

# Parishes

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after the adult and contemporary choirs voiced their displeasure with it.

At St. Patrick's in Seneca Falls, fewer Masses have meant lighter demands on musicians, lay ministers and celebrants. That, in turn, has brought about higher-quality liturgies, according to the pastor, Father Eugene P. Sweeney.

Almost a year ago — well before Celebrating Sunday had been introduced — St. Patrick's permanently adopted its summer Mass schedule, thus eliminating the noon-time Sunday Mass celebrated during the winter months.

"I feel we can put better quality into our celebration of liturgy," Father Sweeney said. "It is easier to recruit volunteers to serve at Mass. From the point of view of preaching, the homilist is less fatigued . . . and I think the quality of the homilies is improved."

The Code of Canon Law allows priests, with the permission of the local ordinary, to celebrate two or even three Masses on Sundays or holy days, under extraordinary circumstances.

The extraordinary has become a matter of course at St. John the Evangelist in Clyde and St. Patrick in Savannah. As the sole priest serving both parishes, Father Thomas F. Nellis rou-

tinely celebrates one Saturday vigil and three Sunday morning Masses each weekend.

Last February, about 75 members of both parishes gathered to discuss the issues raised by "Celebrating Sunday."

"We didn't decide to reduce the number of Masses," Father Nellis said. "Most people's attitude seemed to be that they didn't want to do anything until they had to."

While the immediate practical effects of the meeting were limited, Father Nellis hopes that in the long-term, the process will have helped parishioners to be better prepared for changes that are likely to occur in the future, as the number of priests continues to diminish.

Unlike what happened at most parishes, discussion at St. John's and St. Patrick's went on to focus on the individual's responsibility for keeping the sabbath.

"We talked a lot about the meaning of what families do and what individuals do, about the importance of family gatherings," Father Nellis said. "It's clear that some people are really trying to observe the Lord's Day."

Keeping the sabbath as individuals and families has grown increasingly difficult in a world in which growing numbers of stores and businesses are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Sister Margery Henninger, associate at Corpus Christi Parish, observed that, for many

people, working on Sundays is not a choice, but an obligation.

"People get trapped," she said. "If they want (a job), they're forced to compromise their beliefs and principles."

Although Sundays are tempting times to schedule parish meetings, Corpus Christi has tried to uphold the principle of a day of rest. Despite the multiplicity of the parish's outreach programs and activities, Sister Henninger and other parish staff members try to reserve Sun-

days for social and family activities. "In our world, we have less and less fun together and stack up our days with more and more meetings. Sunday as a day of rest is kind of lost," she said. "The Church is called to at least hold up that ideal. If the Church is doing that — putting Sunday aside — then it encourages families to do the same."

## Adult home in Rochester seeks volunteer coordinator

The Volunteers of America Adult Home in downtown Rochester is currently seeking a person to serve as volunteer coordinator. The job itself is a volunteer position, requiring five to 10 hours of work per week.

The volunteer coordinator is responsible for interviewing and placing volunteers in ap-

## Dinner dance at Holidome set for Catholic Alumni Clubs

The Catholic Alumni Club of Rochester and the Catholic Alumni Club of Buffalo are sponsoring a dinner dance on July 24 at 8 p.m. The gala is scheduled for the Holidome, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester. All adult Catholic singles 21 and over are invited. The groups will order from the menu.

Reservations are needed by July 20. Call Tony at (716) 586-3382. Newcomers are welcome.

propriate positions within the facility's social, recreational, educational and spiritual programs. Other duties include supervising volunteers, maintaining records and planning appreciation programs.

The Volunteers of America Adult Home is a non-profit adult care facility providing housing and care to more than 300 of the Rochester area's elderly and disabled.

Contact Donald Knapp at (716)546-6000 for information.

## Reunion luncheon scheduled

A reunion luncheon for former and current Lyell Avenue "old-timers" is scheduled for noon on Thursday, July 23, at the Mapledale Party House. For those who would like to renew old acquaintances, call Emmett McCorry, (716)467-8323; Miriam Bride, 254-7373; Oonah Farrell Devine, 254-6221; Jack Fawkes, 254-1060; or Helen Sullivan, 254-7276 for information.



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