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NOTICE

In last week's wedding supplement, the listing for marriage-preparation classes in Monroe and Livingston counties indicated that couples should call the marriage preparation office to obtain forms for mail registration. These cards are actually available from local parish rectories, NOT from the marriage preparation office.

The article also noted that registration for sessions in Monroe and Livingston counties normally closes one month prior to the session dates. The marriage preparation office has informed us that — due to increased demand this year — sessions for the months of March through June already have been filled to capacity.

around the diocese

PARISH NOTES

Priest returning to Ithaca to lead program in March

ITHACA — Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca is sponsoring a Lenten retreat to be led by Father Carl J. Marucci. The priest, who will speak at all weekend Masses on March 4 and 5, is returning to the Ithaca parish after giving a retreat there last year.

The Lenten retreat will begin at 7:30 p.m. on March 5, and continue through Thursday, March 9. Two programs will take place on Thursday — one at 11 a.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m.

All programs are open to the public. Call 607/273-6121 for information.

Film focuses on God's love

MACEDON — The Family Life Committee of St. Patrick's Church, Macedon, is offering a Lenten film series entitled "His Stubborn Love," Feb. 27, March 6 and 13. The films will be shown in the church hall, 50 Main St., from 7:30-9 p.m. on the 27th and the 6th, and 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the 13th.

The series will feature four films by Joyce Landorf which focus on how God's persistent love can make sense out of suffering, renew self-esteem and provide encouragement for Christian living. Landorf, the author of 15 books, is a widely-sought after speaker.

The four films are: "Change Points," which deals with hope during crisis points in life, to be shown on Feb. 27; "Your Irregular Person," which focuses on overcoming disappointment and rejection, to be shown March 6; "Mourning Song," which discusses dealing with loss, and "God's Waiting Room," which examines how God is working even as people wait for answers to prayers, to both be shown on March 13.

For additional information about the series, call Marita VanDerveer at 315/986-4715.

Living stations service set

KING FERRY — Our Lady of the Lake Church will celebrate the Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. Parishioners will portray Christ and the various people he met on the way to the crucifixion as commemorated by the stations. The service, which will last approximately one hour, will conclude with a quiet meditation conducted by a lector. All are invited to attend.

Parish series continues

ROCHESTER — Corpus Christi Church, at 80 Prince St., is continuing its Lenten scripture series in the rectory on the following topics:

"Following Jesus in Prayer: reflections on the psalms Jesus prayed" on Wednesday, March 1, from 7:30-9 p.m., featuring Dr. Christine Bochen, professor and chairwoman of religious studies at Nazareth College;

"Prophecy in ancient Israel: a message from the past, or a word for today?" on Wednesday, March 15, from 7:30-9 p.m., featuring Vic Bartolotta, lay minister.

The parish also plans to host a series of workshops by Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton, president of Pax Christi USA. The workshop schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 7 — 8:45 a.m., registration; 9:15 a.m., prayer; 9:30 a.m., panel discussion, "Does faith lead me to resistance in defense of all life?"; 10:35 a.m., break; 10:45 a.m., Bishop Gumbleton on "Priest as prophet: true or false"; 12:05 p.m., Mass; 7:30-9 p.m., Bishop Gumbleton on "To know God is know where God is not."

Wednesday, March 8 — 9 a.m., registration; 9:30 a.m., prayer; 9:45 a.m., Bishop Gumbleton on "The church witnesses to Jesus' non-violence"; 10:35 a.m., break; 11:10-11:50 a.m., questions and discussion; 12:05 p.m., Mass; 7:30-9 p.m., Bishop Gumbleton on "Whatever is done for the truth will make a difference."

Pre-registration is encouraged. The workshops are free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted. For information, call 716/325-2424 or 244-7439.

Parish mission planned

BROCKPORT — The liturgy committee of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is sponsoring a three-day mission entitled "Turning Towards God Once Again." Father Melvin Shorter, a Passionist priest from Greenville, N.C., will preach on the following topics:

"My God ... have you forsaken me?" on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 3-8 p.m. in the parish school hall on Holley and Utica streets; "Finding God Again in Reconciliation" on Monday, Feb. 27, at 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the church at 152 Main St.; and "Finding God Again through the Cross and Eucharist" on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the church.

The Sunday session will include a supper and small-group sharing.

For information, call 716/637-5319 Monday-Wednesday, or 637-5319 Thursday or Friday.

NEIGHBORS

Nazareth Academy has inducted 17 juniors into the Bishop McQuaid Chapter of the National Honor Society at Nazareth Academy. The new members are: Amy Attridge, Cristen Briggs, Amanda Burgess, Jennifer Coval, Tina Crandall, Maureen Devine, Kathleen Doran, Rebecca Ehrmentraut, Elizabeth Foley, Renee Gambitta, Vonetta Johnson, Tracey Panek, Maria Patenoster, Amy Pickering and Carolyn Rodwell.



Fred Bush, a seventh-grade student at Seton Junior High, captured first place at the Seton Junior High Invitation Spelling Bee. Meanwhile, Elaine Wong, a sixth-grader at Our Lady of Lourdes School, took first place at the St. Boniface Fifth-/Sixth-Grade Spelling Bee. Lourdes and Seton are housed in the same building as part of the Brighton Catholic consolidated school system.

Ronald Trunzo, a St. Francis DeSales, Geneva, parishioner, has been inducted into Outstanding High School Students of America. Membership is based on merit and accomplishment in academic achievement, extra-curricular activities and community affairs. OHSA members are also eligible for a number of scholarships. Trunzo plans to attend Hobart College in the fall to major in music education.

Bishop Kearney High School's varsity cheerleaders were the grand champions of the Wilson Invitational Cheerleading Tournament at Wilson High School on Jan. 4. The squad, coached by Mary Ann Walker, also captured second place in the Greater Rochester Invitational competition held Jan. 18 at Brockport State College.

St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, hosted a live, Jan. 26 video teleconference entitled "Early Diagnosis for Alcohol and Other Drug Problems." The teleconference, attended by 26 professionals from across upstate New York, dealt with diagnoses, identification, intervention, biomedical advances and family treatment. The hospital is one of only 11 recipients of New York state Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse grants, and is participating in the Chemical Abuse Prevention Program.

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