

Parish Notes



Genesee Valley

New, used toy collection nears at Fairport's Assumption Church

Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport — Children's Liturgy will host its annual new and used toy collection for needy children on Sunday, December 7. All baby clothing, mittens and socks — in good condition — are welcome. Gift wrappings would also be appreciated.

The annual St. Mary's Guild Christmas party and tureen supper has been scheduled for December 4. All women in the parish are asked to make their favorite dishes to pass (family size) and to bring a grab-bag gift of a \$4 value. Call Kay Menaguale at (716)223-9478 or Margaret Trenchard at 223-1260 for information.

Annual Christmas boutique features pro, amateur craftsmen

St. Margaret Mary, Rochester — The annual Christmas boutique is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The boutique includes over 50 different local amateur and professional craftsmen. Available this year will be doll clothes, antiques, miniatures, wood working, holiday decorations and more. Also included will be such handmade country crafts as unique aprons. There will be a baked-goods sale and a special children's room, where children will be able to purchase gifts for their families on a child's budget.

Such refreshments as coffee, pop and hot dogs will be available.

A few booth openings are still available. For information, contact Barb Gibbons at (716)544-3726. This event is sponsored by the St. Margaret Mary Home-School Association.

On the weekends of December 6 and 7 as well as December 12, 13, and 14, Boy Scout Troop 356 will be selling both Douglas fir and balsam fir trees at their new lot, located

on the St. Margaret Mary School Athletic Field at the east end of Daley Boulevard. The troop moved from its lot on St. Paul Boulevard in order to provide better parking.

The trees range from three to 10 feet to fit your needs.

This is the premier fund-raising event for the troop and allows the members to work on their Salemanship Merit Badge.

The lot will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on December 6, 7, 13 and 14, and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 12.

Parish's annual ornament sale to aid in African hunger project

St. Louis, Pittsford — The fifth-annual ornament sale, sponsored by the parish's World Hunger Task Force, will take place after all Masses on December 6 and 7. Proceeds of the sale will be sent to the Morop Family Helper Project in Kenya. For your \$5 donation you will receive a porcelain tree ornament and a gift card.

Call (716)381-6872 or 586-3771 for information.

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THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

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How long does grief last?

It is not possible to give an absolute answer to this question. Every individual reacts to loss a bit differently. We can expect intense grief during the first few weeks after a loss. In the following three or four months our feelings of grief may be strong as we encounter many reminders of the death. After that we will begin doing new things for ourselves, yet continue to miss our loved one. We may become frustrated as we attempt to do things the deceased once did for us. As a second year without the deceased begins we may find our feelings of loneliness and sadness have lessened. As we develop new relationships and do more things for ourselves our grief will diminish and we will be able to restore hope and happiness to our lives. Our grief, however, may never completely disappear as our memories linger.

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Advent dinner scheduled for Diplomat Party House

Holy Apostles, Rochester — The parish Rosary Society will host its Advent dinner on Wednesday, December 10, at the Diplomat Party House on Lyell Avenue in Rochester.

A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The co-chairpersons for the event are Anna DiVasto and Annette Clementi. Call (716)647-1107 for reservations.

Rosary society to host grab bag at Holy Family in Rochester

Holy Family, Rochester — The Rosary Society of Holy Family parish will meet on Wednesday, December 10, for a Christmas party in the Pine Room at 7:30 p.m. In lieu of a grab bag, each member is asked to bring one item (or more) of canned goods or staple

groceries for the SWEM food cupboard. The hostess for the evening will be Mrs. William Sherry. The cost for the gala is \$3. If you haven't already signed up for the party, call (716)235-3136 for reservations and information.

Nazareth Show Choir to perform for Sacred Heart Rosary Guild

Sacred Heart, Rochester — The parish Rosary Guild will meet at 7 p.m. on December 8 in the church, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, to pray the rosary.

After the rosary, the Nazareth Academy Show Choir will entertain all on hand in the school hall.

All are asked to bring a half dozen cookies to share. Bring your recipe also if you wish. In addition to the baked goods, everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas gift,

which will be given to a boy at the state School at Industry.

Christmas pageant, social set at Salome's Church in Rochester

St. Salome, Rochester — The parish will be hosting a Christmas pageant and ice cream social on Friday, December 12, in the church, 4282 Culver Road, Irondequoit. The pageant will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the social at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Finger Lakes

Women's Guild to host meeting at church in Union Springs

Cayuga Team Ministry — The Women's Guild of St. Michael's Church will meet on Tuesday, December 9, at the church hall at 7:30 p.m.

All women of St. Michael's are invited.

The King Ferry Community Cheer Boxes will be filled at the King Ferry Fire House on Tuesday, December 9, at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Please bring your own table service. Decorated shoe boxes, homemade cookies, jams and jellies are all needed.

St. Joseph's parish-wide Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 12, at the Aurelius East Fire House on Half Acre Road. Cocktails will be served from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The menu includes shrimp cocktail, salad, steak, baked potatoes and more. Bring your own beverage and a gift to exchange, marked male or female. The cost is \$6.50 per person (adults only). Reservations must be made by December 5.

Call (315)364-7413.

Southern Tier

Youth group to host beach party, Christmas wreath sale soon

St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca — The Youth Ministry is having a "beach party" on December 6, from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the parish center. There will be lots of food, fun

and surprises. The cost is \$2 for students in grades six through 12.

The group is also sponsoring a Christmas wreath sale the weekend of December 6 and 7. Members of the group will be at the main entrance to the church to take orders. Wreaths will be ready to be picked up at the parish center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on December 14 only. Ray Fox, professor of floriculture at Cornell, will make bows and add pine cone decorations to the wreaths. A 12" wreath with bow and decorations is \$12, and a 14" decorated wreath is \$15.

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