



Christmas project begins

AUBURN/OWASCO — The Social Ministry Committee of Sacred Heart and St. Ann's parishes is launching its annual Christmas Project the weekend of Dec. 2-3.

Parishioners are asked to take ornaments from the Christmas trees in the vestibules and return with donations by Dec. 16.

Last year, the project provided 15 families with food and gifts for Christmas.

Christmas bazaar nears

WATERLOO — St. Mary's Parish will hold its annual Christmas bazaar Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Craft items are needed for the bazaar. Also needed are plants to sell and baked goods, as well as volunteers to help before and during the bazaar.

For information, call Judy Young at 315/539-9614, or Linda Andrews at 539-8015.

Appreciation night slated

CANANDAIGUA — St. Mary's Parish will hold an appreciation night for all parish volunteers and workers Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8-11 p.m. in the school gym.

The evening, which will be hosted by the parish council in conjunction with the parish life committee, will include hors d'oeuvres and other refreshments, and music by Main Street East.

Reservations are required. Call Dolores Finewood or Sheryl Zabel at the rectory, 716/394-2325.

Parish council decides to lease school building

ROCHESTER — St. Philip Neri's parish council voted unanimously on Monday night, Oct. 16, to lease most of its school building to the City School District, according to Father Richard Shatzel, pastor.

The school district plans to move one of its two Early Childhood Centers from its current location in the lower level of Franklin High School, 950 Norton St., to the parish school building, 1772 Clifford Ave. Currently, more than 200 children are enrolled in the childhood center, a magnet school serving students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade, said Kathy Pallermo, school secretary.

Along with three other parish schools in the northeast quadrant, St. Philip Neri School was closed last June as part of that

area's move to reorganize its Catholic schools.

Father Shatzel said that the childhood center will occupy 11 classrooms in the building. The priest added that the center and the parish will share the remaining rooms, which include the school hall and kitchen. The parish will still use the school building for such parish events as bingo and meetings, he said.

Although attorneys for the parish and the school district have yet to work out how costs will be divided, Father Shatzel noted that each will share utility costs and tax payments. He also said that the amount of rent the school district will pay the parish is yet to be determined.

The lease must still be approved by the diocese, Father Shatzel said. Once approval is secured, the center will probably move into the school building in early January.

Ecumenical service slated

WEBSTER — The Webster Council of Churches will hold its annual ecumenical Advent service, entitled "You Can Make a Difference," at St. Rita's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Priests and ministers from the area will take part in the service. The Rev. Gene MacConnell, pastor of the Union Hill Methodist Church, will be the homilist.

The singing group, Mellowives, will present a program of hymns, songs and poetry. All are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

For information, call Eileen Bareis at 716/671-3163.

Christmas contests slated

CLYDE — The Catholic Daughters of America will sponsor Christmas art, essay and coloring contests for students in the religion classes at St. John's Church.

The theme of the contests is "The true meaning of Christmas."

First- and second-grade pupils will take part in a coloring contest depicting their understanding of the meaning of Christmas.

Students in the third- and fourth-grade classes will produce art projects on construction paper.

Pupils in fifth- and sixth-grade classes will write essays of 100-150 words on "What Christmas Means to Me."

The essays are due Dec. 14. Posters and winning essays will be displayed in local stores, with the winners announced Dec. 17. The Catholic Daughters will host the winners and their parents that day in a social hour at the church hall.

Former Catholics invited

ROCHESTER — St. Augustine's Parish is inviting people who have left the church to explain their reasons for leaving, and to take another look at where they fit in the church.

The sessions will take place at the Knights of Columbus hall, 670 Thurston Road, Rochester, on Dec. 3, 10 and 17, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

For information, call 716/328-2442.

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The students and faculty of Holy Cross School held a walking marathon Oct. 13 to raise funds to help promote Catholic education and to make Catholic schools more visible in the community. The students raised more than \$9,600 through donations from friends, family and local businesses.

Rochester students earn Mercy Hope Scholarships

Thirteen young women have been named winners of Hope Scholarships to Our Lady of Mercy High School.

The scholarship provides \$12,000 to each recipient, covering tuition for four years as well as uniforms, books and school supplies.

Recipients for 1989 are: Lisa Anello, Sarah Coit and Amanda Milne, Blessed Sacrament; Angelo Barrow, Jefferson Middle School; Andrea Evans and Jessica

Valle, Frederick Douglass Middle School; Schattakka Gray, Corpus Christi; Jennifer Kimmel, Good Shepherd; Virgen Martinez, Monroe Middle School; Kimberly McGinnis and Katrina Thomas, Nathaniel Rochester Community School; Katrina Seavert, St. Theodore's; and Stacey Tears, St. Charles Borromeo.

Scholarships are sponsored by Rochester-area businesses, civic groups and individuals.

Child care service forming

EAST BLOOMFIELD — In response to a parish census conducted last year, St. Bridget's Parish is in the process of creating a child care service in the parish hall on Sundays during the 8:45 a.m. Mass.

the program. In addition, the child care service will need a crib, playpen, and a few pre-school toys.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or to help with supplies should sign up at the rear of the church, or call the rectory at 716/657-7626.

Some parents are needed to volunteer for

RECOGNIZING ...

★ Sister Mary Alverus Riehl, SSND, for 66 years a first-grade teacher at Holy Family School, Rochester, who celebrated her 100th birthday November 7 at the congregation's motherhouse in Wilton, Conn.

★ Sister Marie Michelle Peartree, SSJ, president of St. Ann's Home, honored for 25 years of service to St. Ann's and The Heritage.

★ John Gobel, chosen Employee of the Year by colleagues in the Department of Medical Imaging at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

★ Geneva junior high students Kevin Flood, Tricia Lawlor, Kelly and Shannon Corcoran, who collected for UNICEF last month.

★ The seventh- and eighth-grade boys' basketball team from St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, which captured first place in a tournament at St. Mary's, Waterloo, earlier this month. Coaches are Dave LaRocca, and Richard Hunt.

★ New members of the Resurrection Choir at Our Lady of Lourdes, Brighton: Cathy Humphrey, Kathy Hanna, and Adrienne Wegman.

★ John D'Imperio, long-time altar server at St. Salome's, who put his expertise to work training new servers.

★ Boy Scout Troop 21 of St. Ann's, Owasco, which earned the Harold J. Short Camping Award, the Stanley Pryce Service Award, and the Robert Flynn Catholic Award. Also recognized were adult volunteers Lloyd Hughes, who received the Silver Beaver award, and Rich Knaul, who earned the Scoutmaster Award of Merit.

★ Students at St. John the Evangelist School, Spencerport, where each class celebrated Thanksgiving by donating a basket of food to needy neighbors.

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