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-PARISH NOTES

New pre-baptismal program planned for Elmira parish

ELMIRA — Beginning July 1, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will implement a new pre-baptismal program for all families planning the baptism of their child.

The new program will involve four steps. First, parents will be invited to a meeting at the convent at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Both parents are expected to attend the meeting, and sponsors or godparents may also attend if they can.

Pre-baptism materials will be distributed for study at home. The importance and history of the sacrament of baptism in the church will be outlined. Ample time for questions will be allowed. Parish staff members would prefer the couple to attend this opening session before their child is born.

The second step of the program will give parents the opportunity to read materials and plan the ceremony at home.

Next, a parish staff member will visit the family's home to help parents plan the ceremony and offer suggestions for involving all family members during the celebration.

Finally, Legion of Mary members will visit after the baptism to deliver certificates and other materials for parents.

The first session of the new program will take place on July 11. Call the parish office at 607/732-6261 to register.

Farewell party planned

ROCHESTER — St. Augustine's Parish is hosting a farewell reception for Father William Trott on Sunday, June 25, from 4-7 p.m. in the school hall at 410 Chili Ave. All friends and associates of Father Trott are invited to join in saying goodbye before he moves onto his new assignment in Livonia.

Father Trott will also celebrate the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses that day. For information, call Deacon Brian J. McNulty at 716/328-4494.

Garage sale items sought

HONEOYE — St. Mary Our Lady of the Hills Parish is looking for items for its garage sale, set for July 7-8. The parish also needs volunteers to help with the sale.

Donations can be brought to the rectory garage. If a truck is needed to pick up items, call Joe Bader at 716/229-2741.



The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award that can be presented to a Girl Scout, has been awarded to Ann Marie Walsh, a senior at Nazareth Academy. She received the honor for participating in a project to notify homeowners of the importance of house numbers visible to drivers of emergency vehicles. She became aware of the problem as an Explorer with the Barnard Explorer Post, which works with local firefighters.

Parish donates salary for outreach worker

ROCHESTER — St. John the Evangelist Parish, 549 Humboldt St., has donated more than \$21,000 to Sojourner House, a temporary shelter for women. The money will pay one year's salary for an outreach worker who will provide support to Sojourner's former residents,

The parish's social ministry committee initiated the fundraising project a year and a half ago, according to Patricia Curtis, pastoral assistant and the parish's liaison to Sojourner House. The donated money came from monthly collections, and such fundraisers as cider and donut sales, two pancake breakfasts sponsored by the parish youth group, cake swaps, a Christmas project, a square dance and a senior citizen's "rockathon," which raised \$1,000.

Many parishioners also meet regularly with Sojourner residents in sewing and meal-planning groups — activities which will continue into the fall.

Owego parish needs help in resettling Amerasians

OWEGO — The churches of St. Patrick, St. Paul Episcopal and St. Margaret Mary (Apalachin) have agreed to cooperatively resettle two Amerasian families in the Owego area.

Families will be identified approximately one month before their arrival, which is expected some time in July. As a preliminary step, St. Patrick's parish is soliciting household furnishings for a kitchen, living room, bedroom and bathroom, since the family members will have nothing when they arrive in the Southern Tier.

The parish is hoping to find a parishioner willing to offer an empty barn or garage where these items can be stored. If no storage area can be found, parishioners will be asked to hold items until they are needed in July. Call Charles Pedro, the parish household furnishings coordinator, at 607/687-4697 for information.

Autumn trip planned

ROCHESTER — Holy Name of Jesus Parish, St. Martin's Way, has scheduled a fall foliage tour and spritual reflection in Vermont from September 25-28.

Deacon Richard Lombard will conduct the tour, which is sponsored by Fun People. Participants will take part in liturgies and public prayer services at the Weston Priory, and will also spend some time sightseeing in the Green Mountains.

For information, call Joan I. Perna at 716/865-9548.

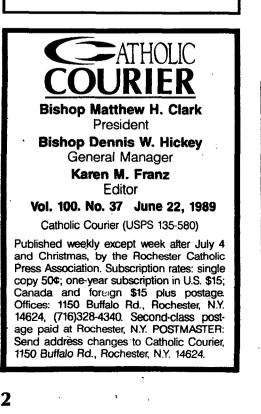
Tara Lee White, a senior at Aquinas Institute, has been awarded a citation from the Monroe County Council of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary for her participation in the Voice of Democracy scholarship pro-



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Loan Chu, a junior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, has been named a winner of the Bausch & Lomb Science Award. One of 6,000 winners nationally, she is eligible for one of several four-year Bausch & Lomb Science Scholarships at the University of Rochester. Scholarship winners are selected on merit, with stipends based on need.

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The Catholic Daughters of Americas, Court St. Rose of Lima, have awarded Suzanne Motell a scholarship to attend any Catholic college or university. The award is for \$1,000 over four years. Motell plans to enroll in Marywood College in Scranton, Pa., to pursue a career in languages.



Mark Sasso, a seventh-grade student at St. John of Rochester School in Fairport, won first place in the Western New York Fire Prevention Essay Contest. His essay, "A sound you can live with: test your smoke detector," was selected for the first place prize from all the essays submitted by students in the 12-county area of western New York.

Maurice Tierney, associate director of the diocesan Division of Social Ministry for Catholic Charities, has been appointed to fill a two-year term on the Rochester Center for Independent Living's board of directors. You.' Part for the Rosali Elena includ by Jul Cal 716/2 232-7 ext. 2 HON St. at 424 host a

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