

PARISH NOTES

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Spaghetti supper slated**

PENN YAN — St. Michael's Parish will hold a spaghetti supper Saturday, May 20, following the 5 p.m. Mass.

Cost for the dinner is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12, with children under 6 admitted free. The maximum charge per family will be \$12. Tickets may be purchased at the rectory, 312 Liberty St.

Parish undertakes census

NEWARK — St. Michael's Parish will conduct a home visitation/census on Sunday, May 21, from 1:15-5 p.m.

Parishioners are asked to remain home during those hours to help the home visitors complete the census cards. For more information, call Paul Kukuvka at 315/597-6832.



NEIGHBORS

Kyle Langdon was top seller in the Mother of Sorrows School Easter candy sale, totaling \$363.75 in sales. Mike and Michelle Nowak combined to sell \$459 worth of candy. The sale raised more \$16,000, which will be used to benefit students at the school.

St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester has received two grants to support construction of a new school at the agency's Greece campus. Chase Lincoln First Bank, N.A., contributed \$5,000, while Allstate Foundation donated \$2,500. The Villa is in the midst of a \$1.5 million fund drive.



At a dinner of the Monroe County Chapter of the Catholic War Veterans, Dennis "Andy" Merritt (center), accompanied by his wife Mary, was presented with a plaque designating him Catholic Layman of 1988 by John Sdoia, county commander of the C.W.V.

The Monroe County Chapter of the Catholic War Veterans honored Dennis "Andy" Merritt, Catholic Layman of 1988, at a breakfast celebration April 23 at the Diplomat Party House. The breakfast followed a Mass at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester.

The award is given annually to a man who by word or deed exemplifies the teachings of the Catholic Church. Merritt has been a member of St. Andrew's Parish since 1949. He has been active in scouting for 25 years, having earned the St. George Award and the Order of the Arrow. Merritt was the first president of St. Andrew's Parish Council, president of the Holy Name Society and a member of the Rosary and Altar Society.

Radio

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news of what's happening in the church and the diocese, spiritual readings, music, and occasional interviews with people prominent in local and national religious circles.

But Father Norton, as diocesan director of telecommunications, is not content with local broadcast efforts. He is involved with bringing the Catholic Television Network of America to the diocese. In addition to television programs, he said, the network plans to introduce radio programs, that, within the next two years should provide resource for expanding operations. The diocese will also be involved in efforts to bring Mother Angelica's network into local cable systems. This effort, he said, is already under discussion with the Knights of Columbus.

Father Norton is also hoping to produce a program similar to "Good Morning, Lord" which could be offered to other stations in the diocese.

"I think radio is a high priority item," he said. People have a strong need for spiritual growth and encouragement in their lives, he said, "and radio is an easy way to fill that need."

One group whose spiritual needs have tended to be neglected by local religious broadcasts are teenagers, observed Bob Almeter of St. Mary's Parish, Bath. To meet this need, Almeter, two teenage boys — Pat Swackhammer and Stan Skolny — and sociologist Jim Gallagher, began "Rainbow Bridge," a radio call-in show for teens last October. The half-hour show

follows the Sunday evening broadcast of Bob Kimble's syndicated radio program, "Building Rainbows," which includes contemporary music and discussions of relationships. The local program, which runs from 6:30-7 p.m., expands on the topics raised by Kimble.

The four local hosts discuss such topics as drug and alcohol abuse, sexuality and values. "We're just trying to give the kids an excuse to make a good choice," Almeter said. He noted that the program receives four to five calls each week. Some of the callers go beyond the topic for the evening to talk about their own problems. "We're not an on-the-air counseling service," he cautioned. "We're more or less a place where they can sound off."

Almeter said the goal of the program, as indicated by the title, is to build bridges between youth and adults, and for youths as they become adults. At some point, he would like to see the program expand to meet the needs of another neglected group: 18-35-year-olds. Based on his own experience of having "grown so much from what I've learned on the show," Almeter said, members of the young adult age group have much to learn about living out faith.

The idea of meeting spiritual needs in the diocese is very much a common theme of the local broadcasts. Father Shamon observed that these programs form an important ministry that spreads the word of God and reaches those who may not otherwise be touched.

"The Lord just scatters the seed," Father Shamon said. "Some will fall by the wayside. Some will fall on fertile ground. You just have to do it. If you don't take some action, nothing will get done."

GRADUATION

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In recognition of the Catholic high school seniors of the Rochester Diocese, the Catholic Courier will be featuring a special graduation supplement in the issue of June 1, 1989. This keepsake section is among our best read... and best liked. Included will be a listing of graduates, photos of the valedictorian and salutatorian, and details of commencement ceremonies. If your son or daughter does not attend a Catholic High School, But you wish to have them included in this Keepsake issue, please contact your pastor, or parish religious education coordinator to have their name mailed in to our office. All names must be received by Friday, May 19, 1989. Names will not be taken over the telephone. If you or your business would like to advertise in the Catholic Courier's Graduation Supplement, please call our Advertising Department.

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