

Parish Notes

Genesee Valley

Parish tea dance returns to raise class-trip funds

St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester— This year's April tea dances will be held on Sundays, April 13, 20 and 27, from 3-6 p.m., in the school hall, 41 Colebrook Dr., Rochester. Money raised through the tea dances will help fund the Class of '86 bus trip to Washington, D.C., this May.

For these special occasions, the hall will be transformed into a genteel tea room where all are welcome to socialize and dance. Memorable music from the 1920s, along with the softer sounds of the '80s, will entertain listeners and dancers alike.

Admission to each dance will be \$3. Babysitting services will be provided at the rate of \$1 per hour for those children not old enough to participate in the events. The admission fee enables each attendee to receive a special "dessert of the week"—the first week's dessert will be a "Viennese Ice Cream Puff with Chocolate Sauce"—plus coffee, tea or fruit-juice spritzer.

Tickets for the tea dances must be purchased in advance, by calling school

Ancient Tenebrae Service depicts Jesus' last days

St. Christopher, North Chili— St. Christopher parish will hold a Tenebrae service, a traditional celebration which dates back to the early years of the Church, on Passion Sunday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. The story of Jesus' last few days on earth in human form is presented in this service, which utilizes both scripture and music. Derived from the Latin word meaning "shadows," the Tenebrae illustrates the flight of the disciples and the approaching crucifix through the extinguishing of candles and dimming of lights. Light returns at the end of the service to symbolize Christ's resurrection. All are invited to join in prayer and reflection to mark the beginning of the celebration of Holy Week.

Corning YMCA program lands Celtics' chaplain

William Alexson, chaplain for the Boston Celtics basketball team, will speak at a Corning Community YMCA family program on Saturday, March 22. The lecture, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., will explore the problems faced today by young people who adhere to a strong faith.

Alexson will show a 30-minute videotape featuring former Celtic great John Havlicek as host, and Alexson interviewing basketball stars Julius Erving, M.L. Carr, Kevin

Alumni Mass at McQuaid

The annual Alumni Family Mass will be held at McQuaid Jesuit High School on Sunday, March 23, at 11:30 a.m. The principal celebrant of the Mass, to be held in the school cafeteria, will be Father William O'Malley, S.J. McQuaid alumni. Families of alumni are cordially invited to attend.

secretary Rose-Brady at (716)342-1401, Mary Vascukynas at 342-9512, or Alice Crowley at 266-2943.

Tickets may be obtained by mail, by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a check covering the number of tickets needed, to: April Tea Dances, c/o Kathleen C. Francis, 109 Kenmore Lane, Rochester, N.Y. 14617. Checks should be made out to St. Thomas the Apostle School. All mail requests must include the date or dates for which tickets are desired. For more information, call (716)325-4903.

Good Friday Prayer Service

St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester— The parish will hold a Good Friday service in the church, 3003 Dewey Ave. at Maiden Lane, Rochester, on March 28 at 1 p.m. Part of the service will consist of the church's 50-voice choir presenting the cantata, "The Seven Last Words," by Theodore DuBois, and other music reflecting the season's deep meaning. Soloists will be Maureen Callan, soprano, Robert Studley, tenor, and Peter Bianchi, bass. Accompanist is Marsha Sheremeta, while Ralph Zecchino is directing the choir. All are welcome to attend and participate.

Committee hopes census creates better understanding

Most Precious Blood, Rochester— Chairperson Madeline Pezzulo and a committee of 12 from Most Precious Blood parish are preparing a census to obtain a better understanding of fellow Christians within the parish. The campaign's theme is "Because We Care," and it will be assisted by Father Peter Bayer of the Diocesan Office of Planning. The committee will start compiling data the weekend of April 20. The last parish census was taken in 1976.

McHale and Gerald Henderson, among others. These sports personalities will share inspirational moments in their lives when God has helped them to attain their goals.

After the video presentation, Alexson and possibly a professional athlete will discuss their personal experiences.

Tickets are \$3 per person, while children under seven years old can attend free.

'Beginning Experience'

A weekend program designed to give hope to all those who are suffering grief through loss will be held March 21-23. The program, entitled Beginning Experience Weekend, begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and ends at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The program will be held at Camp Stella Maris, 3052 W. Lake Rd., Livonia. The purpose of the weekend is to create an environment in which bereaved

More than 140 businesses contribute to annual auction

St. Margaret Mary, Rochester— An auction of new merchandise and services by more than 140 local businesses will highlight

the fourth annual St. Margaret Mary School Auction '86, to be held on Saturday, March 22, from 6 p.m. until the last item is sold. Refreshments will be available for patrons of the auction. Money raised from the benefit will be used to purchase additional teaching material for students. The auction is free and open to the public. For more information, call (716)338-3898 or (716)266-0908.

Xavier Club reunion slated

Holy Cross, Rochester— A reunion of the Xavier Club of Holy Cross parish, a popular young-adult group of more than 150 members back in the 1950s, will be held in the St. John the Evangelist Parish Center in Greece on April 11. The club provided several years of social, religious and service activities for all its area members. Father John O'Malley, former moderator of the club and now retired, will be on hand to welcome former members and friends. At 6:30 p.m., Father O'Malley will celebrate Mass, which will be followed by a social hour and dinner. The cost is \$12 per person. For more information, contact Mary at (716)544-8480, Tom at (716)227-3088, or Ron at (716)225-3092, before April 6.

Good Friday Blood Bank

Good Shepherd, Henrietta— The parish is sponsoring its annual Good Friday Blood Bank Drive on Friday, March 28, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The drive will take place in the church gym, 3264 E. Henrietta Rd., Henrietta. Those who wish to donate blood must be in good health, 17 years of age, and weigh at least 110 lbs. One hour of time and one pint of blood may save a life.

Southern Tier

Theology Sessions Set

St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin— Narrative theology sessions will be held on Friday, April 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and

Parish Rummage Sale

Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira— A rummage sale, sponsored by the Rosary-Altar Society, will be held on Friday, April 4, in the church hall. Rummage donations may be left in the hall. Those interested in helping set-up the night before or on the day of the sale, should call the Parish Office to volunteer. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Finger Lakes

The Living Way of the Cross

St. Stephen, Geneva— The church will host the fifth annual "The Living Way of the Cross," on Good Friday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. The church is located on the corner of

Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$10 per person, and class members will receive eight credit hours. Participants are asked to bring a lunch; beverage will be provided. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 16.

Annual Easter bake sale set

St. Pius, Van Etten— The annual Easter bake sale sponsored by the church will be held on Friday, March 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Tioga State Bank, Spencer, New York. There will be a dinner served at the end of the sale.

Christian Hope Sessions

St. Mary, Auburn— Sessions on Christian hope will be held in the school on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 on April 16, 23, and 30. There is a fee of \$10 per person, and

High and Pulteney Streets. This year's dramatization is directed and narrated by Kay Lannon. All are invited to attend.

participants will receive five credit hours in scripture. Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 8.

persons can come together in a caring and supportive atmosphere to reevaluate their lives. Call (716)454-7650 or (315)789-2686 for more information and an application.

Nazareth College presents 'Godspell' this weekend

The Nazareth College Theater Department and Drama Club will present "Godspell" this Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m. in the Arts Center.

"Godspell" is a joyous musical celebration of the New Testament of St. Matthew. The show is directed by Joseph Baranowski, with Sister Barbara Staropoli as music director, Marilyn Allen as choreographer, and Bonita Stubblefield as designer of sets and costumes. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for college students and \$3 for senior citizens. Nazareth students can attend free.

Swim-A-Thon will help

As part of its effort to send financially strapped children and young adults to camp this summer, Camp Stella Maris (CSM) will conduct a swim-a-thon on Friday, March 21, at East Rochester High School. Former campers, CSM staff and others will participate in the event which begins at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from the fund raiser will be applied to CSM's campership fund, which provides financial assistance to children with demonstrable need.

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