

Parish Notes

Genesee Valley

Interior renovation plans begin at church in Canandaigua

St. Mary, Canandaigua — Major interior renovation of St. Mary's Church was the focus of a \$560,000 drive launched last week at the church in Canandaigua. Funds are being raised to prevent further deterioration of the 82-year-old landmark structure.

A committee of more than 200 people is now being organized to seek three-year pledges from parishioners toward the half-million-dollar goal.

According to Father James C. Burke, a renovation committee comprised of parishioners has studied the church's needs for the last two **New chapter slates banquet**

St. Leo, Hilton — The newly activated St. Leo's Council Knights of Columbus of Hilton will receive its charter at a banquet slated for the Salmon Creek Country Club on February 22. A representative from the New York State Chapter K of C will formally present the charter.

Prior to the presentation, the first slate of officers of the new council will be formally installed at a ceremony at St. Leo Church, 167 Lake Ave., Hilton. The ceremony will take place at 3 p.m.

Tickets for the banquet can be purchased after all Masses, or through members of the council. A limited number of tickets is available.

Mass for renewal of wedding vows set for Assumption parish

Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport — All married couples are cordially invited to attend the third annual "Renewal of Wedding Vows" mass, which will take place on Friday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. A cake and punch reception will follow in the hall. Val and

Society to host annual card party

St. Stanislaus, Rochester — The Holy Name Society will hold its annual Valentine card party in the church auditorium on Sunday, February 15, at 2 p.m.

Door prizes and refreshments will be provided. Tickets will be sold at the door.

All are welcome to attend.

Day of recollection nears at St. Joseph's in Penfield

St. Joseph, Penfield — The St. John Neumann Columbiettes Council #8271 of Penfield is having a day of recollection on Sunday, February 15, at St. Joseph's Church, 43 Gebhardt Road, Penfield.

Father Melvin Walczak, associate pastor of the parish, will be the leader for the day. He will discuss how to be a better neighbor and

years. To delay the work further would result in greater deterioration and higher costs for renovation in the future, Father Burke said.

Depending on the outcome of the fund raising campaign, renovation is scheduled to take place from July through November, with rededication of the church slated for December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Renovation will conform with new liturgical guidelines. Plans include an interior ramp for the handicapped, complete painting of the interior, refinishing of pews, restoration of statues and Stations of the Cross, and new carpeting. Expansion of the daily Mass area adjoining the main church sanctuary is also proposed, as well as the addition of a skylight.

Basement alterations will include establishing two meeting rooms and a scout room. Architects for the project are Monahan & Healy of Rochester.

Heading the campaign committee are William J. Walsh and William F. Morris. The major gifts group is headed by Rocco Pietropaolo. George Park Jr. is chairman of the advance gifts contingent, and Rose Comella is general solicitation chairman.

The first St. Mary's Church building was erected in 1845. The existing structure at North Main and Gibson Sts., which was dedicated in 1905, is listed among area historical landmarks.

Stu Sanford will also do a repeat performance of "I Do, I Do," accompanied by Mary Lou Indiano.

All married couples are invited to attend. "On The Assumption," the parish newspaper, is going to make a comeback in a whole new edition that will be inserted in the parish bulletin. Editor Betsy Ruster is looking for parishioners to write news and opinions for the first publication, scheduled to come out later this month. Call her at (716)223-1730 or drop off articles, photos, art, poems and similar items at the rectory. Make sure you mark submitted items "Newsletter," and keep articles to a maximum of 200 words.

how to accept the attitude of youth toward today's church.

The Columbiettes are extending an open invitation to all women of the Rochester area to join them on February 15, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the donation for the day is \$2.

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Class of 1952 plans reunion at St. Margaret Mary Church

St. Margaret Mary, Rochester — The committee in charge of the 35th reunion for the class of 1952 is still trying to locate alumna Linda Henry. The gala will take place at St. Margaret Mary School, 400 Rogers Pkwy.,

Rochester, on March 28. If you have any information at all regarding Henry's whereabouts, please call Marian Callan Aman at (716)865-0907 or Art Tuite at either 482-2218 or 247-0440.

Liturgical musicians' workshop slated for Rochester church

St. Christopher, N. Chili — The parish will be hosting a workshop for all liturgical musicians of the Rochester area on Saturday, February 14. The program will begin with a morning prayer at 9:45 a.m., followed by special-interest sessions for organists (and other keyboard musicians), cantors, guitarists and woodwind instrumentalists.

Leaders for the session will be Ric Ramirez of Blessed Sacrament (keyboard), Janie Marini from Transfiguration (cantors), Todd Flowerday of Corpus Christi (guitar), and Ellyn Dutko of St. Joseph's Parish (woodwinds).

Concluding with a social at 11:30 a.m., the event is open to all church musicians of the Rochester area. Membership in the local chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians is not required.

For information, contact Helen Halligan at (716)293-1400, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Marriage day liturgy planned for couples at St. Boniface

St. Boniface, Rochester — A marriage day liturgy will be celebrated at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 14. All married couples of any age are invited to attend and participate. Renewal of marriage vows will be made, and a reception will follow in the school hall.

Call Joyce Foley at (716)328-5492 for information.

Those attending may wish to bring their portable instruments.

Corpus Christi plans fund raiser to send parishioner on vacation

Corpus Christi, Rochester — A fund-raising dinner has been scheduled for Jimmy Joe Sulli, a 21-year-old member of the parish who has been diagnosed as having amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (also known as Lou Gehrig's disease). Jimmy's family and friends decided to raise money to send him on a much-needed vacation.

The fund raiser — a buffet dinner with a disc jockey and dancing — will take place at the Country House in East Rochester on Saturday, February 21, at 6 p.m. Donations will be \$25 per person, and tickets can be obtained through Mary Lou Sulli and John Mele, or by contacting the rectory at (716)325-2424. Those who are unable to attend the party may leave donations of any amount at the rectory.

Annual spaghetti dinner set for St. Francis/Holy Redeemer

St. Francis Xavier/Holy Redeemer, Rochester — The parish at 314 Bay St., Rochester, will hold its annual spaghetti dinner on Sunday, February 22, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door. Take-out dinners will also be available.

Southern Tier

Miraculous Medal novena set for Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira — Father Bartholomew O'Brien will conduct an annual Miraculous Medal Novena on Sunday, February 15, at Our Lady of Lourdes. Novena services will be celebrated weekdays at 11 a.m. An evening service at 7:30 p.m., which will include a novena, sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, will also take place. Novena prayers will be also recited at all weekend Masses, and the novena will close on Monday,

February 22.

Please note that there will only be one daily Mass at 11 a.m. during the novena, and that on Tuesday, February 23, the church will return to its regular daily schedule.

All are welcome to attend.

St. Catherine of Siena sets Mass for renewal of marriage vows

St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca — A special Mass for renewal of marriage vows will be celebrated on Friday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow with champagne, wedding cake and hors d'oeuvres to share.

All married couples are invited to attend.

Finger Lakes

St. Joseph's annual meeting scheduled for February 15

Cayuga Team Ministry — St. Joseph's annual meeting will take place during the homily time of the Mass on Sunday, February 15.

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