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Sr. McGill to speak at service

St. Catherine of Siena, Mendon — The seven churches of Mendon and Honeoye Falls will observe World Day of Prayer at St. Catherine's Church, beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 4.

The guest speaker for the event will be Sister Ann Michelle McGill, SSI, pastoral assistant at St. Pius X Church, who will address the theme "Open Doors with Brazilian Women."

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. Area residents are welcome to attend.

Holy Trinity registration opens

Holy Trinity, Webster — Registration for the 1988-89 school year will be conducted Monday through Friday, Feb. 29-March 4, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Parents are asked to bring birth and baptismal records to the registration sessions. A registration fee is also required.

For information, call the school, (716)265-2002.

Day of prayer service set

St. Michael's Church, Newark — The parish will celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 4, with a service beginning with registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m. Child care will be provided.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Open Doors." Written by Protestant and Catholic women from Brazil, the theme document reflects the background and concerns of South American women who are struggling to achieve greater freedom and to elevate the quality of life for themselves and all people.

Lenten program begins

St. Philip Neri, Rochester — The parish's Lenten program, "Come Home to Me," will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, with a sharing supper of soup and bread in the school. Following the supper, a free-will offering will be collected to benefit the House of Mercy.

Other Lenten events will be a Bible-study session on the Passion of Christ, conducted on Monday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the school; vespers and Benediction in the Church at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7; and a film festival with discussion in the school on Monday, March 21.

Family counselor to speak

St. John of Rochester — The parish Home-School Association has invited Dr. Dennis Boike, a marital and family therapist, to address their next meeting on the topic of peer pressure. The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, in the parish school, Ayrault Road at Route 31. The public is welcome.

Students at St. Charles Borromeo School celebrated Catholic Schools' Week with a variety of activities. Festivities began with a Mass and a sharing supper for students, parents and faculty. The fifth- and sixth-grade students held a bake sale to benefit Camp Good Days and Special Times. On Early American Day, students witnessed demonstrations of tin smithing by Ed Burn, tin punching by Linda Saller, candle making by Harry Kerr and basket making by Liz Wilcox. Fourth- and fifth-grade classes made a field trip to the Memorial Art Gallery, and the week was rounded out by a faculty/student volleyball game.

W. Robert Spinks is the newly appointed vice president for development and institutional relations of Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary. He will assume his new responsibilities on June 1, 1988.

Spinks has been assistant to the president for financial development at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1978. He is a charter member of the Advisory Committee to the Development and Institutional Advancement Program of the Association of Theological Schools. Previously he was director of corporate programs at Furman University, associate director of development at Mars Hill College, and assistant to the president at Meredith College.

Parish Notes

Panel event rescheduled

St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester — The parish youth group has announced that a previously publicized event featuring six Vietnamese youths has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Both youths and adults are welcome to attend the presentation. For information, call Nancy Scherberger at (716)338-7981.

Film considers pornography

St. Patrick's Church, Macedon — The Family Life Committee has arranged for the screening of the film *The Winnable War* as part of the parish's 1988 Lenten program. *The Winnable War*, which features National Coalition Against Pornography member Dr. James C. Dobson, will be presented on Monday evening, Feb. 29, from 7:30-9 p.m.

In addition, the Lenten series will offer the three-part videotape series "Families" by Father John Powell, SJ. The presentations will be screened on Mondays, March 7, 14 and 21, also from 7:30-9 p.m. All presentations will take place in the parish hall, 50 Main St. (Rt. 31), Macedon.

Speaker to discuss social justice

St. Mary's, Rochester — Monsignor John J. Egan, recently retired director of human relations and ecumenism for the Archdiocese of Chicago, will be at St. Mary's the weekend of February 27-28 to lead an event entitled "A Parish Church Deals with Social Justice."

Monsignor Egan will preach at all weekend Masses and will also lead an informal discussion in the rectory Commons Room on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m.

Traditional novena planned

Holy Redeemer/St. Francis Xavier, Rochester — A novena of grace in honor of St. Francis Xavier will be conducted after the 8 a.m. Masses Friday, March 4, through Friday, March 11, at the church, 43 Teresa St., Rochester.

Former parishioners are invited to attend the novena's closing service at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 12. A coffee hour will follow in the school hall.

The novena was established as a parish tradition by Bishop Edward Kearney, who conducted it for the next 30 years. This and other traditional parish events are being highlighted this year in honor of the 100th anniversary of St. Francis Xavier Church, which will officially occur in October, 1988.

Neighbors

Nine Cardinal Mooney students have received individual membership in the National Forensic League. Seniors Rob Ellis, Mickey Haugh, Alina Martinez, John Stables, Jim Walker, Ann White and Shannon Wilson, and juniors Joann Campbell and Vicki Corrigan each earned the required 25 speaker's points during forensic events in which the school's team had competed this year. Cardinal Mooney received a charter membership in the league at the beginning of the 1987/88 school year. In order to maintain its charter, 41 more Cardinal Mooney students will have to earn individual memberships within the next three years.

Monica Colletta, fifth-grade student at St. Theodore's School, won third place in WXII's "Draw Me a Story" poster contest, Saturday, Jan. 30. Six other fifth-graders from St. Theodore's were among the 30 finalists: Karen Blackburn, Anthony DeCaires, Frances Navarro, Jeremy Oakden, Jennifer Rutt and Tania Pereira.