

## Bishop will dedicate new organ

CLYDE — Bishop Matthew H. Clark will dedicate the new organ at St. John's Church, 114 Sodus St., on Friday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m.

The parish recently completed the installation of the modest size (15 ranks, 10 stops) mechanical-action pipe organ.

According to Father Thomas F. Nellis, pastor, the organ was constructed in England by J.W. Walker & Sons, Ltd. Workmen from England lived at the rectory while they reassembled, installed and voiced the organ in Clyde.

More than 250 members of the congregation made pledges of \$100 or more to fund the project, Father Nellis said. He added that the \$90,000 investment "will be cost-effective in the long run because organs of this type can last for many decades, even centuries, without substantial maintenance costs."

## Editor and theologian set to speak at luncheon

ROCHESTER — Margaret O'Brien Steinfelds, editor of *Commonweal*, and Father Richard A. McCormick, S.J., will speak at the Downtown Community Forum luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The luncheon will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Rochester Plaza downtown.

The program, entitled "Should Morality Be Legislated?" will focus on such concerns as the role of the church and religious leadership in legislating moral issues, the tolerance of that which opposes religious tradition, and the morality of voting for single-issue candidates.

Steinfelds writes for publications ranging from *Psychology Today* to *Origins*.

## Alternative fair scheduled

RUSH — St. Joseph's Church is continuing its 125th anniversary celebration with a Christmas Alternatives Festival in the church hall on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 7-9 p.m.

For information, call Deacon Vic Yanaitis, 716/247-1193, or the rectory, 533-1719.

The purchase of the new organ was accompanied by substantial renovations to the bell tower and choir loft areas, Father Nellis said, adding that parish volunteers did much of the work.

During the organ dedication, the parish choir will sing under the direction of Lawrence Dapolito. The guest organist, Katherine Pardee, is currently the director of music at Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University.

Pardee will play selected concert pieces before, during and after the Mass. Guest cantor will be Michael O'Hanlon from Syracuse. Ronald Stewart and Raymond Sturge will play trumpets.

All are welcome. Reserved seating will be available for those who contributed to the purchase and/or installation of the new organ. A "victory celebration" at John's Restaurant in Clyde will follow the dedication.

Father McCormick has taught Christian ethics at the Jesuit School of Theology and Georgetown University. He is the John A. O'Brien Professor of Christian Ethics in the Theology Department of Notre Dame University.

The Downtown Community Forum is a program of St. Mary's Church, and is open to the public. Tickets are \$12, and reservations may be made by calling 716/232-7140.

## Parish marks centennial

WATERLOO — St. Mary's Parish will celebrate the centennial of its church building with two Masses — Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10 — and a dinner.

The Saturday Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark at 5 p.m. A mixer will follow in the school gym.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m., followed by dinner at the Holiday Inn.

The cornerstone of the church was laid in 1870. In Dec., 1989, the church was dedicated by Bishop Bernard McQuaid.



Renee Farsace and Caytlin Wood put the finishing touches on Rex, the kindergarteners' dinosaur, which the students constructed from chicken wire and sheets.

ROCHESTER — Kindergarteners at Holy Family School started the year off in a rather "prehistoric way," according to school officials.

In September, students began reading stories, singing songs and looking at pictures of dinosaurs. School officials said that the students were impressed with the stegosaurus' plates, the triceratops' horns and the brontosaurus' massive size, but overall, they liked the ferocious meat-eating tyrannosaurus rex the best.

To show their admiration, the class used chicken wire to form a skeleton and sheets

to make a skin for their five-foot long, four-foot high replica of a tyrannosaurus rex.

## Elmira parish 'adopts' South Carolina family

ELMIRA — The combined parish of St. Cecilia/St. John the Baptist is "adopting" a South Carolina family devastated by Hurricane Hugo.

Robert and Brenda Gathers and their two daughters — aged 9 and 3 — are from Awendow, S.C., which is located just 10 miles from Charleston. After the hurricane, they spent several days in a local high school shelter before moving in with nine other relatives.

The family's local pastor helped them find a trailer to rent, and they placed it on a small farm owned by a cousin.

Their needs include bedding, dishes and clothing. A particular necessity for the family is a washing machine because there is no laundromat in the immediate area.

Robert, 30, works as a laborer for a local business. Brenda, 29, worked as a beauty shop assistant, but is unemployed now. The local church has helped with food needs, since assistance from the federal government has been delayed.

Robert desperately needs work jeans, while warm jackets are sought for the family as the weather gets colder.

Call 607/732-2426 or 732-2433 for information on sizes for family members.

## Giving Tree donations underway in Ithaca parish

ITHACA — Donations for the annual Giving Tree are now underway at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Tags identifying an item needed will be on the tree.

Items should be returned by Dec. 16 so

they can be distributed in time for Christmas.

Call 607/257-2493 or 257-2407 for information.

## RECOGNIZING ...

★ Two programs at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, that have earned recertification from the New York State Department of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse: New Dawn, for inpatient alcohol rehabilitation, and the Alcoholism Clinic Program, which offers clinic services and treatment.

★ Lisa Boulas, a graduate of Notre Dame High School, Elmira, and senior at Alfred State College, who has been named to the Region III first team in women's soccer.

★ Burton S. August, chosen by the United Way of Greater Rochester to receive the Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award for volunteer contributions to the community.

★ Wasyl Sydor, who constructed a new reader's lectern for St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, and Nick Pawlowitz and members of the parish Holy Name Society, who donated materials and a reading lamp.

★ Kara Crosby, an eighth-grade student at Holy Ghost School who earned second prize in the Village Green Halloween Coloring Contest.

★ Sister Lia Gonzalez Sandoval, who will make her first profession of vows to the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester Dec. 12 in Santiago, Chile.

★ Cedie and Carol Pratt, who collected a parish-high \$95 in pledges for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church's Crop Walk.

★ The Stewardship Committee of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, which contributed \$750 to relief efforts in Haiti.

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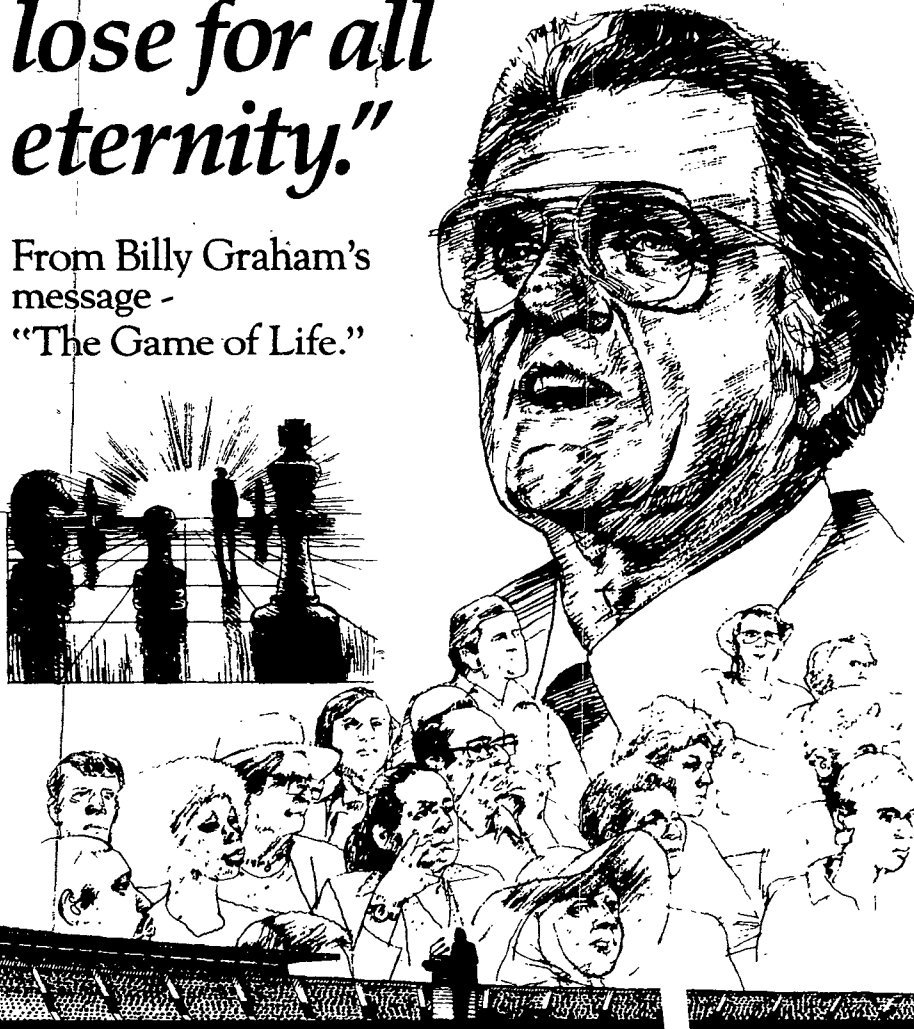
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