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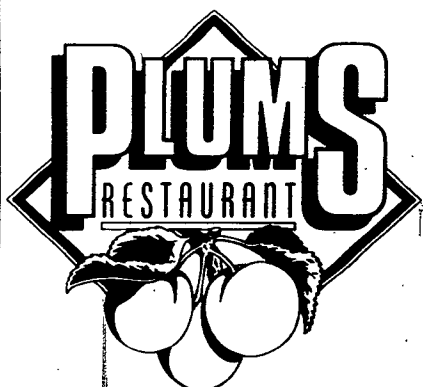
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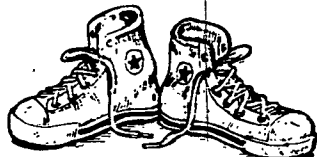
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Around the Diocese

Parish slates traditional gala

Holy Cross, Rochester — The parish has scheduled its eighth-annual St. Joseph's Table festivities for Sunday, March 20, 1-3 p.m. following a special noon Mass. The banquet will take place in the school cafeteria.

The traditional banquet honors St. Joseph as protector of the family, and originated with peasant farmers who turned to him in prayer after a severe famine on the island of Sicily. When the famine ended, the peasants gratefully honored the saint by filling an altar with their most precious possession — food.

All are invited to participate in this family event.

Troupe to portray teen issues

St. Patrick's, Owego — The parish youth group will sponsor a visit from the Elmira Mental Health Role Players, under the direction of John Edwards, on Sunday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in the church hall. All members of the parish are invited to attend this performance, in which the players will depict various real-life situations concerning the issues of parent-teen relationships, self-image and teen sexuality.

Parish seeking mementos

St. Francis Xavier, Rochester — The parish, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a gala dinner at the Mapledale Party House on Saturday, Oct. 29, is searching for photographs and mementos for use in preparing a commemorative booklet of the centenary. Photos and other items may be dropped off at or mailed to the rectory, 34 Teresa St., Rochester, 14605. Organizers promise materials will be returned to their owners intact.

Registration slated at OLPH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester — Registration for the parish school is set for Tuesday, March 22. New students may be registered between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Returning students may be registered from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. The registration fee of \$35 is not refundable.

Tuition for active parishioners is \$640 per family. Non-parishioner families will pay \$920 for one child and \$1,000 for two or more children. Tuition assistance is available through the Diocese of Rochester.

Our Lady of Help School offers kindergarten through grade six. Parish children of junior-high age are sent to Blessed Sacrament Regional Junior High School. Some instruction at OLPH is given in Spanish. Other offerings are: all-day kindergarten, computer training, remedial math and reading.

For information, call the principal, Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan, SSJ, at (716) 266-7605.

Fourth grade students at Most Precious Blood School observed the school's Peace and Justice week, January 18-22, by focusing on "World Peace Leaders."

The students studied the lives of such peace makers as Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., and Pope John Paul II, and each day before dismissal a fourth-grade student delivered a report about one of these leaders over the school's public address system.

The students also wrote individual letters to President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev; designed a world-peace bulletin board that included the names of students in the school who exemplify peaceful attitudes; made Valentines for the Lake Section of the Rochester Police Department in gratitude for their service to the community as peace promoters; and sold peace buttons, earning \$46 for Bethany House.

Cub Scout Pack 260 at St. Joseph's School celebrated Scout Sunday, Jan. 31, with a Mass for the boys and their mothers; a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast prepared by the Cub Scout fathers; and storytelling by Peg Glisson. The Boy Scouts also participated in this event, which was chaired by Arlee Valentine, assistant cubmaster at St. Joseph's.

Two Nazareth Academy seniors, Dawn Eick and Maureen McAvaney, have been awarded certificates of excellence by Bryant & Stratton Business Institute. The two placed second and fifth respectively in Bryant & Stratton's Secretarial Scholarship Competition, held last November. Eick received a full one-year's scholarship to the institute, worth more than \$4,000, for her accomplishments in the competition, and McAvaney received a half-year's scholarship, worth more than \$2,000.

Parish Notes

Parish launches journey

St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester — Beginning on Ash Wednesday, parishioners embarked on a 100-day-long observance that will conclude on Corpus Christi day, Sunday, June 5.

The observance is based on the Lenten theme of returning home and turning back to the Lord. Upcoming events include:

- An English mission running from 7-8:30 p.m. on March 13-15, with Deacon Claude Lester, diocesan director of parish services; and the Rite of Reconciliation in English on Tuesday, March 15.

- A Spanish mission from 7-8:30 p.m. on March 16-18, featuring Hermano Luis Ruberte, director of the Spanish Apostolate; with the Rite of Reconciliation conducted in Spanish on Friday, March 18.

- The Way of the Cross and confession at 4 p.m. each Saturday before the evening Mass, and stations on Sundays at 10:15 a.m., prior to the 11 a.m. Mass.

- A seder supper on Tuesday, March 29.

- Bilingual-lingual liturgy on Holy Thursday at 7 p.m., with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

- Good Friday services in English at 3 p.m. April 1.

- Spanish Good Friday services beginning with living stations in the hall.

Parishioners and friends are invited to participate in these events at St. Francis.



Corpus Christi's Class of 1938

Class plans 50th reunion

Corpus Christi, Rochester — The Corpus Christi Class of 1938 is now attempting to contact all lost classmates to inform them of the 50th reunion gala being planned for June 11. The celebration will consist of a 5 p.m. Mass at the church, followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Spring House.

For information, contact Anne Flood, (716)467-1873.

Neighbors



Edmund Welch (far left), general chairman of the Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's Association poses with (from left) essay contest winners Alice Wolpiuk and Anne Wolpiuk, Clifton Fire Chief Jerry Hendrickson and Irondequoit Fire Marshal Rocky Verstrete.

Anne Wolpiuk, a sixth-grade student at Christ the King, won first place in the annual Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's Association Fire Prevention Essay Contest. Her winning entry in the fifth- and sixth-grade division earned her \$50 and a trophy. Her sister, Alice, an eighth grader, won sixth place in the seventh and eighth grade division. She received \$5 and a trophy.

Anne's name will be added to the list of past first-place winners on a 37-inch-high trophy, which was presented to the school's principal, Charlotte Nowotny. The trophy will remain at the school for one year.