

Parish Notes

St. Patrick's alumni await reunion

St. Patrick, Mt. Morris — The school Alumni Association has scheduled a dinner for 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, at the Genesee River Hotel. Prior to the dinner, Bishop W. Thomas Larkin will celebrate an 11 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of his 40th anniversary of priesthood. A reception will follow the Mass.

Tickets for the roast beef dinner are priced at \$8.50 and may be purchased by mailing payment and self-addressed envelope to: Fred Beuerlein, 133 Main St., Mt. Morris 14510; Ruth Constantine, 26 Murray St., Mt. Morris 14510; or Charlotte Keating, 124 Main St., Mt. Morris 14510.

All alumni and friends are welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage to visit Canadian shrines

Assumption of Our Lady, Fairport — Reservations are now being accepted for a pilgrimage to the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal and Our Lady of the Cape in Three Rivers. The bus trip is scheduled to depart at 7 a.m. on July 8, returning on July 12.

Seats on the bus are limited, and early registration is encouraged. To reserve places, call Josephine DiRisio at (716) 377-8587 or Mary Basile at 388-0535.

By Father Thomas P. Mull
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In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his followers that their faith will inspire them to do works even greater than His works. What greater dignity can one ask than to become the very hands and heart of Jesus himself?

The second reading highlights the meaning of baptism for followers of the early Church. "You, however, are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people He claims for His own to proclaim the glorious works of the one who called you from darkness to His marvelous light," Peter writes. The dignity of baptized people must be found in their relationship with the Lord through the community, and in their concern for the charitable work of the community.

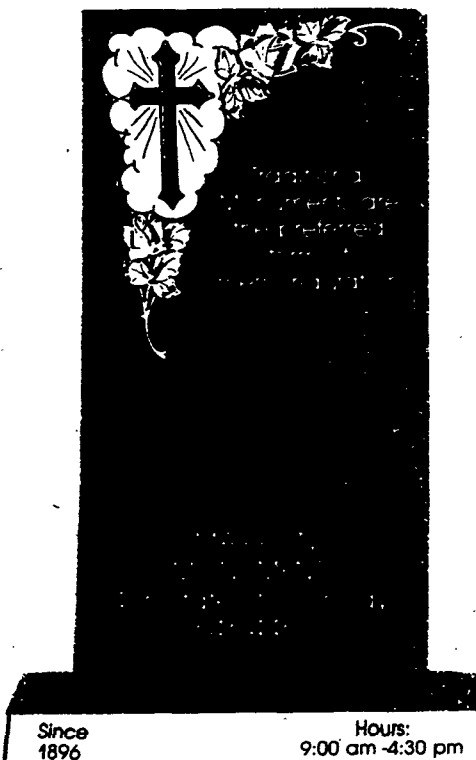
Today's Acts of the Apostles indicates that certain people (deacons) were chosen to represent the community in fulfilling the important role of extending charity to widows and children, to the poor and the outcast. We return to the light/darkness

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Parishioners plan celebration for pastor

St. Mary, Auburn — Father Edward A. Zimmer, pastor, is celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood and has served St. Mary's since 1979. St. Mary's parishioners are planning a special celebration to which all of Father Zimmer's friends are invited.

Father Zimmer will be offering the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, June 14. After Mass, a social hour and dinner will take place at the Holiday Inn, Auburn. Tickets are \$13 per person and \$25 per couple. They are available from Peg Mulcahy (716) 235-3244, Linda Amoia (315) 252-0223 or St. Mary's Rectory (315) 252-9545.



Holy Name launches building drive

Holy Name of Jesus, Rochester — Under the leadership of Father John V. Rosse, pastor, parishioners are undertaking a \$500,000 building program to construct a new parish center.

Each parish family will be asked to support the program by making a three-year pledge to raise the funds. The program involves new construction of a parish center, which will be attached to the present church.

During the past year, much time and effort has been devoted to determining parish needs. The building committee members visited a number of other area churches to inspect their parish centers. Father Rosse pointed out that due to the magnitude of the total project, much careful planning was required to meet the needs of all

segments of the parish, including youth and senior citizens. The new center will provide necessary space for meetings and larger social functions. It will allow the parish to initiate new programs and activities which are not possible at the present time.

The fund-raising program is under the leadership of Helene Cross, Richard Kurz and Peter Muller. A volunteer committee of about 250 parishioners is being organized to solicit parish families. The drive will kick off on May 28 and continue until June 9.

Participants sought for letters campaign

Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira — The parish Social Ministry Committee has invited parishioners to participate in the "Entitled to Life" offering of letters campaign for women, infants and children. Last year, more than 800 churches collected more than 60,000 letters supporting federal allocations to the Child Survival Fund and immunizations of Third World children.

Following the campaign, Congress doubled the funding for these programs, adding \$37.5 million. In effect, each letter carried a potential price tag of \$500.

Registration open for summer school

St. Charles Borromeo, Greece — Summer school registration is being taken daily at St. Charles Borromeo School, 64 Maiden Lane. The following program is being offered this year: reading, grades 1-6; math, 1-8; and English, 4-8.

The registration fee is \$20. For information, call (716) 663-1220. Classes will begin Monday, June 29, and continue through Friday, July 24.

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theme that was so prevalent during the fourth week of Lent.

The readings for that week referred to the story of the man born blind, who began to see the light through Jesus' kindness. We find ourselves living in the light of the resurrection, given sight through the eyes of faith to recognize Jesus in the least of our friends, to identify their most prominent needs and to provide ways to respond to those needs. This week, we have the eternal light, symbolized by our paschal candle, Jesus, who gives us a way of life that far surpasses any other.

This coming Sunday, neophytes — those baptized at the Easter Vigil — are invited to the cathedral for the annual Neophyte Mass. At 2:30 p.m., Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will begin a Eucharistic liturgy that will incorporate all of those who last met at the Rite of

Election. This period of mystagogia is a time for discovering the mysteries of our faith. The central mystery is the Eucharist, for it is at the table of the Lord that all become one. This gathering is important because it emphasizes the mutuality of our mission as women and men of faith — people who share in the deep significance of baptism — making us that "chosen race and royal priesthood..." It is a dignity that is only discovered through giving oneself to another and receiving the Spirit of God through word, sacrament and acts of charity.

Also on Sunday, many will gather at Silver Stadium to honor Mary. This gathering gives us a sense of the oneness we share with Jesus' Mother in that we, too, are privileged to "carry" her Son and nourish his activity in the world. Mary's gift to the world continues to give, because of the Church that all of us form. To gather as one is to recognize our individual differences as well as our communal experience. Confirmations and ordinations continue

throughout this Easter Season, signs of the living hope that we are called to be.

All of these would be empty signs if faith were not present. Our activities, good as they may be, do not become holy until we see ourselves working with and for Christ. Herein lies the dignity of the baptized: to be raised to a new level of giving and to appreciate the unique instrument of God's salvation that we become when we speak, act and live the Gospel message.

We continue to live in a world of light and darkness. In 1987, we are called to be light to all the nations. Whether neophytes or practiced Christians, we must continue to exercise our baptismal responsibilities in reaching out, gathering as one and telling the good news. In such a way we bring Jesus' prophecy to fruition, doing greater works because He works with us.

Diocesan Appointments



Mr. Timothy Brown from Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, N.J., to deacon internship, Church of the Good Shepherd, Henrietta, effective June 30, 1987.

Fr. Robert F. O'Neill from residence at St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, to pastor, Church of the Annunciation, Rochester, effective June 30, 1987.

Mr. Michael McHale from Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, N.J., to deacon internship, St. Mary's Church, Honeoye, effective May 18, 1987.

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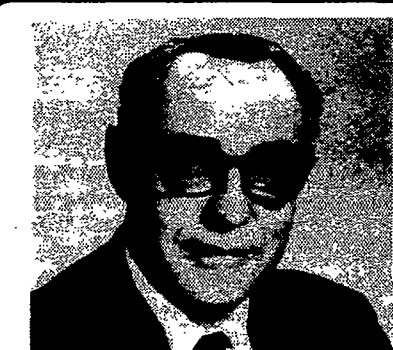


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