

Parish Notes



Genesee Valley

Community picnic Mass slated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester — The parish has scheduled a community picnic and annual festival at St. Jude

St. Jude, Rochester — St. Jude's parish has scheduled its annual festival for September 12, 13 and 14. Highlighting this year's festival, which is expected to be the biggest and best yet, will be a "big auction" on Sunday at 1 p.m. Family dinners will also be served each night, including the traditional fish fry on Friday, a roast beef dinner on Saturday and a lasagna plate on Sunday. All dinners are \$4 each, with half-price for children under 12. Dinners will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 3 to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

In addition to the dinners, there will be hots, hamburgers, Italian sausage and more. The festival will also offer games and fun for all ages. Call (716) 247-5262 for information.

Mass for September 7. The day's events will begin with Mass at 12:15 p.m., followed by the picnic at St. Paul Exempt, 690 Thomas Ave., Rochester.

This year's activities should provide something to interest everyone. For those with a sweet tooth, there will be the annual baked goods auction. There are games, hayrides, golf and pony rides for children of all ages, and plenty of food — hots, hamburgers, popcorn, ice cream, pop and much more — for all to enjoy.

Father James L. Callan (pastor), Al Wilt (president of the parish council) and Patricia Grant (chairman for the picnic) among others, have been planning the picnic for several months.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in the 12:15 Mass and the rest of the day's festivities. A special welcome is extended to all past parishioners, pastors and assistant priests of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

For information call (716) 342-2323.

Chicken barbecue scheduled to offer fun for whole family

St. Joseph, Rush — The parish is having its annual chicken barbecue on September 6. Servings will be made from 4 to 8 p.m., with take-outs available. A home cooked meal, games, variety booth and flea market make this event fun for the whole family. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children. A Mass will be celebrated after the barbecue at 8:30 p.m. Call (716) 533-1491 for information.

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Southern Tier

New director of music named; festival set for September 5, 6

St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca — Father Michael Hogan, pastor, recently announced the appointment of John Stevenson as the new

director of liturgical music. Stevenson will be responsible for the entire liturgical-educational music program at the church.

RCIA to begin in October

St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca — Anyone who is interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is asked to contact Father Michael Hogan for a preliminary interview before September 30. This year's experience will begin Tuesday, October 14.

Training for Bible program

St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads — The diocese is offering a leadership training seminar for parish Bible study programs, and three sessions are planned for September 20, 23 and 30, at the church, 816 W. Broad St., Horseheads. Call (607) 739-3817 for information.

Evening pre-baptism session offered at Ithaca parish

Immaculate Conception — The next evening session for expectant parents and parents whose babies have already been born but not baptized will be October 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Learning Center of the school. Expectant parents are advised to attend the

An associate professor in Dalcroze education, Stevenson is director and founder of the Dalcroze Studies Institute at Ithaca College's School of Music. He is a graduate of Duquesne University and the Institut Jacques-Dalcroze in Geneva, Switzerland. Having served as director of parish and school music at St. Gabriel Church in Pittsburgh, Stevenson has also been the minister of music at St. Peter's Church, and the Church of the Nativity, as well as choral director at the First Presbyterian Church, all in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The parish festival is scheduled for September 5 and 6. This an excellent time to clean out the attic, basement, garage, closets and drawers, and bring your white elephants to the Parish Center

session prior to the births of their babies. Please call the rectory now at (607) 273-6121 to register for the October session. Attendance is necessary for Baptism at Immaculate Conception Church.

First Saturday Devotions set at Ithaca parish on September 6

Immaculate Conception, Ithaca — First Saturday Devotions will take place on Saturday, September 6, at 9 a.m., with a Mass celebrated in honor of Our Blessed Mother to

make reparation to Her Immaculate Heart and fulfill her request made to the children of Fatima. Recitation of the rosary will follow the Mass.

Finger Lakes

Parish to institute program to further involve lay people

St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario — Responding to the need to involve lay people in the ministry as much as possible, the parish will be starting a new program much like the ones already existing at **St. Margaret Mary's, Apalachin**, and the **Church of the Resurrection, Fairport**.

Jerry and Lee Skerrett, parishioners of St.

Mary of the Lake, as well as Dick Arielly and Marion Geiser (St. Margaret Mary's), and Charlene Marten and Kay Michael (Church of the Resurrection), recently attended a two-week Leaders' Training Course in Baltimore on the Stephen Series. The series is a system for training and organizing lay people to do caring ministry.

During the two weeks of intensive training, the six were equipped with the materials and knowledge to educate others in the art of Christian helping. They also learned a system for organizing and administering the work of lay care givers.

Overall, more than 1,400 congregations, agencies, and military base chapels from all over the United States, Canada, the Canal Zone, Germany and the Middle East are now using the Stephen Series.

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