

CENACLE OFFERS SPECIAL RETREATS

- Dec. 2-4 - "THE ADVENT PSYCHIATRIST" An Advent Retreat that looks at Jesus as the psychiatrist from Galilee. Given by Fr. George Freemesser, C.S.B., who is a priest and psychiatrist
 - Dec. 9-11 - COPING WITH UNMANAGEABILITY Can God really help me cope with the unmanageability in my life? A retreat for those who seek peace and serenity during this hectic holiday season. Given by Greg Doyle of Matt Talbot Ministries and Srs. Ellen Frawley and Margie Mayk of the Cenacle.
 - Dec. 11 - ADVENT JOY FOR SINGLES A day of prayer for men and women who have always been single. Given by Fr. Francis Blighton and Sr. Hilda Blade, r.c. (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - includes Eucharist and lunch).
 - Dec. 31 - YEAR END RENEWAL Evening of Prayer for New Year's Eve begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes with 11:30 Eucharist followed by refreshments. Optional overnight accommodations are available.
 - Jan. 9-11 - MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT Provides time and space for teenage daughters and their mothers to be together, to share values and feelings, and to improve communication. Given by Carol and Sharon Montante and Sr. Margie Mayk, r.c.
- All retreats are open to men and women of all faiths.

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Around the Diocese

Youth prayer sessions planned

St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls — The parish has formed an Advent prayer group for teenagers and adults. The group will meet the four Fridays of Advent — December 2, 9, 16 and 23 — at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

The four sessions will use evening prayer and Compline from the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) in conjunction with additional Scriptures, folk music and storytelling. James Bloomfield, religious education coordinator for the parish, will facilitate the sessions.

Participants, who must be 13 or older, may attend one or all of the sessions. The program is free, and open to anyone of any denomination.

For more information, call James Bloomfield at 315/568-2573 or 568-5203.

Priest from retreat house to conduct mission in Elmira

Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira — Father William Gaffney from the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua will conduct a mission with the theme, "As Christmas Comes Closer, Come Closer to Christ," at the church, 161 High St., Elmira.

The mission will begin Sunday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. and continues through Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Father Gaffney will also speak Monday through Thursday after the daily Mass at 12:05 p.m.

The mission is ecumenical and is open to the public. Call 607/732-2132.

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Parish plans 1989 centennial

Holy Rosary Church, Rochester — The Centennial Committee of the parish is planning for celebrations in 1989. The committee is asking for any former parishioners to send their addresses to the parish at 414 Lexington Avenue, Rochester, N.Y., 14613. The committee will send a list of planned events to any respondents.

Fifth-grade students at **Mother of Sorrows School** sold popcorn to raise \$119.50 for Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House will provide a place for out-of-town families to stay if someone in their family needs to be hospitalized in Rochester.

DeSales High School senior **Dean Askin** has been chosen to receive the Xerox Award in the humanities/social sciences. The award, established this year, is based on scholarship in the social sciences, leadership and community service. Askin will receive the award during a presentation this coming spring. He will also be eligible to apply for a special Xerox Scholar program at the University of Rochester.

Brian E. Jeffers, a seminarian of the Diocese of Rochester, was officially received as a candidate for ordained ministry on October 21 by the Most Reverend Peter L. Gerety, archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. Jeffers is a third-year student at The American College of Louvain, a seminary in Belgium sponsored by the United States Catholic Bishops.

Sister Patricia Schoelles, SSJ, has been designated as a 1988-1989 Distinguished Lecturer at the Ecumenical Institute of Theology, St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Md. The appointment is in recognition of Sister Schoelles' work as a faculty member.

Currently an assistant professor at St. Mary's, Sister Schoelles is a graduate of Nazareth College, where she received a bachelor's degree in English, and Notre Dame University, where she earned a master's degree and a doctorate in theology. She has taught at Notre Dame and Nazareth College, and has

Parish Notes

Christmas sale to raise funds

St. Margaret Mary, West Irondequoit — The parish home-school committee is sponsoring its 15th annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school auditorium and cafeteria. Fifty artists, craftsmen and dealers will be presenting their work, which includes antiques, home-made candy, doll clothes and Christmas decorations. Refreshments and baked goods will also be available. Monies raised will be used to purchase educational materials for the school.

For information, call Barb Zimmerman at (716)342-2609.

St. Mary's marks feast day with musical prelude, Mass

St. Mary's, Rochester — The parish will mark the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, December 8, with a musical prelude at 5:10 p.m. Mass will follow at 5:45 p.m., and the evening concludes with a reception at 6:30 p.m.

The musical program consists of music honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Advent selections including two pieces for a vocal quartet, two solo organ works and one duet for violin and viola. Musicians John Celenano, Kate Harden, Phillip Lioi, Maryann Mootos and Steven Staruch will be featured. The program is free and open to the public.

For information, call the rectory at (716)232-7140.

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.

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.

Neighbors

also taught fifth-, seventh- and eighth-graders at Holy Trinity School in Webster.

Twenty-eight hospital personnel from **St. James Mercy Hospital** in Hornell recently completed a three-hour certification seminar to teach breast self-examination. The certification will enable the nurses and radiology technicians to not only teach women how to examine their breasts, but also to explain why such self-examination is important.

The laboratory of **St. Joseph's Hospital** in Elmira has been awarded a two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP). St. Joseph's has one of the 3,600 CAP-approved laboratories nationwide.

Nazareth College has been awarded a grant of \$10,988 from the National Science Foundation to purchase computer and optical equipment that will enable undergraduate students to more accurately measure and analyze biological specimens seen through a microscope in science laboratory courses and student research. The grant, and an additional \$10,988 in matching funds from the college, will fund a two-year project designed to give students experience in working with the computerized image analysis of biological data.