

Sacraments

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ed with the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism. After confirmation, the church welcomes its new members to the table of the Lord where they are fed by the holiest of foods: the body and blood of Jesus Christ. This order of the celebration of the sacraments of initiation gives us an opportunity to see confirmation in a new light and understanding.

When confirmation is celebrated between baptism and Eucharist, a natural sequence takes place. The sacrament is no longer seen as an adolescent rite of passage, but it becomes the link between baptism and Eucharist.

In baptism we are made a new creation in Christ. In confirmation, the spirit moves us

forward to seek Christ and to be nourished by Him in the Eucharist. These sacraments mirror the very dynamics of Christian life. We receive the love of God and are made new.

But it is the Holy Spirit who calls us to respond to that love and to nourish it. Then in turn, we are compelled to return that love of God through love and service to our neighbor. Thus, we can see confirmation playing an important role in uniting the celebration of Eucharist with baptism.

The intention of this short article has not been to exhaust the meaning and understanding of the sacrament of confirmation. Nor has it been to discredit other theological viewpoints of the sacrament. But hopefully new insights can be obtained of our God, who is actively present to us through the sacrament of confirmation. For he is the God who connects all things through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Kearney

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Phillips (one goal), and Kennerson (one goal).

Coons noted that thus far this season his Kings have played well in the first half of their games, but their play has been less sharp after intermission.

"We just need to work on not letting down in the second half," he said.

BK was scheduled to host Newark April 25.

McQuaid (1-3) began the week with a 13-1 loss to host Mynderse on April 16.

The Knights then came up against a hot Geneva squad, falling to the host Panthers 24-3.

Geneva bombarded the McQuaid goal

with 52 shots. Knights' goalie Ben Hirokawa managed to stop 20 of those shots, but his efforts weren't enough as McQuaid fell behind 6-1 at the end of the first quarter and 13-1 at the half.

Steve Paul had one goal and one assist for McQuaid.

The Knights bounced back to record their first win of the 1990 season, beating visiting Bloomfield, 6-2, on April 18.

Hirokawa, who played all four quarters for the first time this season, made seven saves. Scott Cottier recorded two goals and one assist, and Paul had a goal and an assist. The Knights outshot the Bombers 23-12.

McQuaid was scheduled to visit traditional lax power Rush-Henrietta on April 23. The Knights were slated to host Penn Yan on April 24.

Avon

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social ministry and where's the money for them?"

He also observed that parishioners have been consistently giving less than half the money they pledged to give on a weekly basis, despite a letter-writing appeal from the parish council last summer asking parishioners to abide by their original pledges.

St. Agnes has had to use financial reserves to support the school during the past year or two, but the picture is improving, according to Kathy Farrak, school board representative to the parish finance committee.

Last year, Farrak said, the parish provided \$60,980 of the school's budget. This year, the parish has subsidized the school

with a total of \$47,000, which includes \$16,000 pledged through the survey, and a \$6,000 subsidy from the diocese.

Next year, Farrak said, the parish would be asked to supply \$13,600 for the school, which would be supplemented by another \$16,000 pledged by school supporters, and a \$15,000 subsidy offered by the diocese.

Enrollment for next year is at 69 for kindergarten through grade six, which is up by two from 1989/90, Farrak said, adding that the school also offers a prekindergarten program for 29 students.

Despite some parents' and parishioners' hopes that St. Agnes can continue operating a school, they concede that the debate is painful — particularly coming in the wake of losing a pastor and resident priest who both died within the last year.

"This is really tearing the parish up," Carroll concluded.

Shelter

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homeless. All three directors commented on the increase in the number of clients they served this year, including a growing number of families seeking food and shelter.

Sadowski pointed out that the Francis Center will offer more sleeping capacity than Dimitri House, Blessed Sacrament and St. Bridget's combined. Yet even now the shelters must turn people away occasionally for lack of room.

"If the need is there ... we'll probably reopen," Sadowski said of his shelter.

Most people who are homeless during the winter eventually find summer housing through the Monroe County Department of

Social Services, or in apartments with friends or relatives, noted the shelter directors, who added that a small number stay at such year-round shelters as the one operated by Salvation Army. Still, no one can guarantee that every homeless person will have a bed to sleep on, Sadowski said.

"I'd like to tell you that every single one of our clients had an alternative housing arrangement, but I can't," he said.

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