

Parish Notes



Genesee Valley

Reconciliation Renewal

St. Theodore, Rochester — Reconciliation: New Life, New Beginning" is the title of a week-long Lenten renewal offered by the parish Monday through Friday, March 3-7. The series will begin with an opening Mass at 7:30 p.m. Monday, celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark as part of the Crossroads IV program. Sister Mary Louise Heffernan of the diocesan Liturgy Office will lead services each evening at 7:30 p.m. Topics will include: Tuesday — "New Life — New Beginning;" Wednesday — "God's Call to Us;" Thursday — "Reconciliation;" Friday — "We Are Eucharist."

Daytime sessions are also planned. On Tuesday, March 4, an afternoon of recollection will be offered by St. Theodore's students from noon to 2 p.m. On Wednesday, parishioners are invited to an afternoon session. An afternoon session will also be

A Special Evening

Our Lady of Mercy, Greece — The Rosary Society of the parish is holding this special evening of recollection on Monday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the church on 36 Armstrong Road. Fr. Paul Freemesser will administer the Celebration of the Eucharist at about 9:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served during the break. Membership is not required as all women of the parish are invited to attend.

Picnic Plans Begin

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hamlin — For those interested in planning and working on this year's Parish Picnic at the Firemen's Field in Hamlin on July 27, there will be a meeting at the Education Building on Thursday, Feb. 20. All are welcome to come and share their ideas and talents. A co-chairperson couple for this year's picnic is also needed. Call (716)964-2452 or 964-8427.

Mission Centers on Family

Holy Rosary, Rochester — Beginning Sunday, March 2, Father Robert Hammond, associate pastor at St. Cecilia's Church, will head the mission which will focus on "The Family of Christ." Fr. Hammond will speak on the importance of the Christian Family in the world. The mission is for everyone, no matter what your marital status. Father Hammond will speak each evening at 7:30 p.m. from Sunday through Friday. There will be babysitting services available.

Colors of Your Life

St. Joseph, Penfield — Fr. Bonaventurè Stefan will direct the week of spiritual stimulation beginning on March 3 through March 7 at the church. The week of renewal, entitled "Colors of Your Life," will include: Monday, "Self;" The Lord and Me; Tues-

held Thursday, March 6, at Dunn Towers. On Friday, Mass and a talk are scheduled at 10:30 a.m.

Italian prayers will be offered by Sister Frances Mary at 7 p.m. before each evening service. A solemn closing Mass will conclude the series.

Babysitting is available, and the church is handicapped-accessible. Each service will also be interpreted for the hearing-impaired. For more information, call (716)458-7806.

Sister Speaks of Trial

Corpus Christi, Rochester — Sister Darlene Niegorski, one of 16 sanctuary workers arrested in January, 1985, and now on trial in Tucson, will speak Saturday, March 8, at 8 p.m. Her topic will be the precedent-setting case, which will greatly affect the sanctuary movement. All are invited to come and find out what the trial means to the movement, and to show their support. The Sisters of St. Joseph Social Justice Committee and the Rochester Sanctuary Committee are co-sponsoring the lecture.

Series on Alcoholism

Corpus Christi, Rochester — The church is sponsoring an educational and informational series on alcoholism, to be presented on four consecutive Sunday evenings beginning March 2 and ending March 23. All sessions will take place from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. in the school hall and are open to the public free of charge. Topics will include: "Alcoholism: A Disease" (March 2), "The Effects on the Family" (March 9), "Use Among Children and Adolescence" (March 16) and "Hope For the Future: Helping the Alcoholic" (March 23). Local professionals with experience on the topic will offer their insights. Resources will be available for further information.

Annual Fish Fry

St. Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls — The Rosary and Altar Society will host its annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday evening, Feb. 28 from 5-7 p.m. Admission is \$3.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12-years-old. Take-outs are available. For reservations, call (716)624-3119.

day, "Self and Family;" The Lord at Home; Wednesday, "Self and Career;" The Lord and My Call; Thursday, "Self and Friends;" You, Me and the Lord; Friday, "Self and the World: The Lord Brings the World to Me." All programs will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Finger Lakes

Spring Sensations

St. Francis DeSales, Geneva — The St. Anthony Society is presenting "Spring Sensations," a preview in fashions. The showing will take place on Sunday, March 9, at Club "86" Party House in Geneva, beginning with brunch at 12:30 p.m. A \$12

donation is asked. For tickets call (315)789-3692 or 789-0930. The deadline is March 5.

St. Mary's Retreat

St. Mary's, Canandaigua — Fr. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, retired priest now living in Elmira, will be heading this year's retreat, which will be held at the church the evenings of March 2 through March 7 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall at the retreat's end. For more information, call Sr. Marie Albert at (716)394-2325.

St. Patrick's Dance

St. Anne, Palmyra — The parish is holding its annual St. Patrick's dance on Saturday March 15 from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The popular Flying Column Irish Band from Syracuse will provide the musical entertainment that evening. Tickets are \$10 per person and will include beverages for mixers, beer on tap, sandwich meats, cake and coffee. Advance tickets reservations are advised, call (315)597-5365.

Passion Play Offered

St. Anne, Palmyra — St. Anne's invites everyone to attend and experience this live presentation of Christ's suffering and death by a cast comprised of six parishes in Elmira. The performance will take place on Friday evening, March 7, at 8 p.m. at 136 Church Street in Palmyra and will last about a half hour. Those attending are asked to come early to ensure a good seat. Anyone needing additional information may call Rita Goebert at (315)597-5365.

Moment of Fulfillment

Immaculate Conception, Ithaca — The parish mission focus this year is a "moment of fulfillment," the expression referred to as the "time of the Messiah," and will take place the week of March 16. All are invited to share in this week of reflection and healing.

Southern Tier

Economy with Heart

Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira — The parish would like to announce a conference entitled "Creating an Economy with Heart," which will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Elmira. James Gross, professor of economics at Cornell University, will be the keynote speaker. Registration is \$5, which

includes lunch. Call (607)734-9784 or 734-0900 for more information.

Central America

St. Patrick, Owego — An evening program intended to explore the political, economic, social and religious roots of the conflict now enveloping Central America will take place at the parish hall on Main Street on Wednesday, March 5, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dale Hathaway, a graduate student in political studies at Cornell University, will offer his insights into the current situation.

Easter Seals Tournament

The Annual Easter Seals Bowling Tournament will be on March 8 at 3 p.m. at Leisure Lanes, 2620 W. Henrietta Road. All agents of Century 21 Home Spirit of Chili and the Irondequoit office on E. Ridge Road are asking for pledges or donations to sponsor their participation.

"More than 90 percent of all revenue raised for Easter Seals stays in our community, directly benefiting the disabled with whom we work and live," said Jean Herrera, broker of Century 21 Home Spirit.

Sanctuary Presentation

The Seneca Falls Council of Churches is sponsoring an educational informational program on the sanctuary movement on Monday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. A representative of the Rochester Sanctuary Committee and a member of the Central American family sponsored by the committee will describe the movement, its activities, and the reason they are involved. They will also answer questions from the audience. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call Frances or Paul Wenderlich (315)568-9711.

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Clarification

The students pictured with our article on Holy Cross School's learning disabled resource room (January 30) are receiving remedial instruction.

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