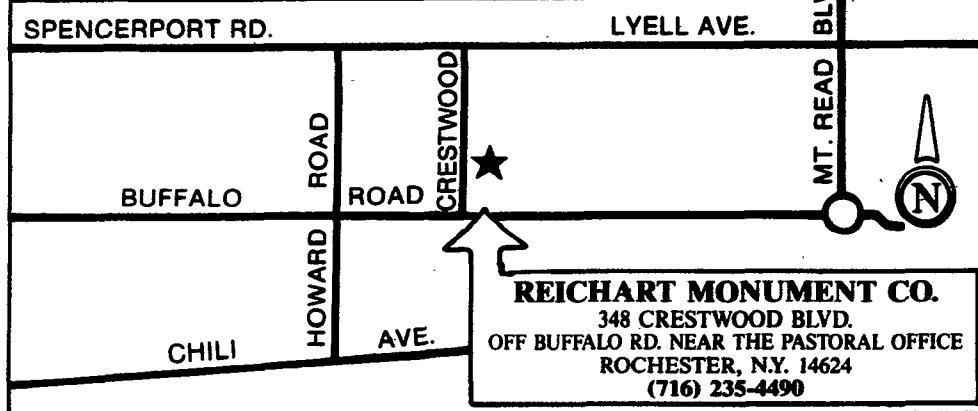


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Around the Diocese

Appreciation dinner planned

St. Mary's, Corning — The parish has planned a dinner in appreciation of lay ministers, to take place on Sunday, June 12, in the All Saints Academy Gym, Corning.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with a roast beef dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Guests are asked to bring dishes of salad, potato, vegetable or dessert to pass.

Following the dinner, Warren Benjamin will present 20 minutes of slides, music and narration about the Holy Land.

The evening will conclude with a recognition ceremony in which two members of the parish will receive the St. Mary's Lay Ministry Award.

For reservations or information, call the rectory at (607)962-0422.

St. Anthony Mass scheduled

Holy Cross, Rochester — A solemn Mass in honor of St. Anthony will be held in the church on Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m.

Father John Nacca, pastor emeritus of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Auburn, will celebrate the liturgy in Italian and English. The Padre Beatini Choir will lead the congregation in singing traditional Italian sacred songs. At the end of the Mass, the congregation will process outside to the St. Anthony shrine for a final blessing.

All are invited.

Festival to benefit homeless

St. Ambrose, Rochester — The parish will present its annual summer festival on Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11, from 6 to 11 p.m.

In an effort to assist Rochester's homeless, the parish will donate 50 percent of the net receipts from the festival to Catholic Charities for use in establishing a permanent shelter facility.

The festival will feature games of skill for children, food booths, and a disc jockey playing records on Saturday between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

For information, call the rectory at (716)288-5000.

Parish honors pastor

St. Helen's, Rochester — On Sunday, June 5, parishioners honored Father L. John Hedges, retiring pastor, and marked the 45th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The celebration began with social hours following each of the morning Masses. At the 11:30 Mass, attended by Father Hedges' family, relatives and friends, the retiring pastor was presented with a handmade stole.

Joseph G. Schaller will be ordained a Jesuit priest Saturday, June 11, at the Alumni Memorial Chapel of Loyola College in Baltimore. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

Schaller, a former Fairport resident, attended McQuaid Jesuit High School and received a degree in theology from Georgetown University in 1978. After completing a master of divinity degree at the Weston School of Theology in 1981, he pursued philosophical studies at Loyola University of Chicago and then earned a master's degree in liturgical studies at the University of Notre Dame.

From 1985 to 1987 Schaller served as a counselor and taught religion at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia. During the last year, he has been engaged in studies for the licentiate in sacred theology at Weston. Schaller is scheduled to become associate campus minister and director of liturgy at the University of Scranton this fall.

Masses of thanksgiving will be celebrated in the Madonna della Strada Chapel at the University of Scranton on Sunday, June 12, at 3 p.m., and at St. John of Rochester Church on Sunday, June 26, at 3 p.m.

In recognition of excellence in work performance and scholastic achievements, the Wegmans Scholarship Program has awarded scholarships to the following Aquinas Institute students: **Ellen Baechel, Andrea Calvaruso, Kathleen Compisi, Lisa Kucwicz, Stephanie Martel, Nadia Reynolds and Richard Schwan.** The scholarships will cover 50 percent of the students' college tuition costs, up to \$2,200 per year, and may be renewed for as many as four years, for a total possible award of \$8,800.

Parish Notes

A highlight of the day's activities was a roast held in Father Hedges' honor at 1:30 p.m. in the church. Hosted by Father Dennis R. Sewar, the parish's parochial vicar, "This is Your Life, Jack Hedges," featured humorous recollections from family, friends, parishioners, and current and former co-workers.

An hors d'oeuvres reception followed in the parish center from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Father Hedges will continue his priestly ministry in retirement at St. Joseph Church, Penfield.

Bible school teachers needed

Church of the Assumption, Fairport — The parish is looking for volunteer teachers to staff its Vacation Bible School to be held August 1 through 5, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The inter-denominational program includes Bible lessons, crafts, music and refreshments for children from four-years-old through sixth-grade.

Teacher orientation will be held June 18.

To register or for information about teaching, call Jeanette Watters at (716)377-3028.

Anniversary gala slated

St. Gregory, Marlon/St. Anne, Palmyra — The parishes will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Father Francis H. Vogt's ordination to the priesthood with a Mass at noon on Sunday, June 12, in St. Anne's Church. Following the Mass, a reception and buffet will be held at Marvin's Country Club in Macedon.

Tickets for the buffet cost \$12 and must be reserved in advance. For more information or to make reservations, call Mary Deagman at (315)597-5773 or Bill Coughlin at 597-4714.

Picnic in the park scheduled

St. Mary's, Rochester — The parish's annual picnic will be held in Washington Square Park on Sunday, June 19, following the regular 11:30 a.m. Mass.

The picnic will include food, music and games for the entire family. The festivities will also mark Father James Lawlor's 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

The public is invited. For information, or to make reservations, call the rectory at (716)232-7140.

Neighbors

The Genesee Valley Nurses' Association has awarded **Donna Del Santo, R.N.**, its second-annual Outstanding Nursing Administration Award, which recognizes the achievements of professional nurses in such areas as administration, research and clinical care. Del Santo is currently a counselor at Nazareth Academy High School as well as co-director of Corpus Christi Center, an outreach program of Corpus Christi Parish, which serves a variety of health needs of the working poor and people who are not eligible for other health-care programs.

Debra Metzger has been named director of planning at St. Mary's Hospital. She will provide research and planning support to hospital programs while monitoring local, state and national health-care trends. A graduate of the University of Michigan's master's degree program in hospital administration and a 1985 graduate of Cornell University, Metzger comes to St. Mary's after serving as an administrative resident at Rochester Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

The new officers of the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, and three new members of the foundation's board of directors, were elected at meetings held May 4. **James V. Clune** is the new president of the foundation. Other new officers elected were **Sister Martha Gersbach, SSJ**, vice president, and **Angelo Fusco**, treasurer. **Deacon Stanley J. Douglas** was reappointed executive director and secretary. The foundation's new board members are **William R. Manniko, Sister Deanna Gears, SSJ**, and **John T. Cough**.