Parish Notes

Genesee Valley

Mass to Honor Hanley

St. Augustine, Rochester— This year's special Irish Mass will be held in memory of Sean Hanley, a well-known area Irishman who died last summer. Soloist Loretta Doyle will provide musical entertainment, while her husband, who was born and raised in Ireland, will be reciting the Our Father in Gaelic. H. David Martin, a close friend of Hanley's and former music director af the Aquinas marching band, will play "Danny Boy." For more information, call (716)232-4950.

St. Joseph's Table Set

Holy Cross, Rochester— The parish will host its sixth annual St. Joseph's Table in the school cafeteria on Sunday, March 16, 1-3 p.m. Named after the saint regarded as the family protector, the ceremony commemorates the time when peasant farmers turned to St. Joseph in prayer after a severe famine in Sicily. The famine soon ended, and in gratitude, the farmers honored the saint by filling an altar with their most prized possession — food. All are invited to this family and parish event.

The Way of the Cross

St. Theodore, Rochester— A play entitled "The Way of the Cross" will be performed at St. Theodore's Church, 168 Spencerport Road in Gates, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21. The passion play will be presented by students from Bishop Grimes High School, East Syracuse. This event is free and open to the public and will be interpreted for the hearing-impaired. The church is also wheelchair-accessible. For more information, call (716)458-7846.

St.Thomas Party Scheduled

St. Thomas More, Rochester— All are invited to a St. Patrick's Day party sponsored by the Margaret Roper Guild on Saturday, March 15, at 8:30 p.m., in the school gym at 2617 East Ave. Irish-style music, including that of a championship fiddler, will be provided by the Ira Shmedley Band. Irish coffee and other refreshments will be available. A $5 admission is payable at the door. For more information, call (716)288-8649.

Holy Shroud of Turin

St. John the Evangelist, Rochester— Parishioners are cordially invited to attend an evening with Fr. Val Welker of the Buffalo Diocese, who will make a presentation on the Passion of Jesus according to the Holy Shroud of Turin. The two-hour multi-media presentation will take place on Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the church, located at 2400 Ridge Rd. West. Call (716)482-6211.

Eucharistic Scripture

Holy Name of Jesus, Rochester— Scripture and prayer on the Eucharist will be offered on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 on April 10, 17, 24, and on May 1 and 8. There is a fee of $10 per person, and participants will receive 10 credit hours in the Sacraments. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 2.

Christian Moral Life

St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester — A five-part series on Christian moral life and social justice will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., April 8 to May 6. There is a fee of $5 per person, and participants will earn 10 credit hours in Christian moral life.

Southern Tier

Shroud-Student to Lecture

St. Mary, Corning— Father Vincent J. Donovan, St. Pius X in Syracuse, will present an up-to-date, illustrated lecture on the Holy Shroud of Turin on Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the school at St. Mary's Church, State Street in Corning.

Father Donovan has been a student of the Holy Shroud for more than 35 years. He has participated in the International Congress of Scientists and Scholars, where he had the opportunity to listen to and visit with Shroud experts from Europe and America. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Bishop to Celebrate Mass

St. Patrick, Elmira— Most Reverend Joseph L. Hogan, S.T.D., retired Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, will be the main concelebrant and preacher of a St. Patrick's Day Mass, on Monday, March 17, at 11 a.m. The Mass will be held in the church, 604 Park Place, Elmira. Ceremonies will be concelebrated by priests of the Elmira-Corning area. Students of the junior high school will participate, and the Hibernians will provide the Honor Guard, while singing of traditional Irish hymns will be directed by organist Elizabeth Bacon.

Cheerleading Tournament

St. Mary, Elmira— The CYO A-League cheerleaders took first place in the annual Allie Quatrano Memorial Cheerleading Tournament. The B-League captured the second spot. The parish would like to thank coaches Lisa Haag, Carrie Collins and Patty Glover as well as advisor Marilyn Dalton for their hard work. Congratulations to both squads.

Christian Parenting Clinic

St. Mary, Corning— The parish is offering sessions on Christian parenting on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:45, April 29 and May 6, 13, and 20. A book entitled *Traits of a Healthy Family* by D. Curran is required. There is a fee of $10 per person and a $6 book fee. Participants will receive 10 credit hours. Registration deadline is Monday, April 21.

St. Paul Writings Reviewed

St. Patrick, Corning— Christology in the writings of St. Paul will be offered on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 on March 3, 10, 17, 24. There is a fee of $10 per person, and participants will receive 10 credit hours in scripture.

Finger Lakes

Acts of the Apostles

Holy Cross, Dryden— The parish is offering a series on Acts of the Apostles on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. The sessions are April 9, 16, 23 and 30, and May 7. A book, *The Church the Apostles Left Behind*, by Raymond Brown, is required. There is a fee of $10 per person and a $6 book fee. Participants will receive 10 credit hours in church or scripture. Registration deadline is April 1.

Prayer Themes Discussed

St. John, Clyde— Themes of prayer will be discussed on Friday, March 14, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is a fee of $10 per person, and participants will receive 10 credit hours. Participants are asked to bring a lunch; beverage will be provided.

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