

Theater group to perform message of the Gospels

ROCHESTER — St. Anthony of Padua Church is hosting a performance by a touring unit of the Covenant Players on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m.

Covenant Players possess a repertoire of more than 1,500 plays, enabling the group to communicate a wide variety of themes, issues and subject matter. Using techniques ranging from light comedy to heavy drama, plus science fiction, biblical characterizations and more, the group presents the message of the Gospel.

The church is also selling world famous Claxton fruit cakes for the holiday season. Both light and dark cakes are available at

\$2.75 per pound. If interested in buying or selling the cakes, stop in at the rectory, 60 Lorimer St., before or after weekend Masses, or call Sister Ambrosine at 716/458-1180 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Christmas bazaar planned for St. Mary's in Corning

CORNING — The 1989 Christmas bazaar at St. Mary's is scheduled for November 16 and 17, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

This year's bazaar has several new features, including a "Bid and Buy" booth, "Children's boutique" and "Cookbook and Cookie Booth."

Organizers are presently in need of any vintage linens and laces from parishioners' homes. Call Pat Bennett, 607/962-2364, for information.

Annual bazaar scheduled

SHORTSVILLE — St. Dominic's anti-Thanksgiving/Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the Women of St. Dominic's, will take place Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish center.

Craft items are needed for the bazaar. Contact Jane Henry at 716/289-9628.

The bazaar will also include a children's table featuring knickknacks, jewelry and other small items that children can give as Christmas presents. For information, call Eileen Minute at 289-9345.

Elmira school becoming home for seniors

ELMIRA — More than 150 people gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony at the former St. Patrick's Junior High building last Monday, Nov. 6.

Conifer Development Inc. of Rochester is in the process of converting the school into 39 housing units for moderate-income senior citizens, according to Father Daniel F. Holland, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish.

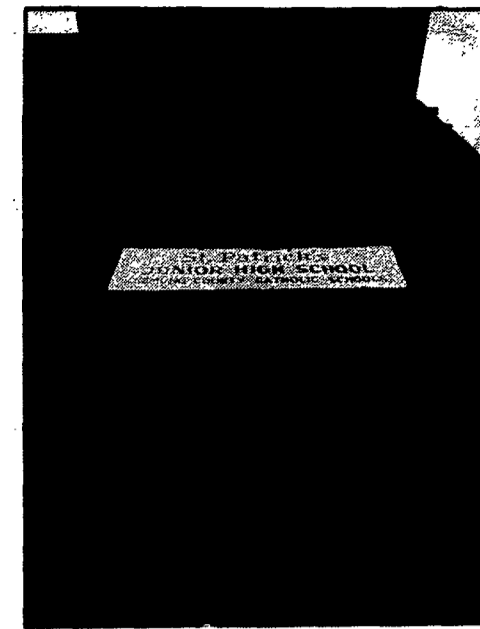
Renovations to the building, which began in late October, are supposed to be completed by June, 1990. The school closed in June, 1986, and the parish has not used the building since January, 1988.

According to Father Holland, Conifer purchased the school, convent and parking lot from the parish for \$285,000. In addition to apartments for senior citizens, the project includes a community room for all area senior citizens to use.

The project's approaching completion is a relief for parishioners and city residents, Father Holland said. The fate of the building has been the topic of many headlines in the local paper and the focus of many citizen conversations for the past two years, according to the priest.

"It's been quite a rollercoaster ride," Father Holland said.

Conifer, in fact, was not the first buyer to express interest in the building. The local Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers



office came forward two years ago, but later withdrew its offer, according to Father Holland.

Last January, a request by Conifer for \$1.87 million was rejected by the state. Father Holland said that the \$2.2 million dollar project met state requirements, but fell a bit short of ranking high enough for funding.

The project received another life last April when a new state budget was passed. Also, the Elmira City Council showed its concern for the endeavor when the board applied for another \$140,000 in state funding.

The city had already set aside funds for a \$125,000 loan to Conifer.

Father Holland said that a decision has yet to be made on an application to the State Historic Preservation Office to have the building listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

St. Patrick's to host service

OWEGO — This year's ecumenical Thanksgiving service will take place at St. Patrick's Church, 300 Main St., on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.

All are welcome to join the annual celebration. Call 607/687-1068 for information.

RECOGNIZING ...

★Shawn Thompson, top seller for Avon's St. Agnes School Variety Kit Sale in September. The sixth-grader accounted for \$1,000 of the school's total of \$15,000 in sales.

★Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Nativity of Our Lady #931 in Brockport, which celebrated its 65th anniversary October 22 with a dinner.

★Senior citizens from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, who dressed in Halloween costumes and brought refreshments and laughter to the Sisters of St. Joseph Infirmary October 20.

★Rochester native and Ogdensburg diocesan priest Joseph G. Aubin, who has been named a prelate of honor (monsignor) by Pope John Paul II. Monsignor Aubin is pastor of the Catholic Community of Keeseville.

★Rochester's Bishop Kearney High School, recipient of a \$9,300 Ryall Grant for tuition assistance from the Congregation of Christian Brothers Eastern American Provincial Council.

★Pat Vetter, new president of the Women's Club at St. Patrick's Parish, Elmira.

Wayland plans festivities

WAYLAND — A community celebration of Thanksgiving will take place in the Wayland Central School auditorium on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

In lieu of an ecumenical service, organizers of this year's celebration are hoping to bring the general public together with community leaders and various groups and organizations.

Also, a Christmas novena will take place every Monday evening until Dec. 18, at St. Joseph's Church, 206 Fremont St. The 7 p.m. services will consist of hymns to Our Blessed Mother, rosary, novena prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Confessions will be heard following the service.

Call 716/728-2228 for information.

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