, teachers, and youth are encouraged to attend.

Senior Camping Vacations

Seniors are welcome to attend the fall series of camping vacations offered by Camp Stella Maris, 3052 Lake Road in Livonia. Registration is currently being taken for sessions to be conducted Oct. 1-3 and Oct. 22-24.

Camp Stella Maris, an affiliate of Catholic Charities, is owned and operated by the Diocese of Rochester. The camp encompasses a 17.5-acre plot of land on the eastern shore of Conesus Lake.

For information on fall camping activities, call (716)346-2243.

Revelations Study

A three-session study on the Book of Revelations has been scheduled at St. Lawrence School, 1000 N. Greece Road, for 7:30-9 p.m., Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, and 17. The series will be presented by Marie Venaglia, director of religious education for St. Lawrence Parish.

To register for this series, or obtain additional information, call (716)225-7320 by Sept. 26.

Mass Honors St. Therese

A special concelebrated Mass in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus will be Tuesday, Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m., at the Carmelite Monastery, 1931 Jefferson Road, Pittsford (opposite Locust Hill Country Club). Monsignor Richard K. Burns will be the chief celebrant.

St. Therese, "the Little Flower," was a French Carmelite, known throughout the world for her "Little Way," which reveals the path of prayer and sacrifice that leads to God.

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Corpus Christi Celebration



The Corpus Christi Child Care Center will celebrate its fifth anniversary Sunday, Sept. 29, with an open house from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Nearby Corpus Christi Church will honor the celebration with a Mass at 11 a.m.

The children are supervised by a staff of nine, with a combined total of more than 25 years of day care experience. The low student-teacher ratio ensures individual attention for each child, according to Nancy Griswold, director of the non-profit center at

84 Prince St.

Corpus Christi Child Care Center holds day sessions for 3-5 year olds and after-school sessions for children 6-12. Art projects, story reading, educational games, playtime and field trips are some typical activities. Students also visit an area nursing home monthly to see "adopted" grandparents.

For more information on the center, contact Griswold at (716)546-8787.

Adult Enrichment

St. Joseph's Parish in Penfield is offering a series of adult enrichment lectures, free and open to the public. On Sundays, 10:45-11:45 a.m., facilitators Father Mel Walczak and Sister Pat Switzer, RSM, host "Share the Word," a discussion of weekly scriptural readings. A Thursday lecture series will begin Sept. 26, with sessions running from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Thursday topics and speakers include the following: "Will Our Children Be Catholic?" Father David Mura, diocesan director of youth retreats and family camping, Sept. 26; "The Rosary: Mary's Place in the Church," Father Shamon, columnist for

the Courier-Journal, Oct. 10; "Justice Is a Social Issue," Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, executive director of Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, Oct. 24; "Alternate Celebrations" (non-commercial ways to celebrate Christmas, holidays, and birthdays), Tim McAuliffe, St. Joseph's parishioner, Nov. 7; "Stress: How Do Christians Cope?" speaker from the New York State Health Association, Nov. 14; "Promises of the Savior in the Old Testament," Father Stephen Krauss, associate pastor of St. Anne's, Dec. 5; and "The Birth of Jesus Fulfills the Promise," Father Krauss, Dec. 12.

All sessions will be held at St. Joseph's School, 43 Gebhardt Road, Penfield.

Bereavement Seminar

"Bereavement: A Normal Journey" is the topic of a day-long public seminar on coping with the loss of a loved one. The seminar will be Saturday, Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at St. Mary's Hospital, 89 Genesee St.

Dr. Nathan Kollar, professor of religious studies at St. John Fisher College, will open the seminar with a talk on "The Grieving Process." Other lectures throughout the day will cover such topics as coping with grief,

how people express grief through their own religious beliefs, and legal considerations during the grieving period. The afternoon session will consist of small group discussions led by experienced facilitators who will lead group members in sharing their experiences.

A wine and cheese reception will follow the seminar. For information about seminar fee and registration, call Mary Loewenguth at St. Mary's Hospital, (716)464-3519, by Sept. 27.

Dinner Meeting

The Cardinal Mooney Women's and Men's Guild will hold its first dinner meeting of the school year Monday, Sept. 30, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and a buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is in honor of new parents, as well as parents of freshmen. For reservations, call Kathy Heinsler or Sue Sahmel, (716)254-5157.

College Night

Bishop Kearney High School, in conjunction with Irondequoit, Webster, Eastridge, and Our Lady of Mercy high schools, is sponsoring College Night, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7:30-9 p.m., in the Bishop Kearney auditorium at 125 Kings Highway S. One hundred colleges will be represented, as well as ROTC. The formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a question and answer period. Financial aid information and a computer-assisted college search will also be available. Call (716)342-4000 or 266-5028 for information.

Charismatic Programs

Sister Joan Kellenberg, RC, returns to the Cenacle for a "Charismatic Evening of Prayer" Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The weekend of Oct. 4-6, Sister Joan will be joined by Sister Rita Drinkwater, RC, for the Cenacle's fall Charismatic Inner Healing Retreat, which begins Friday at 7:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

For further information or registration, contact the Cenacle Ministry Office, 693 East Ave., Rochester, or call (716)271-8755.

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Parish Council Workshops

A workshop for basic orientation of newly elected parish council leaders will be offered this fall at a variety of parishes throughout the diocese. Offered by Deacon Claude Lester, director of parish services, the workshop will be conducted from 7:30-10 p.m. at 15 different locations.

The workshop schedule is as follows: Oct. 1, Blessed Trinity School, Auburn; Oct. 3, St. Vincent dePaul, Corning; Oct. 7, St. Mary, downtown Rochester; Oct. 9, St. Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls; Oct. 15, Notre Dame High School, Elmira; Oct. 16, Church of the Epiphany, Sodus; Oct. 21, Inter-Faith Center, Geneseo; Oct. 22, St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca; Oct. 23, St. Michael, Penn Yan; Oct. 28, St. Felix, Clifton Springs; Oct. 29, St. Christopher, N. Chili; Nov. 4, St. Rita, West Webster; Nov. 5, St. Michael, Rochester (simultaneous sessions in English and Spanish); Nov. 6, St. Patrick, Owego; and Nov. 12, St. Pius V, Cohocton.

Deadline for registration is Sept. 30. Contact Deacon Lester at 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

Male Auditions At Mercy

Auditions for male roles in Our Lady of Mercy High School's production, "Working," will be held Monday, Sept. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 1, between 3 and 5 p.m. Singing roles will be auditioned for on Monday and non-singing roles on Tuesday in the Mercy auditorium.

Anyone interested should report to Julianne Palma, the school's theater director, on Monday or Tuesday. The play will be performed on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7.

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Sacred Heart Adult Ed

The infancy narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, issues of aging, and the Beatitudes will be topics for Sacred Heart Cathedral's adult education series beginning on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 1 and 2.

Each Tuesday afternoon at 1:15 p.m. in the rectory recreation room, Father Robert Miller will lead discussion on "What Really Happened at Bethlehem?" Participants are welcome to bring bag lunches and come directly from the 12:10 Mass for tea and pre-class discussion.

Tuesday evenings from 8-10 p.m., Sisters Anne Maloy, RSM, and Gratia L'Esperance, RSM, who staff the Mercy Center with the Aging, will facilitate six sessions, including the normal process of aging, stereotypes and myths, how families cope and services available to aging persons and their families. These sessions will be held in the rectory hall.

Father Sebastian Falcone, president/dean of St. Bernard's Institute, will offer a six-week course on "The Beatitudes: Jesus' Call to Radical Commitment," exploring the biblical background and personal applicability of each beatitude.

To register for these courses, call (716)647-9513 or come early to the first session of class.

'Stories of God'

The Diocesan Religious Education Office is sponsoring a series for religious educators. Entitled "Our Stories of God," the series will be led by Kathleen Mahoney, director of Christian formation for St. Anne's Parish, on the first four Thursdays in October, 7:30-9:30 p.m., in the chapel annex of Good Shepherd Church, 45 Marberth Drive, Henrietta.

The topics to be discussed include: "Doing Right Brain Theology, My Story of God," "Tell Me a Story," "Storytelling for the Kingdom, Forming Our Faith," and "Once Upon a Time."

To inquire about fees or register for any part of the series, call Gloria Ulterino at (716)334-3518.

St. Nicholas Church Hafli

The annual dinner dance or "hafli" at St. Nicholas R.C. Melkite Church will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. in Bishop Kearney High School. A traditional Lebanese dinner, including kibee, grape leaves, lube, Arabic rice and bread, baklava and humos along with beverages will be served.

The Sultans, Bal Aziz dance troupe, and Lebanese folk dancing will be provided for entertainment. For table reservations, call George Harb, (716)342-8064. Ticket chairperson is Fred Shaheen, (716)266-7816.

Bishop Sheen Lecture

St. Bernard's Institute will present the third in its series of programs on Bishop Fulton J. Sheen on Monday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., at the auditorium of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1100 S. Goodman St. Kathleen Riley Fields, doctoral candidate in history at the University of Notre Dame, will highlight the program with an address entitled "The Intellectual Stature of Fulton J. Sheen: 1925-1979."

Seven video cassettes on the life and work of Bishop Sheen will be on display Sept. 30, as part of a Sheen exhibit in the Colgate auditorium. Both the exhibit and the lecture are free and open to the public. To make a reservation, call (716)271-1320, ext. 290.

Parish Retreats

During October, 16 parishes have scheduled retreats at the Notre Dame Retreat House on Canandaigua Lake. Retreatants assemble Friday evening and return on Sunday at noon. They are:

Oct. 4-6: Holy Family, Corpus Christi, St. Joseph, Penfield.

Oct. 11-13: Holy Apostles, Annunciation, St. Theresa, Rochester, Resurrection, Fairport, St. Joseph, Rush, St. Leo, Holland Patent.

Oct. 18-20: Women's retreat.

Oct. 25-27: Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Thomas/Apostle, Good Shepherd, Henrietta, Assumption, Fairport, Holy Spirit, Penfield, St. Vincent dePaul, Churchville, St. Elizabeth Seton, Hamlin.

For more information, call Father Leo Dunn, (716)394-5700.