

# Parish Notes

## Genesee Valley

### Rock out at annual sock hop at St. Margaret Mary's gym

**St. Margaret Mary's, West Irondequoit** — Golden oldies fans won't want to miss St. Margaret Mary's upcoming Sock Hop, slated for Friday, May 9, at 8 p.m. in the school gym. Sponsored by the Home School Association of the parish, the dance will raise money to purchase needed items for the school.

Playing oldies from the '60s and '70s will be "Cardinal Scungilli's Screamin' Seagull All-Star Revue." The band, which has appeared at many benefits in the Rochester area, has expanded this year, adding a

five-member horn section.

Special guest stars will be Bob D'Andrea, a former member of the Rustix, and Phylliss Parker-Steele, most recently lead singer of "The Sweethearts" and once the opening act for Chuck Berry, Bobby Rydell and Fabian.

The donation is \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door, if any tickets remain. For tickets, contact Tom O'Neil, 107 Somershire Dr., Rochester, N.Y. 14617. Those attending must be 21 or over. For further information, call Tom O'Neil, (716)266-2491.

### Fashion lecture featured at Rosary Society meeting

**Our Lady of Mercy, Greece** — Thelma Robde, professional charm instructor and model, will be the featured speaker at a meeting of the Rosary Society, to be held Monday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Prayer

Room of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Robde's fashion presentation will center around a basic dress. Refreshments will be served. All members of the parish are welcome to attend and bring a friend.

### Pro-life march scheduled to celebrate Mother's Day

**St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit** — A county-wide Mother's Day march to support the cause of the unborn is planned Saturday, May 10, in downtown Rochester.

Participants of all ages will gather at Our Lady of Victory Church, 210 Pleasant Street, for an ecumenical prayer service. Afterward, they will march to the Liberty Pole, where three winners of a pro-life essay contest will be announced. Guest speakers and the dedication of a wreath to the 20 million lives lost to abortion will also be featured.

Sponsors of the march include: the Pro-life Group of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Women Exploited by Abortion (WEBA), and the Genesee Valley Office of Social Ministry.



Preparing for the Mother's Day March are two of the youngest pro-lifers from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Luke and Jarod Gabello.

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### Married couples renew vows at special St. Francis Mass

**St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester** — Married couples renewed their matrimonial vows in a special Mass held Sunday, April 20, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 77 Whitney St. A capacity crowd of 300 filled the church to witness the reaffirmation of the bonds of matrimony by approximately 80 couples.

Father Dennis Shaw celebrated the bilingual Mass, which included passages and readings that emphasized love, fidelity and trust. Both readings and homily were spoken in Spanish and English. A letter of congratulations from Bishop Matthew H. Clark

was read to the congregation during the service.

During a reception in the parish hall following the ceremony, former parishioners married at St. Francis over the years reminisced with current parishioners. Special honors were bestowed on John and Caterina Lucci of Orange St., who were married 70 years ago. They were presented with a boutonniere and a bouquet of flowers by Maurizio and Mary Piccone, who were married at St. Francis last summer.

### All-night vigil slated in reparation for sins

**Guardian Angels, Henrietta** — An all-night vigil will be held from Friday, June 6, at 10 p.m. through Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m. in the church at 2061 East Henrietta Rd. The vigil, which marks the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday, will be offered in reparation for sins.

A program of prayer, scripture readings and visual aids will focus on devotions to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Along with coffee and donuts, bread and water will be available for those who would like to fast on them throughout the 12 hours of the vigil.

The church will be open all night, and participants may choose the hours they wish to attend. The vigil will conclude with a 9 a.m. Mass and First Saturday Devotions at 9:30 a.m. For further information, contact Cathy Weston, (716)334-0125.

### Women's club card party will benefit church, school

**St. Philip Neri, Rochester** — A card party will be sponsored by St. Philip Neri's Women's Club, for the benefit of the parish school and church. The event will be held Tuesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the school

hall at 1772 Clifford Ave. Refreshments and prizes will round out the evening's agenda. Contact Santa Meloni, (716)482-9991, for tickets, or call the rectory, 482-2400.

### Rosary Guild installation at Christ the King's banquet

**Christ the King, Rochester** — The Rosary Guild Installation Banquet will be held this year on Monday, May 19, 6 p.m., at

Crescent Beach Hotel on Edgemere Dr. New officers for the coming year will be: Bernadette Weaver, president; Pat Slick, vice president; Teresa Hinchcliff, treasurer; and Maryjean Herberger, secretary.

### Spring arts and crafts show

**Mother of Sorrows, Rochester** — Bring a little bit of spring into your home or purchase the perfect Mother's Day gift at Mother of Sorrows' Arts and Crafts Show, to be held this year on Saturday, May 3. The all-day event will take place in the church at 5000 Mt. Read Blvd., from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

### Liturgy committees to meet

**St. Anne's, Rochester** — Liturgy committee chairpersons and other interested persons are invited to the second southeast regional meeting Tuesday, May 6, at St. Anne's. Participants will gather in St. Anne's Room from 7:30-9:30 p.m. to discuss topics of their choice.

## Southern Tier

### Parish plans men's retreat weekend at Notre Dame

**St. Patrick, Corning** — Men are invited to make reservations for the parish men's retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, Friday through Sunday, May 30-June 1. For more information or reservations, contact Father Davis, (607)962-6814, or Tom Frank, 962-0380.

### Dish-to-share scheduled by parish committees

**St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca** — Anyone interested in learning more about the work of the parish's Human Development and Social Ministry committees is invited to a dish-to-share supper Thursday, May 8.

Bring your questions, ideas and concerns to the parish center after the 5:30 p.m. Holy Day Mass.

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### Annual breakfast organized by Catholic Daughters court

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport** — The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #931, plans its annual Communion Breakfast Sunday, May 4, after the 10 a.m. Mass. Call ((716)637-5151 or 637-3821 after 5 p.m. for reservations.

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