

Parish Notes

Genesee Valley

Novena prepares parishioners for upcoming patronal feast

St. Anne, Rochester — One of the highlights of the year at St. Anne's is the summer novena in preparation for the July 26 feast of St. Anne. Many Rochesterians join St. Anne's parishioners every year in these evenings of prayer and petition to the mother of Mary.

This year the parish is looking forward to another retreat-style novena with the theme "An Adult Faith for the Kingdom." The guest speaker will be Father Gregory Battafarano, O. Carm., who is retreat director at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The novena will open with a 7:30 p.m. Mass on Friday, July 18, at the church, 1600 Mt.

Widows' group schedules tour of Sonnenberg Gardens

Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport — The church's Widows' Group has planned an afternoon tour of Canandaigua's

'Summer Fun in the Sun' gala

Ss. Peter and Paul, Rochester — The Summer Fun in the Sun program at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 720 W. Main St., Rochester, continues through Saturday, July 25.

Call (716) 436-3883 or 436-3110 for information.

Hope Ave. Monsignor William M. Roche will speak on "The Concept of the Kingdom." Father Battafarano will speak at the novena services beginning on Saturday, July 19.

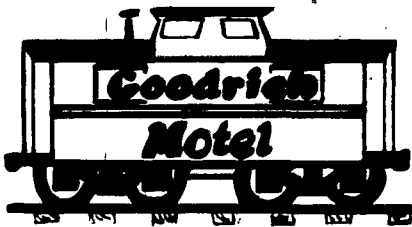
The novena will include a Mass, evening prayer, benediction and a penance service. The services will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

The closing service of the novena on Saturday, July 26 — the Feast of St. Anne — will be held at the 5:15 p.m. Mass. Following the Mass, parishioners and friends who have attended the novena are invited to a chicken barbecue to celebrate the feast day. Reservations and tickets must be purchased in advance. The cost for adults is \$3.75, and \$2 for children under 12. The maximum cost for families is \$15. Tickets will be available at the novena.

Priest returns from Ethiopia to celebrate silver jubilee

St. Boniface, Rochester — Father Thomas Fitzpatrick, SJ, will return to his home parish of St. Boniface to celebrate 25 years of ordination. He will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving this Sunday, July 20, at 10 a.m.

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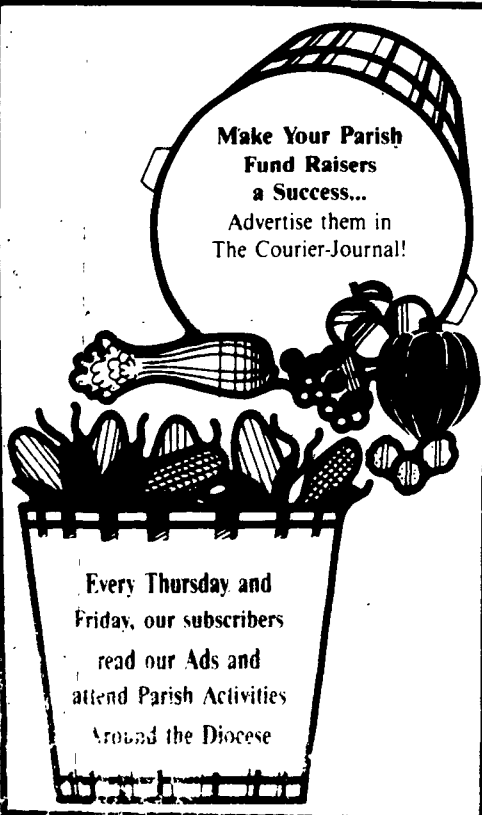
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Southern Tier

Cornell grad needs apartment; Hibernians form new chapter

Immaculate Conception, Ithaca — An apartment or room and study for a Cornell graduate student from Fairbanks, Alaska, is needed beginning this fall. Please contact Ed Merdes, P.O. Box 910, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707, or call (907) 457-2029.

Ithaca parish needs drivers for Gad-A-Bout bus service

St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca — Seven parishioners expressed interest in using a Gad-A-Bout bus for transportation to Mass on Sundays and Holy days. The church is now seeking four or five drivers from the parish who are willing to drive once a month. Interested drivers must take the six-hour course which is

Vacation Bible School set

St. Patrick, Corning — Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 21 to July 25. The theme of this year's program is "Jesus Teaches Us." Classes will run for children in preschool (age 4) through the ninth grade, starting at 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

The annual parish picnic, scheduled for July 27, at Denison Park's Pool Pavilion, is approaching. There will be plenty of games, fun and good food for all. Parishioners willing to play musical instruments at the picnic should indicate this information at registration. Registration for the picnic is essential so that an adequate amount of food will be available.

Finger Lakes

Sunday evening devotions to continue through October

St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn — To encourage devotion to Our Lady, the rosary is recited at 8:15 p.m. each Sunday at the Marian Shrine next to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 185 Clark St., Auburn. Devotions consist of a reading of one of the apparitions of Mary

to the children at Fatima, recitation of the rosary and the singing of two Marian hymns. This usually lasts about 30 minutes.

All are welcome, and a special invitation is extended to the Legion of Mary and other Marian society members to join in these devotions, which will continue every Sunday evening through October. In case of rain, they will be held in the church. Please feel free to bring a chair.

Picnic at Frontenac Park set for cluster parishes, visitors

Cayuga Team Ministry — The Joint Four Church and Visitors' picnic is scheduled for this Sunday, July 20, at Frontenac Park in Union Springs. The picnic will begin at 1 p.m., and food will be served at 2 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs for yourselves and a dish-to-pass to serve 10 people. Table service, meat and beverage will be provided.

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