

Local celebrations planned for Martin Luther King Day

As the first national observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday approaches (January 20), diocesan officials are urging a wider celebration of the holiday by schools and parishes outside the black community. Toward that end, the Office of Liturgy and the Division of Urban Services are sending each parish liturgical suggestions for the weekend of January 18 and 19 and information on events planned for the holiday.

Immaculate Conception, Rochester, and St. Bridget's parishes are two places that need no urging. St. Bridget's tradition of celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday on a grand scale will continue this year. A memorial service and gospel music tribute on Sunday, Jan. 12, will feature — at last count — 10 gospel choirs, including those from Immaculate Conception and St. Bridget's parishes. Greer Gordon, the assistant director of adult education and formation for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., will also speak on the historic movement started by Dr. King and its theological involvements. The celebration begins at 4 p.m. and admission is free. For information, call (716)454-4236.

Immaculate Conception Parish will kick off its annual observance of Black History Month with a celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday at the 11 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Jan. 19. The theme for the Mass will be "Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name," with music by the Immaculate Conception choir. City Councilwoman Maxine Childress-Brown will be the homilist, and the storyteller will be Robert Dinkle.

Special Sunday liturgies will continue at Immaculate Conception throughout the following month. On Sunday, Jan. 26, the theme will be "Black Church" with the Rev. Andrew Gibson as homilist, Robert Dinkle as storyteller and music by the A.M.F. Zion Church choir.

Dr. King was born January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Ga. His leadership of the civil rights movement during the 1960s was recognized when he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

in 1964. On November 2, 1983, a bill was finally signed into law establishing the third Monday in January as a federal holiday honoring King's birthday. The bill had been introduced in every Congressional session since King's assassination in 1968.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Greater Rochester Commission has compiled a schedule of events in the Monroe County area in an effort to make the first national observance of the holiday a significant one. Some of the highlights include:

Interfaith Celebration: "Dr. King and the Children," Dr. J. Larry Brown, Harvard University; Sunday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Rochester, 175 Allens Creek Road.

Theatre: "I Have a Dream," National Black Touring Circuit of New York City; Thurs.-Fri., Jan. 16, 17, 8 p.m.; Nazareth College Arts Center; \$12; call (716)586-2525.

Lecture: "The Radicalization of King," Kenneth L. Smith; Wed., Jan. 15, 7 p.m.; Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary auditorium.

Interfaith Service: Rev. Leardrew Johnson of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Rabbi Judea Miller; Fri., Jan. 17, 8:15 p.m.; Temple B'rith Kodesh.

Drama/Dance: the Black Seeds; Sunday, Jan. 19, 3 p.m.; Penfield Public Library; free for families; call to register, (716)377-8650.

All-City Worship: interfaith, interracial gathering; Dr. Robert W. Franklin; Monday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.; Central Church of Christ.

Service: "The Life and Ministry of Dr. King," Dr. Robert Franklin Jr., dean of Colgate Rochester Divinity School; Sunday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.; Univ. of Rochester Interfaith Chapel.

Lecture: "The Dream is Still a Dream," Yolanda King (Dr. King's daughter); Wednesday, Jan. 29, 8 p.m.; Monroe Community College Theater; limited tickets, \$1 each.

The Lord's Dream for His Children

A Litany of Forgiveness

Expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King:
Lord, you have blessed us with freedom, but we have misused your gift by indulging in selfish pleasures.

Response: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy.

Lord you have desired freedom for all your children, but we have not always honored the freedom of others.

Response: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy.

Lord, you have endowed our country with great diversity, but we have not always respected nor appreciated the wealth of our variety.

Response: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy.

Lord, you guided our founding fathers and mothers toward equality for all men and women, but we have excluded some of your children because of race, sex, nationality or creed.

Response: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy.

Lord, you blessed our nation with national resources to take care of our needs, but we have abused our resources and foolishly squandered them.

Response: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy.

Lord, you desire justice and peace for all people, but we have chosen war and riots, violence and crime.

Response: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy.



Lord, God, you are the hope of the sinner. Your mercy is without limit. Look with kindness and compassion on us in our sinfulness. You have blessed our land with freedom, justice and peace. Forgive us for our misuse of your gifts and our failure to promote them for all your daughters and sons.

Teach us to work together in love and harmony. Fill us with a strong and unselfish love that we may work for the welfare of all peoples and bring the work of justice to perfection.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

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Urban school hearing set

A hearing on the proposed Catholic Elementary School Plan for the City of Rochester is planned Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Anthony's School, 45 Costar St., Rochester. Bishop Matthew H. Clark and members of the Urban School Study

Steering Committee will be present to listen to parents and parishioners share their reactions, concerns and recommendations regarding the plan.

Registered speakers will be limited to three minutes each and are asked to bring a written copy of their remarks. To register as a speaker, call Beverly Kelly at (716)328-3210. Those who cannot attend are invited to submit the reaction sheet included with each copy of the proposed plan.

Reports from the hearings will be studied by Bishop Clark and the Steering Committee before preparing the final plan.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

These Adult Faith Enrichment opportunities, sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Religious Education, are being offered to provide an opportunity to explore topics in Scripture, church history, prayer and spirituality in more depth. They are open to all interested adults.

MONROE COUNTY OFFERINGS:

Narrative Theology: Our Stories of God — Kathleen Mahoney
January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 24
St. Rita's — West Webster 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The Saints: Roots of Contemporary Spirituality — Wes Kennison
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
St. Louis — Pittsford 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Voices of Hope: Prophets — Sr. Anne Marie Fehrenbach, SSJ
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
St. Cecilia's — Rochester 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Prayer in the Midst of Busy Lives — Denise Mack
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26
Holy Apostles — Rochester 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Moral Decision Making and Contemporary Justice & Peace Issues — Stephanie Batterman
March 1 & April 5
St. Salome's — Rochester 9:30-3:30 p.m.

Eucharist: Its Meaning Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow — Gloria Uterino
April 10, 17, 24, May 1, May 8
Holy Name of Jesus — Rochester 7:30-9:30 p.m.

FINGER LAKES OFFERINGS:

Journeying with the Church Throughout the Ages — Elizabeth Maurer
February 8 & March 8
St. Dominic's — Shortsville 9:30-3:30 p.m.

The Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark & Luke — Sr. Bryan Ford, RSM
February 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10
St. Patrick's — Victor 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Prayer for Discerning Christians — Sr. Margaret Mary Mattie, RSM
March 14 & March 15
St. John's Church — Clyde 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The Book of Revelation: A book of Christian Hope — Marie Venaglia
April 15, 22, 29
St. Mary's — Auburn 9:30-3:30 p.m.

SOUTHERN TIER OFFERINGS:

Christology in the Writings of St. Paul — Reverend John Hayes
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
St. Patrick's — Corning 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Roots of the Early Church: Luke Acts — Reverend Robert Ring
April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7
Holy Cross — Dryden 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Narrative Theology — Our Stories of God — Kathleen Mahoney
April 25 & April 26
St. Margaret Mary — Apalachin 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Christian Parenting — Theresa Stanley
April 29, May 6, 13, 20
St. Mary's — Corning 7:30-9:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For all sessions: Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Registration deadline is one week before courses are scheduled to begin.

For further information regarding these courses, contact Sylvia Mancuso at 328-3210, or fill out and mail in the registration form below.

Fee for each series — \$10.00

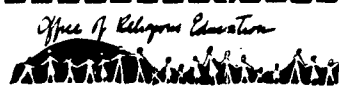
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THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER



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How can I best prepare my family for my eventual death?

Plan ahead! Make a will, get adequate insurance coverage and pre-plan your funeral. No one really likes to do these things but they are important. A family left without plans can only guess your wishes. We urge you to talk with members of your family so that everyone knows your wishes ahead of time. They may not like your plans and you might not like theirs. By discussing your plans early, you have a good chance to assure that all of you will be satisfied. After discussing these matters with your family, contact us about planning your funeral. We will help you and your family to assure that your wishes are carried forth.

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