



Elmira church to honor jubilarians at June 3 Mass

ELMIRA — Two native Elmira will celebrate their jubilees during the noon Mass at St. Cecilia's Church on June 3.

Father James J. Ruddick, SJ, will celebrate his 50th year in the Jesuit order, and Sister Theresa Rutty, RSM, will commemorate her 25th jubilee as a Sister of Mercy.

Both Father Ruddick and Sister Rutty attended St. Cecilia's School.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ruddick, Father Ruddick entered the Jesuit order in September, 1940. He was ordained at Fordham University in June, 1955. Two years later, he began teaching physics, computer science and geology at Canisius College.

During the past two decades, Father Ruddick has been involved in retreat ministry and in spiritual direction with alcoholic families. Since 1989, he has also been part-time associate vicar for religious with the Buffalo diocese.

Sister Rutty is the daughter of Mrs. Carlton Smith and the late John Rutty. She has taught in several diocesan schools, including St. Andrew and St. Thomas the Apostle, both in Rochester; St. Michael,



Susan S. Petersen
Gary Peters tackles a candy apple at St. Vincent De Paul Church's country fair, May 19, in Churchville.

Newark; and St. Patrick, Owego.

Sister Rutty also served as principal at St. James School and currently teaches at Holy Rosary School.

After the Mass on June 3, an informal reception will take place in the parish hall for members of the parish and friends of Father Ruddick and Sister Rutty.

Call 607/732-2426 for information.

Retreat for social ministers set for Elmira monastery

ELMIRA — In conjunction with the celebration of its 10th anniversary of service to Chemung, Steuben and the surrounding counties, the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry is sponsoring a retreat for social ministers on Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The retreat, entitled "Digging Down for Our Roots: Celebrating Our Fruits," will take place at the Dominican Monastery of Mary the Queen, 1310 W. Church St. Father David Reid, SS.CC., pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester, will lead the day-long program.

According to Kathy Dubel, justice and peace director for the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry, the purpose of the retreat is to provide "a time for social ministers to gather for celebration of their work for justice and mercy, and a time for contemplation and renewal."

Horseheads festival set

HORSEHEADS — The parish festival at St. Mary Our Mother Church will take place, rain or shine, on the weekend of June 2-3.

Festival hours will be from noon until 9 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The gala will feature a chicken barbecue at 3 p.m. on Saturday, and a breakfast of scrambled eggs and ham at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Call 607/739-3817 for information.

Recognizing ...

★ Third-grader Matthew Caruso and fifth-grader Ricky Bartlett of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, Brockport, for earning third place and honorable mention respectively in WXXI's "Kids Who Read Succeed" Book Review Contest.

★ St. Theodore's School community, which sponsored an Ice Cream Social to raise funds for a \$200 scholarship in the name of Debra Politica, a former teacher.

★ The St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, honored May 9 for donating nearly \$70,000 and more than 50,000 hours in volunteer service to the Elmira hospital during the past year.

★ The Bishop James E. Kearney Chapter of the National Honor Society, which inducted 24 new junior and six senior members May 8 at Bishop Kearney High School.

★ Cheerleading squads from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira, for earning first place and the Spirit Award (seventh- and eighth-grade A-Team), as well as third place (fifth- and sixth-grade B-Team) in local competition. Coaches are Karen Minch-Foley, Marilyn Schornstheimer, and Julie Valeant.

★ Sister Francis David Backman, a Rochester Sister of St. Joseph awarded an honorary doctoral degree by St. Michael's College of Vermont in recognition of the congregation's 50-year commitment to the Edmundite Southern Missions. Officially retired in 1984; Sister Backman has served since 1940 with the SSJ mission in Selma, Ala.

★ Nazareth Academy and coach Dave Pisano, who earned the Tenth Ward Softball Tournament trophy in April. Amy Attridge was chosen tournament MVP.

★ Students from St. Margaret Mary Parish, Apalachin, who earned N.Y. State Regents' Scholarships: Theresa Cooney, Seton Catholic Central; John Mangan, Owego Free Academy, Nell Mullen and Debbie Thomas, Vestal High.

★ George Weed and Ralph Gleason, custodial staff at St. Theodore's School, who were greeted with coffee, doughnuts, and cards May 1 — the school's annual Custodian Appreciation Day.

★ Brian Wade, a junior at Aquinas Institute who was one of four students throughout the country awarded \$15,000 each by Readers Digest for participating in school magazine drives.

★ St. Dominic, Shortsville, parishioner Jim Secosky, one of five amateur astronomers given viewing time on the Hubble Space Telescope.

★ Catherine Fleming, who retired from 60 years answering phones, doors, and pastors' questions as parish secretary and administrator of the cemeteries at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Geneva.

★ Catholic Youth Organization "B" division cheerleaders and coaches from St. Patrick's, Elmira, who earned the Spirit Award at a YMCA tournament in April.

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