

Parish Notes

Southern Tier

Parish Closes Golden Anniversary Celebration

St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights — A time capsule, family banners, gifts and food offerings were all part of the offertory procession at a Mass on Sunday, Dec. 15, which closed St. Charles Borromeo Parish's golden anniversary celebration.

Early in the Mass, religious education



Children from religious education classes decorated a Jesse Tree at the Mass which concluded St. Charles Borromeo's 50th anniversary celebration.

students carried on the parish tradition of decorating the Jesse Tree with hand-made ornaments and symbols.

Many eyes were tearfilled as the high school children came down the aisle, carrying 96 banners made by families in the parish and sewn together to form a parish family quilt. Each 9-inch by 12-inch banner carried a family name and message. The younger children followed, carrying food and gifts for Christmas food baskets to be distributed by the social ministry committee.

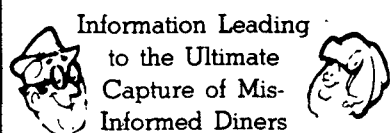
Next came a metal box filled with parish memorabilia, carried by two men. Included in the time capsule were letters from parishioners, programs and tokens from the 50th anniversary celebrations throughout the year, newspapers, photographs and other signs of the times in 1985. The capsule was sealed Tuesday, Jan. 13, and will not be opened until the year 2010. A reception in the church hall concluded the celebration.

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Horseheads Students Perform

St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads — Students from St. Mary Our Mother School performed their Christmas program, "Hark the Herald Angel," at the Arnot Mall and the Elcor Nursing Home as well as the parish

during the holidays. Directing the production was fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Kenneth Rohrer.

Corning School Meeting Set

St. Vincent DePaul, Corning — Members of the Long Range Planning Committee will discuss their recommendations for Corning Catholic schools Sunday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m. in St. Vincent's School hall. All school parents and parishioners are invited to listen and ask questions.

Pantry Needs Volunteers

Corning — The Corning Community Pantry needs volunteers to staff the pantry and give out food Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and Friday afternoons from noon to 3 p.m. If you can help, call your parish rectory.

Parishes Plan 1986 Census

Corning — St. Mary, St. Patrick, St. Vincent and Immaculate Heart of Mary parishes plan an inter-parish census in April 1986. Workers are now being recruited in each parish. Call your rectory if you can help.

Cursillo Weekend Planned

St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads — The parish will host a men's Cursillo weekend Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 13-15. General palanca may be sent to: Joe Tempesta, 301 Warren Road, Ithaca, N.Y., 14850. For more information on Cursillo, contact lay director Sandy Sinopli, (716)377-3952.

Finger Lakes

Bishops' Pastoral Discussed

St. Mary's, Corning — "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response" will be the focus of discussion Sunday, Jan.

19, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Brennan Center adjacent to the church.

The program, which will include a slide presentation titled "Disarming the Heart," aims to help participants understand the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter and the many avenues of peacemaking available. All are welcome to this free program.

Holy Hour of Reparation

Immaculate Conception, Ithaca — For all those unable to attend the March for Life in Washington next week, the parish plans a Holy Hour of Reparation to seek God's help in restoring a respect for life Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction. Eve Firra, Regent of Court Santa Maria #240, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, is organizing the event.

March for Life Trip Planned

Immaculate Conception, Ithaca — The Ithaca Coalition for Life is organizing a bus excursion to the 13th annual March for Life in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 22. Both sponsors and marchers are needed. Call Linda Smith, (607)387-9507 for more information.

Genesee Valley

Parishioners To Visit Haiti

St. Joseph's, Penfield — Eleven parishioners will spend nine days next month on a combination work mission-retreat in Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Among the places where the group will visit and work are the Children's Hospital and the Home for the Dying run by the Missionaries of Charity and a soup kitchen which feeds as many as 13,000 people each day.

"Some people ask 'what can you do in only nine days?'" said one retreatant. "But we're really going to change our own lives."

In preparation, parishioners are gathering school and medical supplies to aid various ministries in Haiti. Needed are: pens, pencils, notebooks, ruled paper, soap, toothpaste, dry food, cheese, antibiotic ointments, vitamins, antibiotics, bandages, Betadine lotion, cotton swabs and aspirin. Donations are also welcome. Call (716)586-0674 for more information.

If you can support the retreat with prayer, Beverly Stutzman, (716)385-2603, is organizing a prayer chain.

Italian Day Benefit Dinner

Ss. Peter and Paul, Rochester — St. Peter's Kitchen will host an Italian Day dinner to benefit the parish's day care center Sunday, Jan. 26. Spaghetti with meatballs or white clam sauce and meatball heroes will be served from noon to 2:30 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. All dinners include tossed salad, pastry cart and beverage. Beer and wine will also be available. Dinners are \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and children under 12.

Fundraiser Exceeds Goal

Holy Ghost, Rochester — Father Gennaro Ventura and members of the Adopt-A-Student Committee thank all those who contributed to the successful 1985 campaign. The program, which solicits parishioners to assist in supporting the school, exceeded its goal of \$6,000.

"Your gift will have a lasting influence on the lives of students, parents, families and many others," a committee member wrote.

Coronary Club Talk Slated

The Coronary Club of Rochester is sponsoring a talk entitled "Passive Smoke Inhalation: How Non-Smokers Are Affected by the Smoke Around Them," by Matthew G. Marin, M.D., associate professor of medicine at the Pulmonary Center at Strong Memorial Hospital. The talk will be given Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7-9 p.m. in the East Auditorium of St. Mary's Hospital. No admission fee will be charged. For information, call (716)464-3450.

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