

# Parish Notes

## Genesee Valley

### 'Favorite Desserts' sweeten tea dance finale

**St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester** — A dessert table overflowing with "Our Grandmothers' Favorite Desserts" will be the featured attraction at the third and final April Tea Dance at St. Thomas the Apostle School, Sunday, April 27, from 3-6 p.m.

Nijole Draugelis, mother of Ginta Draugelis, one of 21 eighth graders sponsoring the series of spring tea dances, is coordinating the presentation of desserts that reflect the ethnic backgrounds of the Class of '86.

Anyone who attended the first two tea dances, knows that the St. Thomas School Hall has been transformed into a "Tea Room" with the use of huge pink daffodils, rich pink balloons and emerald green rib-

bons. A multi-faceted mirror ball and lights contribute to the glitter of indoor "starlight." Real linen table cloths, china and utensils, and flattering pink candlelight complete the fantasy.

Kathleen C. Francis, coordinator of the fund-raising events, emphasizes that the dances are open to people of all ages — singles, couples and families, too. Advance tickets may be obtained by calling or dropping by the school at 41 Colebrook Dr., Rochester. St. Thomas parishioners Alice Crowley, Mary Vascukynas and Rose Brady, as well as Francis, are selling tickets — as are all 21 St. Thomas the Apostle School eighth-graders.

### Parish plans Installation dinner, reunion

**Holy Family, Rochester** — The Rosary Society of the parish will meet on Wednesday, May 14, for the Installation dinner, in the Recreation Hall at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$3.50. Reservations, which have to be made by Sunday, May 11, can be made by calling (716)235-3136.

The church is also planning a parish reunion on Sunday, May 25, for present and former parishioners, as well as graduates and their spouses, family and friends. There will be a Mass at the church, 415 Ames St., Rochester, at 2 p.m., followed by an Open House in the school at 3:15 p.m. The gala will then move to the Mapledale Party House for cocktails at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at

6 p.m. The deadline for reservations is May 10. Call the rectory at (716)328-3110 for reservation forms.

### Census is 'Reaching Out'

**St. Christopher, North Chili** — The theme of the Visitation Program (census) of St. Christopher Church this Sunday afternoon is "Reaching Out."

The goal of this house-to-house visitations within the parish boundaries is to update the number of Catholics within the parish. The information gathered will assist the parish staff and lay leadership in determining parishioners present needs, and planning for the future.

## Finger Lakes

### School offers timely program on child safety

**St. Patrick, Seneca Falls** — The St. Patrick School will host its annual Child Protection Week from April 28 through May 2.

On April 29, at 9 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m., the Seneca Falls Police Department will conduct finger printing sessions, and videotaping services in the school auditorium, located at 81 W. Bayard St.

Throughout the week grades pre-school through eighth will view safety films and tapes.

St. Patrick School, in conjunction with the Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW) of Seneca Falls, will be co-sponsoring an evening Child Abduction Awareness Program for adults on May 1 at 7 p.m. in the school. Guest speakers will include Assemblyman Michael Nozzolio, and Sergeant Fred Buck of the Seneca Falls Police Department. The program will also

consist of a slide presentation showing the actual enticement techniques used by convicted child molesters. During the program, safety ideas aimed at both preventing abduction, and heightening public awareness will be discussed. A question and answer period will follow. The evening program is open to the public.

### Dinner to aid school projects

**St. Mary, Auburn** — The St. Mary's Home School will hold a dinner in the school cafeteria, located at 17 Clymer Street, on May 18, from noon-3 p.m. The menu will include ziti with meatballs, chef salad, bread, dessert, and coffee or tea. The funds raised from the dinner will be used to further Home School projects. For more information, call (315)253-3475.

### Local counselor gives lecture on step-parenting

**Corpus Christi, Rochester** — Dr. Dennis Boike, a well-known marriage and family counselor in Rochester, will speak on the topic "Step-Parenting: Myths and Realities," on May 13, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Boike's lecture, which will be held in the Church Hall, 864 E. Main St., Rochester, will address the many problems faced by children and parents when two families are divided and then united. Topics such as shared time, differing rules and expectations, images of a "wicked" stepmother, and mixed feelings of love and resentment will be included in the discussion. A \$5 donation will be requested at the door. The presentation is open to the public. For more information, call (716)325-2424.

Father James B. Callan would also like to remind parishioners that the Ascension Thursday Mass on May 8, will be celebrated

at the New Home for the Homeless at 102 N. Union St. It is traditional to have the Thursday night Mass celebrated at the location of the newest parish project under construction. The 6 p.m. Mass will be followed by a dish to pass supper.

### Paper drive this weekend

**St. Helen, Rochester** — Boy Scout Troop #157 of St. Helen's Parish will be holding a paper drive on April 26 and 27. A trailer will be parked in a lot across from the Church on Renout Drive to receive all bundled papers. The Scouts will be working on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 27 from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Scouts ask that papers (newspapers only, no magazines) be tied and bundled, or put in grocery bags.

### Sacred Heart Rosary Guild schedules annual banquet

**Sacred Heart, Rochester** — The annual banquet of the Sacred Heart Rosary Guild is scheduled for Monday, May 12, at the Lakeshore Country Club, 1165 Greenleaf Rd., Rochester. Father Kevin McKenna, Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester, is scheduled to speak.

Dinner entree choices such as filet of sole, roast sirloin of beef, or boneless stuffed

breast of chicken, are each available for a \$10.50 offering. For tickets, contact one of the following: Banquet Chairperson Peggy Best, (716)647-9758; Sandy Campbell, (716)458-8716; or Mary Ann D'Urbano, (716)254-5285. Tickets are also available at the rectory, located at 296 Flower City Park. Deadline for tickets is May 8.

### Men's Club gives scoop on annual ice cream social in May

**St. Ambrose, Rochester** — The Men's Club of St. Ambrose Church will be holding their annual ice cream social on Friday, May 9, from 6-9 p.m. In the past, this event has proved to be a fun event for both children and adults within the parish.

Due to a better economic situation, the

sundaes will be bigger and cost less than in years past. Sundaes will cost 99¢, compared with the \$1.25 charged last year.

Live entertainment will be provided throughout the evening. Funds raised through this event are earmarked for a parish need. Reserve the date now.

## Southern Tier

### Church plans Communion breakfast, 'Festival '86'

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira** — The annual Communion breakfast of the church's Rosary-Altar Society will be held on Sunday, May 4, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Holiday Inn in downtown Elmira. The cost is \$5 per person. For reservations, call the Parish Office at (607)732-6261.

Plans are now underway for "Festival '86 Weekend," which will be held on Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15. For cake buffs, the Cake Booth will be chaired by Rita Wayne. Her freezer is capable of keeping all kinds of "goodies" fresh until the big day, so bakers are asked to call her at (607)733-6225.

Botanists within the parish are encouraged to start their cuttings now. Plants may be dropped off in the back of the Convent, 304 Demarest Pkwy., after June 1.

Florence Marino will be in charge of the craft booth. Anything from fabric to wood

creations will be greatly appreciated. She can be reached at (607)732-4796. Chairpeople Sue and Bill Bullock, as well as Co-Chairpeople Marilyn and John Cain, want to make this year's gala the best time yet. Don't wait to be asked to volunteer — call today.

### Co-ed softball teams forming

**St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca** — Once again, co-ed softball teams for ages high school and above are forming. The first practice and formation will be on Tuesday, April 29, at 7 p.m. on the parish grounds. Those interested in playing this year can either call (607)257-2581, evenings, or use the sign-up sheets on the tables at the entrance of the church. All parishioners are encouraged to come out and play ball, and enjoy the fellowship.

### Census '86 will better enable church to serve parish needs

**St. James, Waverly** — The parish will canvas every home within its geographical boundaries in conducting its upcoming census, entitled "Census '86." The homes in the Village of Waverly will be covered on Sunday, April 27, between 1:30-5 p.m. Father Edward Foy, pastor of St. James Church, asks that all parishioners have

someone home during those hours. A census of the Chemung, Lockwood and Barton areas, which began two weeks ago, will conclude this weekend.

The purpose of the census, which will use more than 100 field workers, is to seek out all baptized Catholics, and to gather statistics that will better enable the church to serve the people of it parish. The census, which will be totally computerized, is a Parish Council sponsored project.

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