

# Parish Notes

## Genesee Valley

### Spelling Bee/Science Fair

**St. Boniface, Rochester** — Projects made by students who participated in the Social Studies Fair at St. Boniface School will be on display Thursday, Feb. 6, from 6:30-9 p.m. in the school hall. Ribbons will be awarded for first place and runner-up in three divisions — primary, grades 1-3, intermediate, grades 4-6, and secondary, grades 7 and 8.

Fourteen schools have already signed up for the 4th Annual Invitational Spelling Bee, sponsored by St. Boniface School Monday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Four students from each participating school will compete; two at the fifth- and

sixth-grade level and two at the seventh- and eighth-grade level.

### St. Peter's Celebrates

**Ss. Peter and Paul, Rochester** — Volunteers, benefactors and friends of St. Peter's Kitchen are invited to celebrate the kitchen's fourth birthday. A special Mass is planned Sunday, Feb. 9, at 10:45 a.m. in Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 720 W. Main St. A reception will follow in the kitchen.

### Rosary Society Will Meet

**Holy Family, Rochester** — The Rosary Society will meet on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the church for Mass. Following Mass will be a business meeting in the Pine Room. Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will be the society's guest for the evening.

### Parish Hosts CYO Tourney

**St. Ambrose, Rochester** — The parish will host the Fifth and Sixth Grade CYO Invitational Basketball Tournament Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 25 and 26. Semifinals are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. with the championship game on Sunday, March 2.

### Adult Ed for Lent

**St. Margaret Mary, Irondequoit** — A variety of adult education programs are planned at the parish on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. during Lent.

Speakers and dates are: "Coping with Separation and Divorce," Father Frank DiSano, February 19.

"Sexuality, Relationships and Teenagers," Anne Wegman, February 26.

"Mid-life Transitions in Relationships," Dr. Mollie Brown, March 5.

"Comforting the Bereaved," Gabrielle Weiss, March 12.

### Success as a Parish

**Holy Family, Rochester** — Responsibility and indicators for a successful parish will be the topic of Deacon Claude Lester's presentation in the church's auditorium Monday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Lester is from the diocesan Office of Parish Services. All are welcome.

### Valentine Anniversary Mass

**Church of the Assumption, Fairport** — Parishioners will renew marriage vows and enjoy punch and a wedding cake at a Valentine Anniversary Mass Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Highlights will include music by the Adult Choir during Mass and an adaptation from the musical "I Do, I Do" performed by Stu and Val Sanford at the reception.

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## Finger Lakes

### Mardi Gras Family Night

**St. Bernard's, Scipio Center** — Parishioners plan to celebrate Mardi Gras with Trivial Pursuit, Uno and other family-type games Saturday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. Refreshments will be served. Those who attend will also have a chance to meet St.

Bernard's new pastor, Father Robert J. Downs. All are welcome.

### Pre-Cana Session Set

**Immaculate Conception, Ithaca** — Couples planning marriage are urged to register for pre-Cana as soon as possible. The parish will host a session Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in room 108 of the school. For more information, call (607)273-6121.

### Marriage Encounter Night

**Ithaca** — An information night for couples interested in marriage encounter is planned Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Women's Community Building, 100 W. Seneca St.

## Southern Tier

### Engaged Couples To Gather

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira** — All couples planning to be married at the parish are asked to attend the pre-Cana conference for engaged couples Friday, March 7, from

7-10 p.m. and Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the convent. To register, call (607)733-6944.

### Corning Catholic Celebrates

**Corning** — On Sunday, Feb. 2, at 4:30 p.m., students and parents from Corning Catholic Schools North and South will gather to celebrate Catholic Schools Week

with for a prayer service and sharing supper in the school hall. Call (607)962-2333 or 936-9234 for reservations.

## Black Catholic Women's Group Started



Members of the steering committee of the Association of Black Catholic Women of Greater Rochester gathered after their formal installation. Seated in the center of the group are guest speaker Greer Gordon (left) and Jacquelyn Dobson (right).

Promoting and encouraging social and religious exchange among black Catholic women is the aim of the newly founded Association of Black Catholic Women of Greater Rochester. Thirty-five charter members were installed by Bishop Matthew H. Clark at a prayer service last fall.

"We're not intending to be primarily an activist organization since lots of these

women already are in activist roles," explained Jacquelyn Dobson, a member of the association steering committee and executive secretary of the diocesan Office of Black Ministries.

All interested women are invited to the association's meetings on the fourth Monday of each month. For more information, call Dobson at (716)328-3210, ext. 337.

### Ithaca Women's Fellowship

Valerie Lovelace will share her testimony with the Ithaca Chapter of Women's Aglow Fellowship Monday, Feb. 10.

The fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. in the Women's Community Building, 100 W. Seneca St., in Ithaca. Call (607)273-9903 or 272-7595 for more information or reservations.

### Black History Presentation

Local actresses Jacquelyn Dobson and Judith Beville will perform selections from the works of black playwrights Monday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Pulaski Community Library, 1151 Hudson Avenue.

"An Evening of Black Drama" is a free program sponsored by the library for people of all ages. For more information, call (716)467-7381.

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A Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner  
Music by Mario Shabbarrasi

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