

Society plans anniversary

ROCHESTER — The Holy Rosary Society of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 7, the feast of the Holy Rosary.

A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered at 2 p.m., followed by a banquet dinner at 4 p.m. in the school auditorium. Cost of the dinner is \$12.50 per person.

Reservations may be made by calling Barbara Smagin, 716/467-5643, Sophie Ozminkowski, 227-4971, or the rectory, 467-3068.

Dance, dinner scheduled

PITTSFORD — The single adult ministry group of St. Louis Church is sponsoring a lobster dinner and dance on Friday, Oct. 5, at the Maplewood Inn, 3500 East Ave.

A cash bar begins at 6:45 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dancing to live music will start at 9:30 p.m. Reservations for the dinner are required and can be obtained by calling Peg Turiano, 716/223-2659.

The dinner is open to all adults who are single, widowed or divorced.

Father Gaffney to conduct mission at Penn Yan parish

PENN YAN — Father William Gaffney, CSSR, former rector of Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, will lead a parish mission at St. Michael's Parish Oct. 7-11.

The main services will be conducted each evening at 7:30 p.m. Supplementary services will take place at 6 a.m. — incorporating the 7 a.m. Mass — and during the noon Mass. The mission will also include daily holy hours from 2-3 p.m., and a special blessing of babies at all Masses Sunday, Oct. 7.

Volunteers are needed to help provide transportation for the home-bound. First- and second-graders are invited to participate in the procession at the closing Mass on Oct. 11.

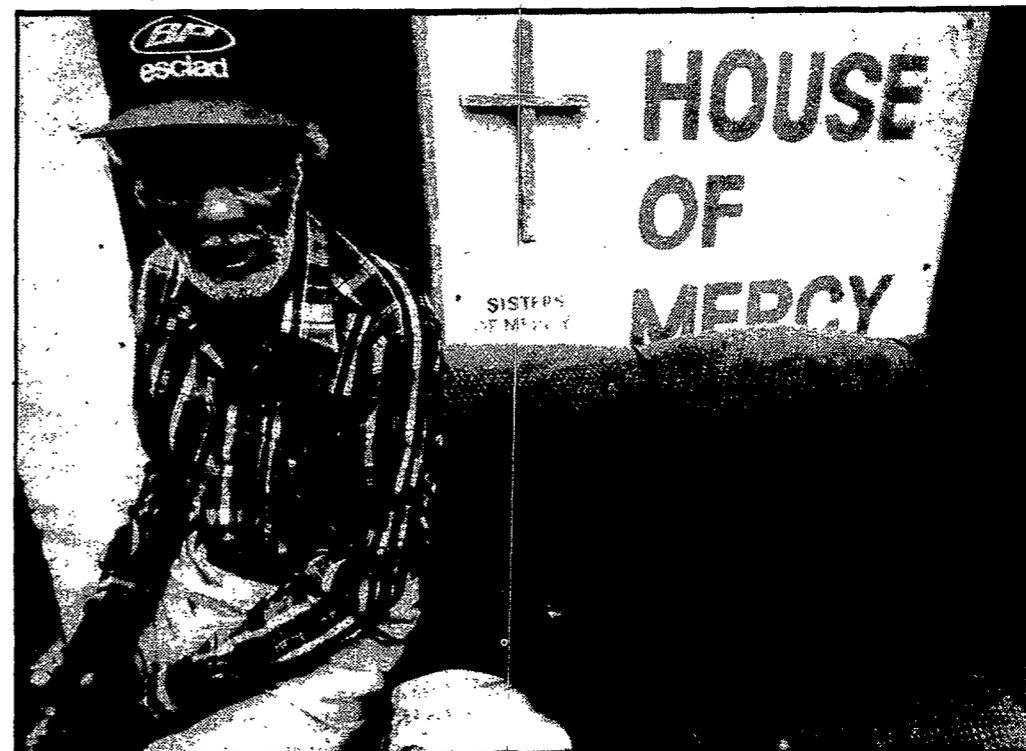
For information, call the rectory, 315/536-7459.

'Magic Marathon' set to benefit parish school

SPENCERPORT — St. John the Evangelist School has scheduled its 11th annual "Magic Marathon" for Friday, Oct. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students will either walk through the school parking lot or the village. After completing their routes, they will collect money pledged to them.

Local merchants have donated prizes for those who will raise the money or for those who win assorted drawings during the day.

Proceeds from last year's marathon totalled \$8,000 for the school's operating fund. Volunteers and activities workers are needed to sponsor the students or work at the marathon. Call Steve Schockow, principal, at 716/352-4550 for information.



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Edward Jackson of Rochester comes to the House of Mercy regularly.

House of Mercy slated to celebrate 5th year of operating with weeklong series of events

ROCHESTER — A weeklong series of events beginning Sept. 30 will mark the fifth anniversary of the founding of the House of Mercy, 102 Central Park.

An outreach center providing free drop-in services to neighborhood residents, the House of Mercy was founded Oct. 1, 1985 by Sister Grace Miller, RSM. The center serves approximately 1,500 people each month, according to staff member Sister Barbara DiFiore, RSM.

The week of celebration will begin with an ecumenical service on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. The featured speaker at the service will be Father Sebastian Falcone, president of St. Bernard's Institute.

A liturgy at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7, will mark the end of the celebration. Father William Onuh of Nigeria will be the main celebrant and homilist. Both events will take place outside of the House of Mercy and will be followed by public receptions.

In addition to the two services, open houses are scheduled for 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. "Gospel Night," featuring several Rochester-area gospel

choirs, will take place on Friday, Oct. 5, from 7-9 p.m.

The center helps clients with such emergency needs as food, clothing, bedding and furniture. Staff members also assist clients with long-term needs in such areas as housing, health care, employment and education. Clients may also receive help in applying for public assistance, Social Security or veterans' benefits.

Sister Miller, RSM, a Corning native, worked alone at the House of Mercy for the first year and a half. Since then, she has been joined by Eli Danzy Jr. and two other Sisters of Mercy, Sister Rita Lewis and Sister DiFiore.

The outreach center has also received much help from neighborhood volunteers. About 20 men and women make up the volunteer staff today. During the past year, workers have focused their attention on the education needs of adult clients.

The center relies heavily on private donations. Those interested in donating funds or learning more about the House of Mercy can call 716/546-2580.

Recognizing ...

★ Cayuga Team Ministry parishioners Ed and Ann Fessenden and family of the Fessenden Farms in King Ferry for being honored with the Governor's Agricultural Award.

★ Joyce Stalcroft, a parishioner of St. Patrick's Church in Seneca Falls, who received the Father Joseph Bestini Award during this year's St. Anthony Festival.

★ Henry and Catherine Cornish Jedra, parishioners of St. Hyacinth's Church in Auburn, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 25.

★ Michael and Madeline LeGrett, parishioners of St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 7.

★ Dr. Beverly Smoker, who has been appointed assistant professor of music at Nazareth College of Rochester.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Mungo, parishioners of St. Francis DeSales Church, Geneva, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

★ Paul and Helen Nugent, parishioners of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, who recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary.

★ Aquinas graduate Scott Allocco and Bishop Kearney graduate Christine Kluchko, two St. John Fisher College freshmen who will receive scholarships through a fund created and sponsored by the Mendick Foundation. Established in 1989 by Theodore Mendick, the foundation annually awards scholarships to Rochester-area Catholic high school students based on academic performance and financial need.

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