

# Parish Notes

## Parish to continue Family Masses

**Immaculate Conception, Ithaca** — A strong positive response from parishioners to the monthly family/youth Masses initiated last fall has prompted Immaculate Conception's parish staff to continue the program this year.

In an attempt to increase Mass attendance and participation among families with young children, parish staff members last year designated the 9 a.m. Mass on the third Sunday of each month as a special family celebration. Students from different grade levels were responsible for planning each Mass. Not only were the music and readings chosen for their relevance to family concerns, but children also wrote the prayers of petition and served as lectors, altar servers, ushers and peace greeters.

Children who serve as peace greeters are assigned to various areas of the church. During the sign of peace, they greet people in their designated areas and hand them small cards on which are printed prayer requests for individuals and particular issues.

A survey gauging parishioners' reactions to the family/youth Mass has revealed positive responses even among those without children. Two-thirds of those who completed surveys rated the children's skills as lectors, readers and writers of petitions as either "excellent" or "very good."

More than half of those who responded also said they observed an increase in family discussion about Church issues and the Mass.

## Senior group plans musical event

**Church of the Holy Name, Rochester** — A parish seniors' group is planning an afternoon of musical entertainment for people of all ages. On Sunday, September 27, at 3 p.m. the Holy Name Fun People will present Morris Secon in "The Magic of Music."

Secon was for 28 years a principal French-horn player with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. At Holy Name Church, he will perform on an array of instruments, including a ram's horn, a 12-foot Alpine-style horn, conch shells, a Tibetan ceremonial horn and even a shower hose.

A donation of \$2 will be requested from adults. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted free of charge. All proceeds will benefit the Holy Name Parish Community Center.

**Elizabeth Bevan**, a graduate student enrolled in the education certification program at Nazareth College of Rochester, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for the 1987-88 academic year.

Funding for the scholarship comes from dues and contributions by members of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, and from sales of household articles and clothing donated to the Opportunity Shop at 86 Liberty Pole Way, Rochester.

A native of Cornish, N.H., Bevan earned a bachelor's degree in music from the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Va., and a master's degree in music composition from the Eastman School of Music. She resides in Rochester.

**Gregory F. Labas**, a junior in industrial distribution at Clarkson University in Potsdam, was elected president of the Clarkson student chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) at the group's final spring meeting.

A Greece native and 1982 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School, Labas is the son of Phil and Carolyn Labas.

The student chapter's goal is to keep its members and other interested students informed about new trends in production planning, inventory control, and materials management. This is accomplished through lectures given by professionals in the field and by tours of local manufacturing facilities.

**Father Ronald E. Gaesser**, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Ithaca, and All Saints Church, Lansing, recently announced the appointment of **Gail Riina** as pastoral assistant of both parishes.

During her seminary training at Yale Divinity School, Riina served in hospital, social service and campus ministries. She was also chaplain of the George Washing-

# Neighbors



ton University campus-parish in Washington, D.C. for eight years. Most recently, Riina served as assistant director of Cornell United Religious Work. She will maintain office hours in both parishes. Riina is married and has one son.

**Thomas M. McFadden, STD**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, became vice president for academic affairs/dean of the College at St. John Fisher College on August 24.

McFadden was the overwhelming choice of the Fisher Search Committee, which is chaired by **Dr. Vincent E. Bitetto**, professor of psychology. He will succeed **Dr. H. Wendell Howard**, who will return to full-time teaching after six years of service as acting dean, dean and provost, and 16 years of service on the English department faculty.

Prior to his appointment as dean in 1982, McFadden served on the theology faculty at St. Joseph's University for 12 years. He was promoted through the ranks to full professor in 1979.

In addition to his doctorate in theology from The Catholic University of America in 1963, McFadden earned a master's degree in theology from Gregorian University, Rome, Italy in 1961, and a bachelor's degree from Catholic College in 1957.

He and his wife, **Monica A. Dowdall McFadden**, have two children. The family plans to move to the Rochester area this summer from Havertown, Pa.

The Association for Retarded Citizens each year awards five \$500 scholarships to students pursuing careers in the field

of human services. In addition, the top applicant is awarded the \$250 John A. Regan Scholarship. The recipients of this year's awards — which were announced recently — are: **Bridget Borsa**, **Sue White**, **Marie Hamilton**, **Kathryn Ingham**; and **Suzette Eckert**.

Borsa received the Regan scholarship. The ARC is a private, non-profit United Way agency serving more than 600 retarded or developmentally disabled adults living in Monroe County.

**Philippa Proudfoot** has been named training coordinator at St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester, where she will assume responsibility for administering the agency's orientation, in-service training and professional-development programs.

Proudfoot will work closely with villa staff members in the coordination and implementation of a full range of programs dealing with skill development and knowledge enhancement. She will also oversee instruction of federal- and state-mandated certificate programs.

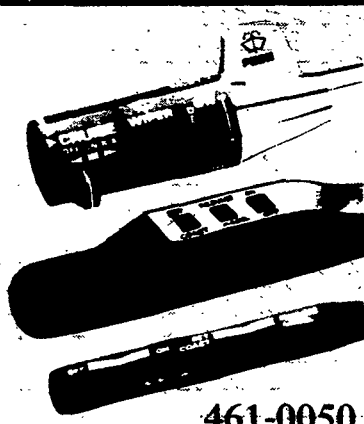
The New Zealand native previously served as a consultant for Rochester-area non-profit and social-service agencies. She also worked as assistant to the dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Rochester, and as an adjunct faculty member at Genesee Community College and Rochester Institute of Technology's College of Continuing Education.

Proudfoot holds a master of arts degree in English from Auckland University in New Zealand and a master of science in education from SUNY College at Genesee. She lives on Rutgers Street in Rochester.

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