

Genesee Valley

Parishioners, communicants pair in Prayer partner program

St. Mary's Rochester - When the nine second graders in St. Mary's First Communion class receive that sacrament in services Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, it will be with the knowledge that they are supported not only by their families, but also by several members of the parish at large. Each of the nine First Communion candidates has had at least three

Summer day-camp program being offered at Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi, Rochester — Registration for the Child Care Day Camp Program is now underway. The program will include weekly trips to parks, playgrounds and museums. Daily activities will include prayer, cooperative games, puppetry, music, writing, and arts and crafts. Parents may enroll children for any number of weeks, and the fee is \$50 per week. Sessions will run from June 23 to August 22. Call (716) 546-8787 to register and for infor-

Father James Callan also reminds parishioners that the Thursday night Mass on the Feast of the Ascension, May 8, will be at the New Home for the Homeless, 102 N. Union St., not in the church. It will begin at 6 p.m. (not 7 p.m.), and since it will be outdoors, parishioners should bring lawn chairs. Remember also to bring a dish to pass for the Open House Party following Mass.

Semi-annual paper drive at St. Joseph's, Penfield

St. Joseph, Penfield - Boy Scout Troop #260 will conduct its semi-annual paper drive on Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, May. 18, 8 a.m. 2 p.m. Papers may be dropped off in the church parking lot, 43 Gebhardt Road. For large pick-ups, call Paul Schmidt at (716) 586-3213, and a truck will be dispatched.

Prayer Partners throughout his or her preparation to receive the sacrament.

According to Sue Clifford, education coordinator at St. Mary's, Prayer Partners have made commitments to remember in prayer specific First Communion candidates and their families during the period of preparation. The more than 30 Prayer Partners, assigned to the children by Clifford, will attend the First Communion celebration. Most of the First Communion candidates will meet their Prayer Partners for the first time at a reception following the May 11 service.

The Prayer Partner program is "an excellent way of involving intergenerational members of the parish," Clifford says. "It's a good way for seniors to be involved in parish life ... and often precipitates a bond of friendship.

"It gives people not able to be active in the parish family a sense of being important to a child and his family." In another way, Clifford continues, "It's a big responsibility for a family to prepare a child for a sacrament. The nourishment and support of a Prayer Partner can be very helpful!"

Church concert features renowned organist

St. Leo, Hilton - A free organ concert featuring world-renowned organist Carlo Curley will be held in the church, 167 Lake Ave., Hilton, on Sunday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Curley has performed throughout Europe, and his current season includes concerts in Toronto, San Diego, New York and Boston, among other cities. Later this year, he will be going to Japan for another extended tour. National music publications have dubbed Curley "The Pavarotti of the organ" - high praise for a performing musician in his early 30s.

This concert is free and open to the public, and all are invited to a reception in the school hall. For information, call (716) 392-2429.

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St. Boniface Church begins 125th anniversary celebration

St. Boniface, Rochester — Former sisters and priest assistants who have served at St. Boniface Parish, as well as those from the parish who have gone into the priesthood, have been invited to a special liturgy on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. The liturgy, which is one of two major events being planned to commemorate the church's 125th anniversary, will be followed by a reception in the school.

The highlight of the gala will be Saturday, June 7, when a special liturgy is planned for the church at 5 p.m. The service will be followed by a social hour (cash bar) from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and dinner afterward.

The social hour and dinner will be at the Mapledale Party House. The cost is \$12.50 per

person, and reservations may be made by calling St. Boniface rectory, (716) 473-4271. The deadline for reservations is May 25.

Novena to pray for peace

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester -A novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help began at the church, on Joseph Avenue, on Monday evening, April 28 at 7 p.m., and will continue every Monday evening through June 23. All are invited to attend and pray for peace, an end to world terrorism and personal

Parishioners are also reminded that the Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be celebrated on Friday, June 27, at 7 p.m.

Finger Lakes

Student Exchange Program needs parish cooperation

St. Patrick, Aurora - Intercambio, a student exchange program, invites parish families to experience the joy of Christian brotherhood by sharing their homes with students from Mexico, ages 10-17. The students will arrive the end of June and stay for a period of eight weeks.

Host families provides food and shelter; Mexican students bring their own spending money. Please call a local representative of Intercambio (collect) at (716) 385-1594, or call a toll free number at 1-800-437-4170 for information.

Long-awaited parish center to be completed soon

St. Mary, Geneseo — A groundbreaking ceremony for the new parish center was held April 6 in Geneseo. Work began on the project the very next day. Father William Gordinier, pastor of St. Mary's Church, said the target date for completion of the building is September 12, but "there is a very good possibility that things should be wrapped up by August 1." The total cost should be in the neighborhood of \$400,000, including furnishings and equipment.

Bishop Hickey to speak at anniversary banquet

St. James, Waverly — The church's Altar and Rosary Society will be celebrating its

100th anniversary banquet on May 29, at the O'Brien Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will be the featured speaker at the celebration. A Mass at 5:30 p.m. will precede the dinner.

Southern Tier

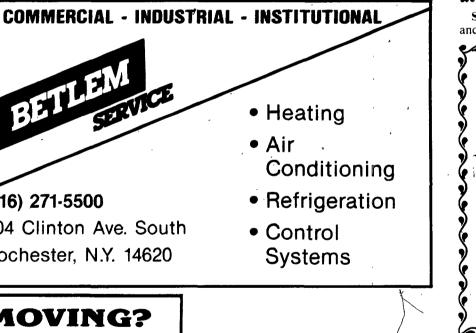
Church plans men's retreat in Canandaigua this month

St. Patrick, Corning — The church is holding a men's retreat on May 30, 31, and June 1, at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, Contact Father Davis at (607) 962-6814 or call 962-0380 if you are interested in going.

The parish is also accepting bids on the sale of a snowblower. Submit bids (marked snowblower) to parish office by May 31. The snowblower is an Ariens 5 HP - 24" wide, and has an appraised value at \$300. The machine will be on display at the church on May 10 at 4 p.m.

New bumper stickers needed for festival

Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira — If anyone has a car headliner from last year's Festival '86 celebration, please return it to the Parish Office so new bumper stickers can be ordered for them. There will be lists in the church for volunteers for both this year's auction and Festival.



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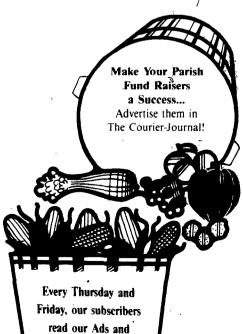
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