

Calendar

Thursday, December 15

WORKSHOP: basic improvisation for church organists; Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Pk., Rochester; 7:30-9:15 p.m.; presented by Dr. J. William Greene; to register, call diocesan Office of Liturgy, 716/328-3210.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Bishop Kearney Concert Band and Marching Kings; Bishop Kearney High School Auditorium, 125 Kings Highway S., Rochester; 7:30-8:30 p.m.; free and open to the public.

SOCIAL: lunch for widowed people; Cheap Charlies, 3 Elm St., Holcomb; 11:30 a.m.; for information, call Carl, Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry, 315/789-2686.

EXHIBIT: "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945;" Monroe Community College, 1000 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester; for information, call Diana Raynor, 716/424-5200, ext. 3260.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Mercy High School Auditorium, 1437 Blossom Rd., Rochester; featuring debut of Mercy/McQuaid Show Choir; 7:30 p.m.; adults, \$2; students, \$1, for information, call 716/288-7120.

BIBLE STUDY: sponsored by SSJ Spirituality Institute; Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave., Rochester; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; conducted by Ruth R. Roy; repeated weekly; call Sr. Anne de Porres, 716/586-1000, ext. 68, for information.

Friday, December 16

SERIES: "Introduction to Contemplative Prayer with the Mystics;" last of six parts in series entitled "Being Transformed by Self-Emptying;" features "Julian" portrayed by Roberta Nobleman; Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; for information, call Judy Vaeth, 716/473-6893.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: St. Thomas More Singles' Club; Penfield Nursing Home; 1700 Penfield Rd., Penfield; 6:15 p.m.

ADVENT LITURGY: "Emmanuel: God Is with Us;" Holy Name of Jesus Church, St. Martin's Way, Rochester; 7 p.m.; for information, call Mike at 716/442-9988.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: St. Patrick's School, 300 Main St., Owego; 6:30 p.m.; for information, call 607/687-4812.

Saturday, December 17

CHRISTMAS DANCE: sponsored by Finger Lakes region separated, divorced and widowed groups; Sons of Italy Hall, 34 Prospect St., Geneva; 8 p.m.-midnight; music by DJ Jim Shaff; \$5 donation; informal dress; for information, call 315/789-2686.

BIBLE BREAKFAST: "The Messianic Prophecies and Jesus' Fulfillment of Prophecies;" Barry's Park Place Restaurant, Rochester; 9:15 a.m.; Sr. Mary Lynch, SSJ, speaker; sponsored by St. Augustine's Church; \$5; call 716/328-2442 to make reservations by Dec. 14.

DEVOTION: rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima; St. Ambrose Church, 25 Empire Blvd., Rochester; following 8 a.m. Mass.

ROSARY FOR LIFE: 15 decades of the rosary; sponsored by the Catholic Pro-Life Rosary Group; Highland Hospital, South Avenue, Rochester; 9:30-10:30 a.m.; call Dee and Milt Dries, 716/334-7562, for information; repeated weekly.



Children bundled up and climbed aboard for a free hay ride around Manhattan Square Park last weekend.



Linda Dow Hayes/Courier-Journal

Keith Alexander and his son Jesse get to know Dixie and Danny, two Belgian draft horses, before taking a short hay ride around Manhattan Square Park on Saturday. The free event, which will be repeated Dec. 17, was sponsored by the City of Rochester and McCracken Farms.

MEETING: separated, divorced and widowed support group; St. Ann's School Meeting Room, 29 Erie St., Hornell; 7 p.m.; for information, call 607/324-2489.

DINNER PARTY: St. Thomas More Singles' Club; Tut's Villa Restaurant, 2200 Buffalo Rd., Gates; 6:30 p.m.; for information, call 716/482-5656.

MEETING: Catholic Charismatic Renewal leaders; Good Shepherd School, 3318 E. Henrietta Rd., Henrietta; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND PARTY: St. Theresa Center, St. Augustine's Church, 410 Chili Ave., Rochester; 12-2:30 p.m.; all are welcome.

Sunday, December 18

CHRISTMAS AT THE CENACLE: designed especially for children and the young-at-heart; Cenacle Center for Spiritual Renewal, 693 East Ave., Rochester; 2:30-4:30 p.m.; call 716/271-8755 for information and reservation.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: for blind and visually impaired children; McDonald's of State Street, Rochester; 9-11 a.m.; for reservations, call 716/227-2308.

PASS-A-DISH SUPPER: Corpus Christi Rectory, 80 Prince St., Rochester; 6-9 p.m.; for information, call 716/325-2424.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Aurora Children's Christmas Pageant; United Ministry Church, Aurora; 7:30 p.m.; all children over the age of four invited to participate.

FORUM: "Ethics in the Workplace;" Corpus Christi Church hall; 80 Prince St., Rochester; 10-11 a.m.; Frank Staropoli, presenter.

DANCE: "Nutcracker;" performed by the Draper Dance Theatre with artists from the New York City Ballet; Hartwell Dance Theater, SUNY College at Brockport; 2 p.m.; \$6; for information, call 716/395-2754.

Monday, December 19

DEVOTION: People's Eucharistic Holy Hour; Fr. John T. Reif, celebrant; Srs. of St. Joseph Infirmary, 4095 East Ave., Rochester; 7:30-8:30 p.m.; call Dorothy, 716/467-6606, for information.

NOVENA: in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe; Guardian Angels Church, 1960 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester; 7:30 p.m.; repeated weekly.

Tuesday, December 20

PENANCE SERVICE: Advent communal penance service; featuring music from Handel's "Messiah;" St. Philip Neri Church, 1782 Clifford Ave., Rochester; Fr. Richard Shatzel celebrant.

Wednesday, December 21

PRAYER SERVICE: "Medjugorje Night of Prayer;" Notre Dame Retreat House, Foster Rd., Canandaigua; 7 p.m.; joyful and sorrowful mysteries of the rosary, and Litany of Our Lady; 8 p.m., Mass; Benediction, healing service and blessing of religious articles to follow.

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MEETING: support group for families of chronically mentally ill; Brockport Park Ridge Mental Health Center, 3 Park Ave, Brockport; 4-5:30 p.m.; therapist Joan Hanson, leader; for information, call 716/637-6822.

Saturday, December 24

TV MASS: broadcast live from the Vatican; Pope John Paul II's celebration of Christmas Eve Mass; ETWN; 6 p.m.; check local cable listings for more information.

Sunday, December 25

VIETNAMESE MASS: celebrated by Fr. Joseph Hien in the Vietnamese language; Corpus Christi Church, 884 East Main St., Rochester; sacrament of reconciliation offered after 2:30 p.m.; for Mass time, call 716/325-2424; all are welcome.

TV MASS: broadcast live from the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.; EWTN; noon; Cardinal James Hickey, celebrant; check local cable listings for more information.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: delivered by Pope John Paul II (tape delayed); EWTN; 5 p.m.; check local cable listings for more information.



Despite the weekend cold, Lauren McCracken of Brockport's McCracken Farms enjoyed guiding his team around the park.