

Parish Notes

Genesee Valley

School Plans Reunion To Celebrate 75th Year

Sacred Heart, Rochester — The Jubilee Committee of the Sacred Heart Cathedral School is seeking more than 5,000 alumni and former teachers to help celebrate the school's 75th anniversary on April 18. The

festivities will begin after a 6:30 p.m. Mass followed by an open house and reception at the school hall. Former students and administration are asked to send name, address, graduation year and any classmate information: Sacred Heart Rectory, School Jubilee Committee, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, N.Y. 14615.

Lenten Seder Supper

Blessed Sacrament, Rochester — All parish families are invited to share in a "Passover meal" followed by the distribution of the Eucharist on Sunday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is necessary; call (716)271-7240 for information.

Evening of Sharing

St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit — A mid-Lenten evening of sharing on Friday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m., is being sponsored by the Social Ministries Committee. The Mass will be followed by a soup and supper in the school hall. Sister Mary Regis Straughn of Mt. Carmel and Sister Peggy Brennan, director of St. Martin's Place soup kitchen, will be guest speakers. Special entertainment will be provided for children. Donations will compensate the sisters for their work.

Euchre Tournament

Sacred Heart, Rochester — The parish's Social Life Committee is sponsoring its second annual mixed euchre tournament will take place on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the school hall, 311 Flower City Park. Entry fees are \$2 per person or \$4 per team. Refreshments and parking are available and no reservations are necessary.

St. Francis Holy Hour

St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester — The People's Eucharistic Holy Hour will take place on March 15 at 7 p.m. The Holy Hour is open to anyone who wishes to spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord. Additional fellowship evenings have been set for the fourth Saturday of each month.

Fraternal Organization Seeks New Members

The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver invites prospective members to an informational meeting Sunday, March 9, at St. Bridget's Church, Rochester. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m., immediately following the 10 a.m. gospel Mass, to which everyone is also invited.

The local chapter of this Catholic fraternal organization was re-activated last year after a 25-year lapse. People of all faiths and races are welcome, according to Grand Knight Eli Danzy.

Founded in 1909 by three black men and four white priests, the Knights of Peter Claver was intended to be a fraternal organization for black Catholics. At that time, blacks were excluded from such groups as the Knights of Columbus.

The founders chose the name of St. Peter Claver, a 16th-century saint who spent his life working for slaves. St. Peter was known

as "the slave of slaves."

Incorporated in 1911 in Alabama, the organization now operates in more than 23 states with over 30,000 members and donates to many charitable organizations including the Josephite Fathers, the Divine Word Fathers of Mississippi, the Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Headquartered at Bridget's Parish, the Rochester chapter hopes to build membership through local churches, to become more visible in the community, and to meet community needs such as providing scholarships.

The Rochester chapter is now negotiating to be named host for next year's state-wide Peter Claver Day, according to Danzy.

For more information, call Danzy at (716)262-2072 or Lillian Colquhoun, Grand Lady, at 325-5004.

Adult Education Series Focuses on Church Issues

St. Thomas More, Rochester — Father Robert Collins will conduct a four-part series on the Church. The topics will include: Monday, March 10: "The Role of Church in Modern Society;" Monday, March 24: "Vatican II and Post-Vatican Developments in Ecclesiology;" Monday, April 14: "The St. Patrick's Dance

Church: Theory and Practice;" Monday, April 28: "Ideas for Parish Ministry." All programs are scheduled from 7:30-9 p.m. and will include a brief social break and a question-reaction period. The lectures, which are free and open to the public, will be held in the St. Thomas More School, 2617 East Ave., Brighton. Call (716)381-0470 or 381-4200.

St. Patrick's Dance

St. Agnes, Avon — Irish tunes will abound at the St. Patrick's dance to be held at the Avon Village Hall, Saturday, March 8, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets are available by contacting Bob and Polly Hayes, George and Martha Cullinan, Jerry and Kim Dougherty, Bev and Thor Luther, Dan and Jane Welch, Tom and Kay Freeman, Tom and Kathleen Davin. Tim Cole will provide musical entertainment.

Community Production

St. Catherine, Mendon — The sixth performance of Monsignor Schnacky's Community Players "The Curse of an Aching Heart," is scheduled for the weekends of March 7-8, and 14-15. Tickets are \$4.50 for Friday night performances, \$5 on Saturday. For ticket information, contact Dee Russell at (716)624-3484.

Southern Tier

Teen-Problem Lecture

St. Patrick, Corning — Dr. Kenneth Berkes will speak to all junior and senior high school students and their parents on Parish "Ham" Show

March 9 at 10:15 a.m. instead of the regular CCD class. The lecture, entitled "Today's Moral Problems for Teenagers," will be held in the North Hall of the school. Refreshments will be available.

Parish 'Ham' Show

St. Cecilia, Elmira — The parish will be holding a "ham show" in the church, located on 950 Lake Street in Elmira, on Thursday March 20. There will be craft and cake booths set up for all to enjoy. Free soft drinks and popcorn will be available for children. Proceeds will benefit the local Property Improvement Plan.

Medical/Moral Questions To Be Addressed in Lecture

Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira - "Life and Death: Medical Moral Questions," is the title of a lecture to be given by Father Charles Curran at Our Lady of Lourdes' Church Hall on Sunday, March 2 at 12:30 p.m. Recognizing the tremendous advances in medical science and surgical technique, Father Curran's talk will investigate the moral questions raised in looking forward to continued medical and technical development in the coming years. A free-will offering for the Southern Tier Food Bank would be appreciated.

Parish Pirogi Sale

St. John the Evangelist, Newark Valley — Every Friday, with the exception of Good Friday, parishioners are invited to treat themselves to delicious homemade pirogies. The polish specialties are made from an authentic recipe by the parishioners of St. Francis in Catonk. Advance orders can be made by calling (607)659-3324 or 659-4006.

Finger Lakes

Retreat Scheduled

St. Anne, Palmyra — The parish Lenten retreat has been scheduled for Friday, March 14 from 7-9 p.m. at the parish center. Fr. Tony Valenti is scheduled to speak on the

theme, "How Can You Put God into Your Everyday Life?" Donations will be accepted at the end of the evening. Parishioners are asked to register early so retreat organizers can have materials and refreshments prepared ahead of time.

Seder Ceremony Set

St. Anne, Palmyra — A seder supper has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 in the Church Hall at 6 p.m. Reservations for this event, oriented toward family participation, are encouraged because symbolic parts of the seder meal and scripts for all participants need to be prepared. Especially encouraged to come are families with first communicants and confirmation candidates. Call (607)597-5365.

World Day of Prayer

St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca — "Choose Life" is the theme of this year's annual World Day of Prayer, which will be held Friday, March 7 at 1 p.m. Because of last year's huge turnout, the program will be held in the larger First Presbyterian Church, at the corners of East Court Street and North Cayuga Street.

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