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Mission focuses on growth

St. Salome, Rochester — Jesuit Father Madden will lead a week of renewal at the parish March 7-11. The theme for the series is "Lent: A Time of Journey, A Time of Growth."
Two sessions — at 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. — will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, only the evening session will take place. All sessions will begin with Mass in the church.

New Jersey priest to visit

Immaculate Conception, Ithaca — Father Carl Marucci of St. Teresa's Church in Runnemede, N.J., will conduct a retreat at the parish from March 6-10. Father Marucci will speak at all the Masses on the weekend of March 5-6 and will give retreat talks each day of the retreat at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Topics for the retreat talks are: Sunday, "The Secret of Happiness: What Is Real Peace?" Monday, "An Incredible Intimacy: The Love of the Father;" Tuesday, "A Reckless Love: The Selfless Gift of the Cross;" Wednesday, "The Power To Heal: The Impossible Made Possible;" and Thursday, "And the Gift Goes On: A Celebration of Eucharist."
All are welcome to attend.

Series looks at lay roles

St. Thomas More, Rochester — "An Evolving Church — The Call of the Laity" will be the subject of a four-part lecture series to be presented by Father Robert Collins, pastor. The sessions will take place in the school Music Room beginning March 7, and continuing the next three Sundays of March from 7:30-9 p.m.
The series is free and open to the public. It will include a formal presentation, brief social break and a question/answer period. For information, call the parish religious education office, (716)381-0470 or the rectory, 381-4200.

Father Curran to preach

Cayuga Team Ministry — Father Charles E. Curran, who is teaching this year at Cornell University in Ithaca, will preach at all four of the team ministry's weekend Masses March 5 and 6. In addition, Father Curran will celebrate the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, a coffee hour and reception will take place in the rectory. Father William Spilly, pastor, has invited all area parishioners to attend these Masses.

Father Callan leading retreat

St. Mary, Canandaigua — The parish's annual retreat will take place the week of March 6-11, every evening at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Moderator for the retreat will be Father James B. Callan, pastor of Corpus Christi Church in Rochester.
A highlight of the retreat will be a poor man's supper on Wednesday, March 9, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the school gym. At the conclusion of the retreat's last session on Friday, March 11, a coffee hour will take place in the church hall.

The Kids on the Block, an interactive puppet troupe, will give a presentation on handicap awareness to third graders at Mother of Sorrows School in March. The troupe already gave a presentation on teen pregnancy to the school's sixth-grade class, one on drug abuse to the fifth-grade class, and one on child abuse to the fourth-grade class.

Matthew Bovenzi, a fifth-grade student at St. Theodore's School, was a runner-up in the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon essay contest. Bovenzi's essay about the Constitution and the rights of the disabled was submitted to the contest after it was chosen as the best essay at St. Theodore's.

Sister Mary Edwardine Weaver, RSM, will be included in the 1987-88 edition of *Who's Who in American Education*, for significant contributions to American education.

The former superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Rochester, Sister Weaver is a supervisor of student teachers at Nazareth College, an educational consultant for MacMillan and Co., and coordinator for a joint Diocese of Rochester/University of Rochester graduate program for Catholic school administrators.

In addition, Sister Weaver is scheduled to speak about staff development at the National Catholic Education Association conference to be held in New York in April.

Parish Notes

Isaiah 43 mission scheduled

St. Theodore's Church, Gates — "Because I Love You" is the theme of the Isaiah 43 mission/retreat being offered to all members of the community. The goal of the retreat is twofold: 1) to promote personal growth and spiritual renewal, and 2) to reach out to the alienated and unchurched members of the community.

A team of Catholic evangelists will offer a four-day mission beginning March 14 and concluding March 17. All events will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m., followed by a social hour. The presentation on Sunday, March 13, is for teenagers only. All presentations will be sign interpreted for the hearing impaired, and the church is accessible to the handicapped. Transportation can be arranged through the parish.

The mission team is composed of Sister Jean Patrice Marr of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Sisters of Charity, Isaiah 43 coordinator of evangelization and a retreat leader in Wilkesburg, Pa. and Father Lester Bach, OFM, popular retreat master and full-time preacher for the Isaiah 43 Parish Missions. The emphasis of the mission at St. Theodore's is to invite everyone who is seeking a deeper meaning in their lives to discover or rediscover a personal, living faith.

A unique feature of this mission is that it is designed to continue after the mission team leaves the parish. An intense introduction to evangelization program will be offered Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, following the retreat. Hours for this program are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

For information, call Sister Catherine Pflieger, (716)458-7846.

School registration opens

St. John of Rochester, Fairport — The parish school is now accepting registration for fall 1988 classes in kindergarten through grade eight. New students must register by March 4 so that appropriate transportation requests can be filed.

To register children, parents must visit the school, located off Route 31 at Ayrault Road, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Birth certificates are required to register children for kindergarten. For information, call the school, (716)248-8836.

Organ concert slated

St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls — The parish has invited the public to attend an organ performance by Cj Sambach on Sunday, March 6, at 3 p.m.

In addition to the concert, Sambach will also present an educational program for the school-children at 12:30 and 1 p.m. These presentations are also open to the public.

Neighbors

Students from 19 schools competed in the Sixth Annual Invitational Spelling Bee held at St. Boniface School Monday, Feb. 1. Melissa Malik of Our Lady of Perpetual Help won first place, while Martin Romeo of St. John the Evangelist School, Humboldt St., took second place.

Other participants in the spelling bee, each of whom won competitions at their respective schools were: Corinne Wandtke, Most Precious Blood; Onaka Robertson, St. Boniface; Theodore Jackson, Corpus Christi; Jaime Tackett, Holy Cross; Joshua Dolce, Holy Rosary; Monique Bell, Nazareth Hall; Molly Farmer, Our Lady of Good Counsel; Melissa Meyer, St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport; Sheresa Hughey, St. Andrew's; Frederick Bush, St. Anne's; Brenda Gustyn, St. Monica's; Malgorzata Kubicki, St. Stanislaus; Susan Fumeroles, Holy Ghost; Elaine Wong, Our Lady of Lourdes; Edward Fichtner, St. John the Evangelist, Greece; Chad Mattice, St. Cecilia's; and Emily Gayek, James P.B. Duffy School #12.

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