

Parish Notes

Genesee Valley

Mexican priest joins parish; church sets anniversary picnic

Corpus Christi, Rochester — The parish is happy to welcome Father Enrique Cadena to Corpus Christi for the next two years. Father Cadena, who hails from Mexico City, will be working with Hispanic members of the parish while pursuing a degree in pastoral counseling at Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

During his stay, Father Cadena will need a

Fairport parish schedules 'At Home Retreat' for fall

Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport — An "At Home Retreat" will be offered for a limited number of married women on Wednesday mornings, from 9:30-11:30, beginning September 17. The program, which is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, consists of 13 weekly, two-hour sessions in the homes of participants.

For more information, contact Sister Anna Louise Straub at (716)586-8291, 271-8755 or 436-1284.

Picnic set for Ellison Park; trip to Letchworth planned

Blessed Sacrament, Rochester — The annual parish picnic is set for July 27 at Ellison Park's North Lodge, Blossom and North Landing roads. Tickets for the picnic are \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Hot dogs, hamburgers and pop will be provided. Picnickers are asked to bring dishes to pass if possible. Call the rectory, (716)271-7240 to arrange for rides if needed.

The bus trip to Letchworth Park is scheduled for August 19. Passengers will board the bus at 9:15 a.m. in the church parking lot, Oxford Street at Monroe Avenue. The bus will return to the parking lot at approximately 5:30 p.m. The bus ride is free.

While at Letchworth, some parishioners will stop for lunch at the Glen Iris Inn. Those interested in the luncheon will pay for their

Finger Lakes

Excursion to Darien Lake set for all interested teenagers

St. Mary, Auburn — On Monday, July 28, St. Mary's Church in Auburn is sponsoring a bus trip to Darien Lake for all interested teens. The cost is \$18, which includes an all day pass for rides and transportation. Departure from St. Mary's is 8:30 a.m., with a return trip at 9:30 p.m. For information or reservations, contact Father Dave Faraone at (315)252-9545.

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car. Anyone who has an old car for Father Cadena to use should call the rectory, (716)325-2424.

The parish invites everyone to a party in the park at the corner of Grand Avenue and Chamberlain Street on Friday, July 25, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Health Center and the 10th anniversary of the Eastside Senior Citizen Center. The picnic, which will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., includes entertainment, food and games.

The parish has had difficulty finding a location for mini-retreats for a variety of programs, including Comforting Ministry, the Supper Program volunteers, Hispanic days of prayer and staff overnights. Mike Krupiarz has been busy trying to organize a location for these events. He is looking for someone willing to make a donation of land. Parishioners who know of potential donors should contact Krupiarz.

The Single Adult Ministry retreat is scheduled for August 1 and 2 at Silver Lake. The cost is \$10, and those interested should sign up at the rectory.

own meals. Others may wish to bring lunches to eat in the park. Those planning to participate in the luncheon and/or bus trip are asked to make reservations by August 10. The bus will accommodate only 40 people.

The parish liturgy committee has elected officers for the coming year. The new chairwoman is Lynda Zukoski, and the new ministry coordinator is Carmen Grevell. Those interested in serving on the liturgy committee or as liturgical ministers may call (716)271-7302 or 271-5468.

Eighth graders visit Canada; Kindergartners host parents

St. Rita, Webster — St. Rita's eighth grade class recently ventured to Canada's Wonderland recently on a class trip.

Long lines for the park's rides didn't stop students from riding any of the rollercoasters, especially their favorite stand-up rollercoaster.

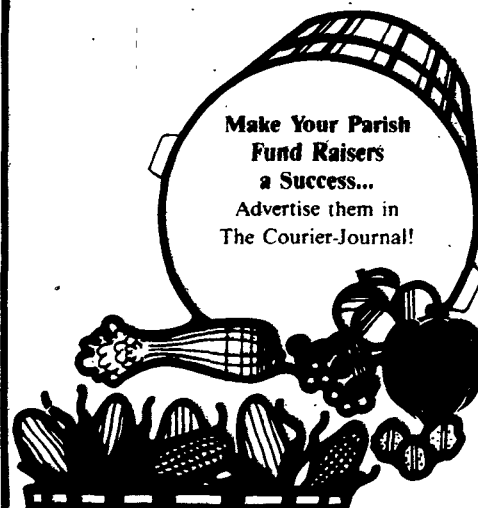
On the return trip, the bus stopped in Niagara Falls at Maple Leaf Village, where students shopped and enjoyed a beautiful view of the falls while eating dinner. The students were accompanied on the trip by Sister Katherine Anne, Sister Karlien Bach and several parents from the parish.

Parents Day for the kindergarten class at St. Rita's included songs such as "A Little White Duck," "Thank You Lord," "Six Little Ducks" and "I Am a Happy Musician." The children were directed by the students' music teacher, Betty Folger.

After diplomas and congratulations were given, students served their parents refreshments.

The program ended with a few words from Sister Katherine Anne Rappl, school principal.

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Church offers support programs for those hurt by partners

Most Precious Blood, Rochester — The parish is initiating a support program for people who have been hurt by learning that their partners are homosexual. The group is meeting regularly at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester. Meetings are scheduled for 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Call (716)964-3378 for information.

Another group is forming for people whose marriages dissolved as a result of their partners' alcoholism. To learn more about this group, call (716)621-1848.

Both groups will maintain confidentiality for their members. Those who know of people who could benefit from these support groups are asked to pass this information on. The parish reports that many people have failed to fill out census cards. Those who have yet to do so may go to the rectory Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They may also schedule evening ap-

pointments to complete the forms. Those who do fill out census cards will be contacted by telephone.

Father Donovan recovering, temporarily living at St. Ann's

St. Ambrose, Rochester — Father Joseph D. Donovan, who has been living at the parish in retirement, is recovering from surgery to remove a large, benign tumor from his lower spinal column. The tumor had caused numbness in his legs. Father is doing well, and doctors believe he will recover completely in a couple of months.

During his recovery, Father Donovan will reside at St. Ann's Home where he will receive physical therapy, and will then move to his brother's home to complete his convalescence. Father Donovan thanks parishioners for their concern, prayers and cards.

Red Cross asks donors to 'come out of your shell'

St. Ambrose, Rochester — St. Ambrose Church, 25 Empire Blvd., Rochester, will host a Red Cross blood drive Monday, August 4, from 1-7 p.m. in Dailey Hall. The collection goal for the drive is 100 points.

The date of the drive coincides with the first day of the Red Cross' annual summer blood-donor campaign, which runs from August 4 through September 5. The theme this year is, "Come out of your shell. Give blood this

summer!"

School recesses, summer vacations and plant closings all contribute to decreased blood collection during the summer months. The need for blood, however, remains constant.

Anyone who is at least 17 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good health is eligible to donate. For information on donating blood, call Red Cross at (716) 461-9800, ext. 240.

Southern Tier

Guides seek data on church to prepare for walking tour

Immaculate Conception, Ithaca — Father Donald J. Curtiss and Professor Mike Twomey of Ithaca College will be directing a walking tour of the church this August. They are now gathering material for the tour, and ask all parishioners who have detailed information about the windows, stations or stonework to contact Father Curtiss at (607)273-6121. The church bulletin will provide further details on the tour.

The next evening session for expectant parents and parents whose babies have not yet been baptized will be August 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Learning Center of the School. It

is to the couples' benefit to attend the session prior to the babies' birth. Please call the rectory, 273-6121, to register for the August session. Attendance by parents is necessary for baptism at Immaculate Conception.

Anyone who plays the organ and would be willing to substitute for the regular parish organist is asked to leave his or her name at the rectory.

The next pre-Cana session is scheduled for August 4 and 6 from 7-10 p.m. in Room 108 of the school. Couples planning to marry must attend pre-Cana and should do so as soon as their engagements are announced.

Community Pantry needs help; board ponders school's name

St. Patrick, Corning — The Community Pantry is desperately in need of volunteers to work from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Wednesday, and noon to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Without more volunteers, the church will have to consider cutting the pantry's hours. Those interested in volunteering should call Kay Mitchell, (607)962-3895, or the rectory, 962-6914. The Consolidated School Board is seeking suggestions for the new name of the consolidated school. A form will be available soon for parishioners to offer suggestions.

Anyone wishing to donate or sell a car to a teacher in the system is asked to call 936-9234.

Recycling day is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the east parking lot of the Methodist-Presbyterian Churches on North Hamilton Street in Painted Post. Volunteers will accept bundled

newspapers (no magazines, please) and all kinds of glass and aluminum containers. Proceeds from the collection will go to the Painted Post Food Pantry.

Until further notice, a portable bulletin board will be located in the former baptistry, off the Denison Parkway west vestibule. Parish Council news will be posted on this board.

Parish sets weekend retreat for those beginning new lives

St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca — A "Beginning Experience Weekend" has been set on August 15 and 16 for the widowed, divorced and separated. The program will be at the Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse. It is designed to help people who have lost spouses to move beyond pain to achieve new hope. For information, contact Kay at (607)836-6689.

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