

Parish Notes

Genesee Valley

'Blue Suspenders' to perform benefit concert for El Salvador

Corpus Christi, Rochester — A benefit concert for El Salvador by the "Blue Suspenders," a musical group comprised of five Sisters of St. Joseph, is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, in the church hall. The evening program will begin at 8 p.m. with a prayer for the people of El Salvador, followed by the concert. All free-will donations will be taken to El Salvador by Sister Kathy Weider, who will be part of a delegation of 25 women religious going to El Salvador from all over the country. The delegation will talk with people who have been displaced by the war and with Church leaders to bring back first-hand information about the violence there.

At a recent parish meeting, the group

presenting the maintenance report said the church and rectory buildings need about \$500,000 worth of repairs, much of which needs to be done before the winter to avoid extensive water damage. The group also strongly recommended that the parish hire a full-time maintenance person. The parish has since then formed a committee to start moving on these problems. It will report back at the next parish meeting.

The parish also voted to accept Isaiah House, Corpus Christi's Home for the dying, as its 5th outreach program. A house has been donated for this purpose, and the parish hopes to be starting the program by January.

Sale to benefit renovations

Catholic Communities of St. Gregory/St. Anne — St. Anne's "bag lady" reminds all parishioners to get those closets cleaned out in time for the rummage sale slated for November 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and

November 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. The second day of the sale has been designated as "bag day."

Call (315)597-2361 or 597-9357, evenings, for information. Proceeds will benefit St. Anne's renovation fund.

Blessed Sacrament 'Fun Fair' offers lunch, games, prizes

Blessed Sacrament, Rochester — The Blessed Sacrament "Fun Fair" is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, from noon to 4 p.m. in the school hall, 546 Oxford St., Rochester.

The fair is open to all students from Blessed Sacrament as well as St. John the Evangelist on Humboldt Street, St.

Boniface, St. Philip Neri, St. Augustine, and their families. Join them for lunch, games, prizes and fun.

Living Faith weekend planned for Rochester's St. George Church

St. George, Rochester — In preparation for the 600th anniversary of Lithuanian Christianity, Sister Igne Marijosius of Putnam Connecticut will conduct a Living Faith Weekend from November 7 to November 9 at St. George's Church, 555 Hudson Ave., Rochester. Sister Igne will speak about the Lithuanian religious heritage at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and following the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday. There is also a special lecture for Lithuanian youth scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday.

All are welcome to attend the lecture by Sister Igne who is a member of the Connecticut Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee Committee.

NC columnist to deliver lecture at Downtown Community Forum

St. Mary, Rochester — Monsignor George Higgins, well-known for his weekly National Catholic News Service column, "The Yardstick," will be the speaker at the Downtown Community Forum's second luncheon of the fall season on Wednesday, November 12, p.m. The event is open to the general public. \$10 tickets may be reserved by calling the rectory at (716) 232-7140.

In addition to being a columnist, Monsignor Higgins is a highly respected educator and labor-management consultant. His November

12 lecture is entitled "Shaping the Economy: Trends for Management, Workers and Shareholders."

The luncheon/lecture format allows for lunch, followed by the speaker's remarks and concludes with time for questions and answers.

The lectures are designed to present well-known speakers on current topics of general interest to individuals working in the downtown area.

The luncheon/lecture program will take place at the Rochester Plaza from noon to 1:30

Alumni plan reunion events to mark school's 110th year

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport — All those who have been affiliated with the school during its 110-year-history are cordially invited to gather together to mark this special anniversary.

Students of the school have already begun to celebrate the milestone. One of their favorite activities was preparing a spring show which covered the last 110 years. Wearing the garb of children in the late

1800s, the students' production included singing songs of the past.

An open house has been set for November 8, at the school. It will be followed by an anniversary Mass. Afterward, a buffet dinner with entertainment will be given at the Hilton Fire Department Exempt Club. All alumni and friends are welcome to attend.

Call Nativity School at (716)637-2109 or Linda at 964-8589, evenings, for ticket information.

Catholics Against Nuclear Arms seeks peaceful protesters

Corpus Christi, Rochester — Every other Tuesday morning, Catholics Against Nuclear Arms (CANA) goes to the Seneca Army Depot in Romulus to peacefully protest the nuclear weapons being stored there. The next couple of dates for these non-violent actions are November 11 and November 25. If you would like to participate, please contact Sister Chris Wagner at (716)546-4894.

The next ministry coordinators meeting will be at the rectory on Saturday, November 1, at 10 a.m.

The parish is in need of more altar servers, especially at the 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Masses.

Parish societies host bazaar

St. Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls — The Altar and Rosary Societies will be hosting a bazaar on Friday, November 7, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The bazaar will feature crafts, Christmas items, a white elephant sale and baked foods among other things. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (716)624-4281 for information.

Southern Tier

Parish presents 'Spirit Song'

St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca — Spirit Song, a music outreach of the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, will present a Christian concert on Sunday, November 16, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church, St. Catherine Circle, Ithaca.

Using a variety of contemporary musical styles, Spirit Song presents an inspirational

message of hope through worship and testimony to Jesus.

Charismatic Mass scheduled

St. Cecilia, Elmira — A Charismatic Mass is scheduled for Friday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Church, 950 Lake St., Elmira. Prayers for healing will follow.

The Mass is open to all.

Finger Lakes

Annual Christmas bazaar on tap

St. Patrick, Seneca Falls — The parish will host its annual Christmas bazaar on Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15.

On Friday night, the bazaar begins with a ziti dinner at 5 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$3.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Bazaar workers will also be serving

lasagna with meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert for \$4.50 for adults and \$2.75 for children under 12. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, November 15, the bazaar will reopen at 9 a.m. with booths offering arts and crafts, Christmas items, afghans, sweaters, food and many other items.

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