

Parish Notes

Genesee Valley

Parish to obtain renewed vision through spiritual opportunities

Holy Cross, Rochester — The parish's renewal theme this year is "Be Born of Water and the Spirit." Coordinators of this year's program — Vision '86-'87 — hope that through a variety of spiritual and educational opportunities, members of the parish will have a renewed vision of their baptismal commitment.

The program presents three different levels of spiritual growth and renewal. Journey I

Annual blessing of the animals at Church of the Annunciation

Church of the Annunciation, Rochester — The parish will host the annual blessing of the animals at the church, 1754 Norton St., Rochester at noon. The service coincides with the celebration of the feast day of St. Francis Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

It is requested that all dogs and other large animals be leashed, and that all other pets be in carriers.

All are welcome.

Seniors to host first meeting in St. Boniface School hall

St. Boniface, Rochester — The newly formed senior citizen group of the parish will have its first meeting on Thursday, October 9, in the school hall, 15 Whalin Street at 10:30 a.m. In addition to October devotions, there will be a meeting, lunch and recreational activities.

Please call (716)473-4271 for information.

Parish visitation program set to determine needs of parish

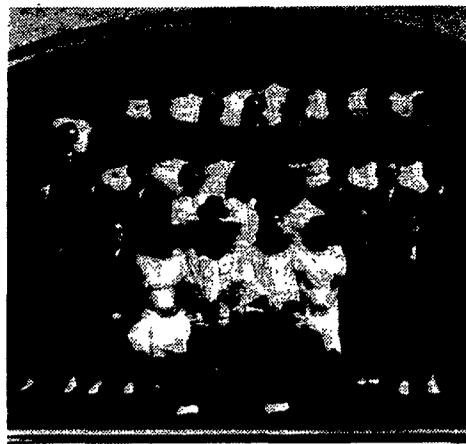
St. Agnes, Avon — "Renewing Our Commitment to God and to Each Other: In Sacrament, Service and Administration" is the theme of the 1986 parish visitation program. Parish volunteers will visit Avon homes on Sunday, October 5, to acquaint parishioners

with services and ministries offered within the parish. The visits will also include a data gathering process which will utilize a revised census card and needs assessment questionnaire developed as one phase of St. Agnes' participation in the diocesan "Dare to Dream" project. When the entire program is completed and results have been tabulated, parish staff and lay leaders are confident that the information obtained will provide a valuable resource in determining present needs and establishing future goals.

60th anniversary of church includes special Mass, dinner

St. John the Evangelist, Rochester — All parishioners are invited to join the celebration marking the 60th anniversary of the Humboldt Street church on October 5.

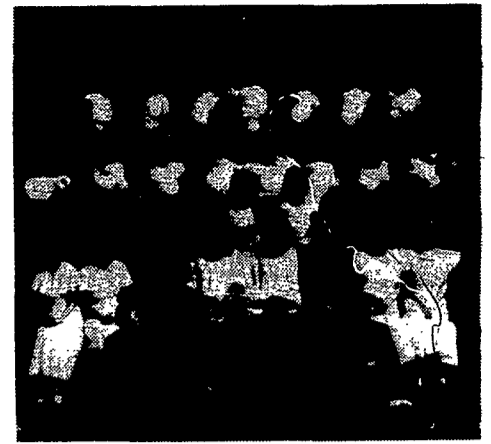
A special celebration of thanksgiving will begin with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, at 11 a.m. All are invited to continue the jubilee with a chicken dinner following the Mass. The dinner will take place under a festival tent in the church parking lot. Tickets are \$4 and \$2 and are available at the rectory by calling (716) 482-6211.



Reunion for Holy Family set; class to honor members

Holy Family, Rochester — The class of 1936 has planned its 50th reunion for Saturday, October 11 at the Maplewood Inn, 3500 East Ave., Rochester.

The evening will include dinner, dancing and reminiscing with old friends. A Mass in honor of deceased members of the class will precede the event at 5 p.m. The memorial Mass



will be held at Holy Family Church, 415 Ames St. at 5 p.m. The number of deceased totaled 41 students each between Sister Hamiliana's and Louisita's classes.

Committee members are: Geraldine Kunz Fenner, Clementine Emmanuel Maggio, Florence Dietrich Wvest, Phil Neu, Dave O'Neil and Dan Sassone.

Death and dying series slated; Highland chaplain to present

St. Thomas More, Rochester — "Death and Dying" will be the subject of a four-part adult lecture series slated for St. Thomas More Church beginning October 6.

The four sessions will focus on the experience of dying persons and their families. Issues of communication, support and prayer will be addressed in the context of the various stages of the life cycle. In addition to presentations on psychology and theology, there will be readings from scripture and world literature. Materials for the course will be available each week.

Brockport parishioners to run in Catholic School's Marathon

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Brockport — Students, faculty members and friends of the parish will participate in the seventh annual Catholic Schools' Marathon at Highland Park Bowl on October 4.

For the younger students at Nativity, a mini-marathon will be conducted in their neighborhood on October 3.

Proceeds from both events will benefit the "Window Fund" — a project to replace the windows of the 110 year-old school.

Sister Susan M. Schantz, SSJ, chaplain at Highland Hospital since 1978, will present the series. Sister Susan, who holds a master of divinity degree from St. Bernard's Seminary, has conducted adult education courses on aging, pastoral visitations of the sick and the grieving experience.

The series is free and open to the public. Scheduled for 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., the programs include a formal presentation, brief social break and a question/reaction period. The lectures will take place in the school, 2617 East Ave., Rochester, and will meet every two weeks from October 6 to November 17.

Call (716) 381-0470 or 381-4200 for information.

Deadline for supper nears at Holy Family in Rochester

Holy Family, Rochester — The Rosary Society within the parish will meet in the Pine Room on Wednesday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. for a tureen supper. Each person should bring a dish to pass or pay \$3.

For those who haven't already signed up for this event, please call (716)235-3136 to make reservations.

Southern Tier

RCIA set to begin October for parishioners in Elmira

Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira — RCIA starts October 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Parishioners are asked to invite anyone who is interested in the Catholic Church, including: people who are already baptized in another tradition but are seeking the Catholic Church; friends and family who may have become serious about faith because of their children; mar-

ried couples who wish to share faith; or a neighbor or friend who asked questions and expressed interest in the Church. All are welcome.

Maintenance person wanted for plumbing, electrical tasks

St. Patrick, Corning — The parish is looking for a full-time maintenance person. The position requires minor plumbing and electrical skills, and the hours are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Send work experiences and references to the rectory in an envelope addressed Building and Grounds Committee. Benefits are provided.

Finger Lakes

Series for religion teachers to offer fundamentals in faith

Cayuga Team Ministry — A five-session Continuing Education for Religion Teachers (CERT) course in the fundamentals of the faith is scheduled for Thursday, October 16. Pre-registration and a \$7 fee is required. Although it is designed for teachers and prospective teachers, this series is open to the public. The sessions will be held in St. Michael's Hall in Union Springs. Contact John Prave or any religious Education Coordinator by October 5.

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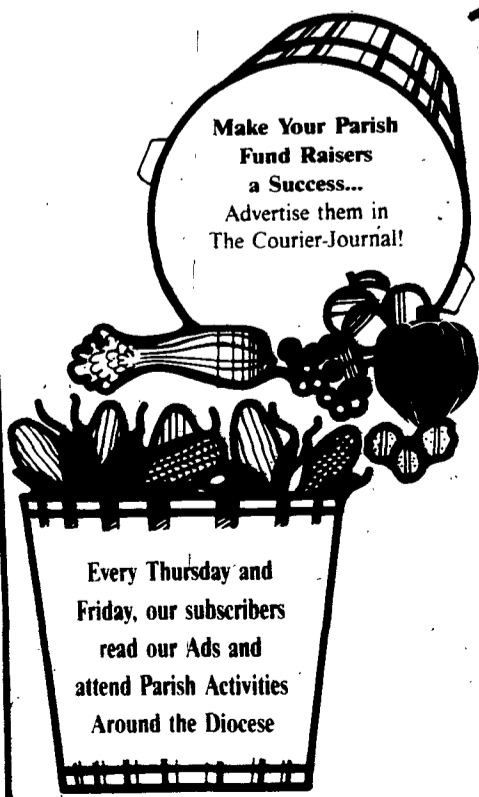
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