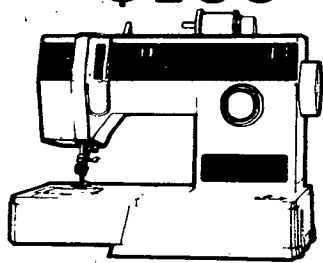


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## Do cults threaten Catholicism?

**St. Francis DeSales, Geneva** — The parish is hosting a workshop on cults to be conducted by Dr. Nathan R. Kollar on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The one-day workshop — sponsored by the diocesan Department of Continuing Education — will look to the cults of the past and present to prepare participants for future challenges.

Cost for the workshop is \$25. Make reservations by calling the continuing education department at 716/328-3210.

## Advent prayer program begins

**St. Francis DeSales, Geneva** — Sister Dolores Monahan, SSJ, will offer a four-week video prayer reflection program, "Wake Up Spirituality for Today," by Father Anthony DeMello. Among the topics to be covered are "How to Pray," "How to be Real" and "How to Love."

The program will be held on consecutive Mondays from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m., beginning November 28. Sessions will be repeated on Tuesday afternoons from 3-4 p.m., beginning November 29. The Monday sessions will be held in the parish hall; the Tuesday afternoon sessions will be held in the convent.

The suggested offering for the program is \$10, payable in advance or at the first session. For more information, call Sister Monahan at 315/789-3263.

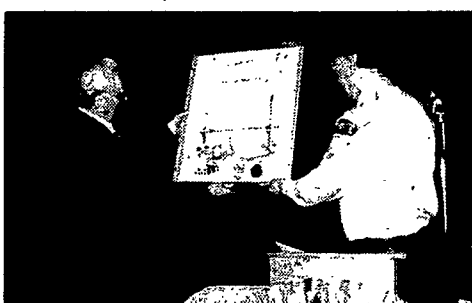
## Ladies of Charity schedule annual Christmas dinner

**St. Casimir, Elmira** — Members of the Ladies of Charity have scheduled their annual Christmas dinner on Thursday, Dec. 1, at Timothy Sheehan's Tavern, 365 Davis St., Elmira.

Agnes and Theresa Hourihan are coordinating this year's dinner. Members and guests have a choice of three entrees, and must make reservations with the Hourihans by Monday, Nov. 28.

A Mass will be celebrated at St. Casimir's Church, 1004 Davis St., Elmira, at 5:15 p.m. by Father Eugene Weis. The readings and the presentation of the gifts will be done by Ladies of Charity. The service will be followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Margery Nurnberg, director of the Department of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Rochester diocese. Nurnberg, who is also the vice chairman on the Commission for Christian/Jewish dialogue, will talk about her trip to Russia, where she presented a Steuben Glass crucifix



David Richey (right), a member of the Boy Scouts' Great Northern District Committee, presents George Manning with an oil painting commemorating Manning's 60 years of commitment to scouting.

At a special recognition dinner held November 7 at St. Andrew's Parish, **George Manning** received an oil painting and several citations to mark his 60 years of commitment to scouting.

Manning, of St. Salome's Parish, first joined the Boy Scouts in 1928. In 1935, he helped organize Troop 70 at St. Andrew's. In 1937, he organized Troop 215 at St. Francis Xavier Parish, serving as its first scoutmaster. He later became a neighborhood commissioner (1954) and assistant district commissioner (1958). He is currently Cub Scout training chairman.

Over the years, Manning has received a variety of awards, including the St. George Award, presented by former Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of Rochester in 1969, and scouting's highest award, the Silver Beaver, in 1972.

**Kara Penna**, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, is one of 200 students from across the state chosen to participate in the New York State School Music Association All-State Conference, November 28-30, in Kiamasha Lake. Penna was one of 1,500 students who auditioned this past spring in solo and ensemble festivals held throughout the state.

## Parish Notes

to Christians in the Soviet Union on behalf of Christians in the Southern Tier. The gesture was in honor of 1,000 years of Christianity traced to Kievan Rus.

Call 607/734-1622 for information.

## Healing services planned for St. Mary's, southside

**St. Mary, Elmira** — Father Matthew Swizdor, OFM Conv., will conduct a series of healing Masses and services at 7:30 p.m. beginning Monday, Nov. 28, and continuing through Friday, Dec. 2, at St. Mary's, 224 Franklin St., Elmira.

An Auburn native, Father Swizdor is renowned for his healing ministry and is an author as well.

The healing Masses and services are open to all people needing physical, spiritual or emotional healing. Call 607/734-6254 for information.

## Christmas party plans in place

**Cayuga Cluster** — The cluster will celebrate the Christmas season with a party on Friday, Dec. 9, at the Aurora Inn.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner, an optional gift exchange, and dancing. The price is \$10 per person.

To make reservations, contact the social events representatives at the four parishes following weekend Masses, or call: at St. Joseph's, Glenda Burg, 315/252-2970; at St. Michael's, Cathy Hope, 889-7706; at St. Patrick's, Pam Grady, 364-7215, or Janelle Sullivan, 364-8613; and at Our Lady of the Lake, Connie McGarr, 533-7000.

The deadline for reservations is Dec. 4.

## Luncheon to highlight bazaar

**St. Mary's, Waterloo** — The parish's 18th annual Christmas bazaar and luncheon will take place Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school hall. Useful and unusual hand-made items will be offered for sale. Luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Neighbors

**St. Leo's Council 9461** Knights of Columbus of Hilton, N.Y., received special recognition for a church-related activity at the annual New York State Knights of Columbus convention in May. The award is presented to a council that promoted a special church project or activity.

During the past year, **Donald Yockel** and 17 volunteers restored the basement of the former church on Lake Avenue in Hilton. The parish will use the basement to hold meetings. The basement also includes a kitchen that can be used for banquets, brunches or lunches. Past Grand Knight **Timothy F. Parsons** and newly-elected Grand Knight **George D. Herbert** received the award at the convention for the council.

Former Rochester native, **Sister Marie Clare Scheible**, OSF, was featured in an article in the *State Journal-Register* of Springfield, Ill., for her work as a massage therapist. A graduate of St. Boniface School and Nazareth Academy, Sister Scheible completed training as a therapist in August, 1988. She had previously served as a nurse, and for more than 20 years as a hospital administrator.

**Deacon Albert F. Bergeron** of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Brighton has been awarded certification as a chaplain by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains in the name of the United States Catholic Conference. Deacon Bergeron prepared for the certification process at Monroe Developmental Center, the Rochester Psychiatric Center and Strong Memorial Hospital.