

# Parish Notes



## Genesee Valley

### Cross-country Fun-out

**St. Ambrose, Rochester** — Venture into the wilds of Durand Eastman Park for the parish's third annual cross-country skiing fun-out, Sunday, Feb. 9, beginning at 1 p.m. Participants should meet at the golf course clubhouse, where warmth, snacks and ski

rentals are available. If possible, call (716)671-3735 by Feb. 7 for rentals ahead of time and avoid the last-minute hassle.

Durand Eastman's trails vary from Olympic to beginner level, so no excuses — all are welcome.

### Holy Name Card Party

**St. Stanislaus, Rochester** — The Holy Name of Mary Society plans its annual February Card Party Sunday, Feb. 2, at 2

p.m. in the school auditorium. Refreshments will be available. Tickets, at \$1.50 each, may be purchased at the door.

### School Hosts Open House

**Holy Ghost, Rochester** — The school's publicity committee plans a community-wide open house Thursday, Feb. 6, from 7-8 p.m. Classroom tours will be offered and parents and faculty from the school will be available to answer questions. The school will also be

open to visitors Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m.-noon.

Registration for all grades, preschool-grade 8, is Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 26 and 27. For more information, call (716)247-4156.

### Parish Council Dinner

**Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester** — Spaghetti dinners will be served in the school hall Saturday, Feb. 8, from after 5 p.m. Mass to 8 p.m. Tickets, which will be

available at the door, are \$3.25 for adults, \$2.50 for children 6-12, and free for children under 5. All are welcome!

## Southern Tier

### Cambodian To Be Released

**St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca** — Parishioners are celebrating the impending release of Pha Bol and his family from a Thai refugee camp sometime in the next 2-4 months. Along with congregations in both the U.S. and Canada, members of the parish

have been conducting a letter-writing campaign to support his release for more than two years.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service refused to release the family to the U.S., but thanks to church efforts they will be accepted in Canada. Pha Bol's mother-in-law, sisters and brothers, who have settled in Ithaca, are anxiously awaiting the chance to visit him in Canada.

Help is still needed to assist the Pha Bol family with resettlement. Contact St. Catherine's Human Development Committee for more details.

### Social Ministry in Action

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira** — Thanks to the social ministry committee's initiative, 72 parishioners have volunteered to work at the Elmira Free Kitchen the third Thursday of each month. Food items, including spaghetti noodles and sauce, fruit cocktail and other canned and dry goods as well as toothpaste, soap and paper products are being collected for both the kitchen and the Office of Social Ministry's food cupboard.

### HOPE Dance Scheduled

**Elmira** — The Chemung County Catholic School Board will sponsor the third annual Help Out Parochial Education Dance, Feb. 7, from 9 p.m. to midnight in St. Patrick's School gym. Tickets, at \$10 each, are available from school offices, the business office or from your school board representative.

### Folk Group To Meet

**Immaculate Conception, Ithaca** — Anyone interested in forming a new folk group is asked to call the rectory, (607)273-6121, and leave their name and phone number.

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## Downtown Community Invited to Forums

**St. Mary's, Rochester** — The parish will offer Conversations: Faith and the Marketplace, scripture study, the Life After Five Series and luncheon presentations as well as noon Masses and speakers during Lent.

Conversations: Faith and the Marketplace resumed Tuesday, Jan. 28. One of the highlights of the series this spring will be four presentations on "The Meaning of Discipleship" with Sister Pat Schoelles, S.S.J. on Wednesdays, Feb. 19 and March 5, 12 and 19. Programs begin at 12:10 p.m. Participants should bring lunches. Beverages and dessert are provided.

The Gospel of Luke will be the focus of eight weeks of scripture study on Mondays beginning Feb. 10, at 12:10 p.m. in the rectory Commons Room. Howard Millman, producing director of GeVa Theater, will be the third speaker in the Life After Five Series, Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 5-7 p.m. in the Lower Level Community Center. The program is free and open to the public, but reservations are appreciated.

### Foster Program Described

**St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester** — Joyce Daley of the Catholic Family Center will describe the Center's Foster Care Program, Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room of the church at 4536 St. Paul Boulevard.

Through the program, volunteers provide temporary homes for unwed mothers and their babies to prevent abortions. Vietnamese and Amerasian unaccompanied minors between 12 and 17 are also placed with families. More volunteers are needed for both groups. The program is sponsored by the parish's Pro-Life Group. For more information, call (716)342-3146.

### Spaghetti Dinner Planned

**St. James, Rochester** — The parish council's Christian Formation Committee will sponsor a spaghetti dinner Sunday, Feb. 9, from 2-5 p.m., at the church, 119 Brockley Road. Tickets, at \$12 per family, \$3.50 for adults (13 and older), and \$2 for children (4-12), are available by calling (716)482-1274 or 654-8183. Dinner is free for children under 3. Tickets are also available at the school office.

### February Men's Retreats

Seventeen parishes have scheduled men's weekend retreats at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua. Conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers, the retreats begin Friday at noon and conclude at noon Sunday. The dates and parishes are:

Feb. 7-9: St. John of Rochester, Fairport.  
Feb. 14-16: St. Mary, Canandaigua; St. Felix, Clifton Springs; St. Dominic, Shortsville; St. Francis, Phelps.

### Diocesan Tuition Subsidies

The diocese will offer tuition subsidies for Catholic elementary and secondary students in the 1986/87 school year. The program will aid economically disadvantaged students who wish to receive a Catholic education but cannot afford one according to Sister Edwardine Weaver, superintendent of schools.

To be eligible, a student must be registered and accepted at a Catholic school. Applications will be available at secondary and

### Student Discount at GeVa

Rush tickets are available to students before every GeVa Theatre performance. Any tickets that remain unsold 15 minutes before showtime will be available to students for \$5 each. Valid school identification cards are required and students may only purchase one ticket apiece. Call (716)232-1363 for more information.

Peter Steinfelds, editor of *Commonweal* magazine, will speak Wednesday, Feb. 26, at a luncheon in the Rochester Plaza's Riverview Room. Cash bar opens at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is at noon, followed by Steinfelds, who will speak on "Challenging the Economy: from Adam Smith to the U.S. Bishops," and time for discussion. Tickets are \$10 should be reserved.

During Lent, St. Mary's will offer noon Mass daily and guest preachers on three Fridays. Father Dan Tormey, Strong Memorial Hospital chaplain, will speak February 14, Father Jim Schwartz on February 28 and Sister Barbara Moore, director of Interfaith Jail Ministry on March 14.

For more information or reservations, call the parish office, (716)232-7140.

### Bereaved Siblings' Group

**St. Margaret Mary, Irondequoit** — Rochester's only bereaved sibling support group will meet Monday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. This month's location will be St. Margaret Mary School, 401 Rogers Parkway. Meetings are scheduled each third Monday of the month. Call (716)266-0585 after 6 p.m. for more information.

### School Registration Set

**St. Charles Borromeo, Greece** — New students who wish to register for next fall are invited to do so during Catholic Schools Week, Monday through Friday, Feb. 3-7, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. On Thursday, Feb. 6, registrations will be accepted from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. On Tuesday, Feb. 4, parents may also register from 7:30-9 p.m.

### Baseball and Pancakes

**St. Monica's, Rochester** — St. Louis Cardinal Dave Ricketts will do double duty Sunday, Feb. 2, when he serves as special guest and honorary chairman of St. Monica's School's annual pancake and sausage breakfast. Come at 9 or 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$3.

### Wanted: Christmas Cards

**St. Ambrose, Rochester** — Sister Doretta is collecting unused Christmas cards for the chaplain's office at Monroe Developmental Center. They will be sent to MDC clients next year. Cards may be left at the rectory.

Feb. 21-23: St. Agnes, Avon; St. Gregory, Marion; St. Patrick, Macedon; St. Mary Magdalen, Wolcott; St. John the Evangelist, Clyde; St. Patrick, Savannah; St. Januarius, Naples.

Feb. 28-March 2: St. Margaret Mary, Holy Redeemer, Rochester; St. Jerome, E. Rochester; St. Mary, Genesee; St. Paul, Honeoye Falls.

For more information, call (716)394-5700 or your parish office.

elementary schools March 3. Forms for elementary students will also be available at parish offices. Completed applications are due in mid-March and awards will be announced in June.

For more information, contact Sister Virginia Steinwachs at (716)328-3210 or the individual parishes and schools.

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