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# **Teen mothers**

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Raising Kids," released by Statewide Youth Advocacy, Inc. DelSanto noted that half of the roughly one million teen pregnancies each year end in abortions.

"We try to prevent abortions," she said. "We sit down and talk with a girl, dealing with each individual roadblock. If telling her parents is her biggest concern, we deal with that. If she has financial worries, we

# Football

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"We made them turn the ball over four times and we capitalized on that," said the Crusaders' coach.

Notre Dame will host Newark Valley in its Homecoming Game this Friday, Sept. 28.

Back in Section 5, McOuaid Jesuit's Kullen Dickenson carried the ball 21 times for 214 yards to help the Knights hold off Marshall, 18-14.

The Knights fumbled the ball on their own 25-yard line on the first play from scrimmage. The Jurists took advantage of the miscue when they scored on a five-yard

## Calendars

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ple who help her mail the calendars throughout the diocese. She receives the calendars for free from Roux, but she has had to pay for envelopes and stamps. Reilich noted that she has received a few donations.

The work and money are worth it.

try to work out some sort of plan."

Is school the only source of support for these mothers? No. said DelSanto. Although few parents are supportive at first. most come around eventually, said the counselor, and about three-fourths of the teen fathers establish some sort of relationship with their children.

Tara said her son's father has been very supportive, helping with milk, diapers and baby-sitting expenses. Neither Stephanie nor her daughter has had any contact with the baby's father, but Stephanie's boyfriend of two years has been very sup-

touchdown several plays later. The twopoint conversion gave Marshall an 8-0 lead.

The lead held up until the third quarter, when McQuaid's Dwight Walker ran three yards for a score. The two-point attempt failed, and the score remained 8-6 after three quarters.

Marshall quickly increased its lead to 14-6 on a five-yard touchdown run. The Jurists tried a reverse for the two-point conversion, but the play failed and kept the margin at eight points.

McQuaid's Christian Klein then passed six yards to Horatio Cummings for a TD. The pass play failed on the conversion attempt, which kept the score at 14-12.

The Knights held Marshall on its next offensive series, setting up the winning

#### Reilich observed.

"I've prayed for priests every day of my life," Reilich said, "but there's something wonderful about praying for somebody you know."

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portive, acting as if Katelynd were his own child, she said.

"If I was in need of something (from the father), I would be bitter, but I have all the support I need." said Stephanie.

Although the young mothers love their children, they noted that fellow students tend to glamorize motherhood when they see baby pictures and comment that the teen mom is lucky to have a baby.

"You don't want to tell people there's nothing good about it, but I don't want them to think that it isn't tough," Stephanie said. "I love my daughter to

### score for McOuaid.

With five minutes left in the game, Walker scored another touchdown on a nine-yard run to make the score 18-14. The two-point conversion failed.

In addition to Dickenson, Sprague credited Klein (5-for-14, 45 yards rushing and one TD) and four other players -Alton Turner, Paul Scanlon, Stan Gutowski and Walker. They each had 12 tackles.

After getting beaten by Wilson in its first game, 22-7, Bishop Kearney went through the ringer again in a 21-0 blowout by Gloversville.

With Rene Ingolia out of the game with a shoulder injury, the Kings couldn't generate much offensive punch.

Coach Nick Teta said his team played well early, holding Gloversville to only seven points in the first half.

But Gloversville broke the Kings' defensive scheme and scored in both the third and fourth quarters. "They were a passing team," Teta said. "They threw the ball about 39 times."

Teta said he was pleased with his team even though injuries caused some problems. Ingolia will be ready for play when the Kings travel to Aquinas on Sept. 29.

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For both young mothers, the 24-hour responsibility is the greatest change their babies have made in their lives. School sometimes seems like a vacation because they can escape the responsibilities of motherhood for a while, they said.

Other students can be impulsive in their after-school or weekend plans, but that's not possible when you're a mom, Stephanie noted. Both girls have taken on part-time jobs to help with expenses, and Tara has given up participating in sports and the school's show choir to take care of her son.

The two mothers plan to continue their education at college, and both want to take their babies with them. "I don't think I'll last without him," Tara remarked, and Stephanie commented that she'll need her "little friend" with her at college.

Both girls said that the Nazareth support group has been a relief for them because they can talk to people who understand what they're going through. Their friends who aren't mothers have no idea what teenage parenthood is like, they said.

"It's a relief to talk to people that you know are in the same boat," remarked Tara, "Other friends seem to have an advantage over us."

And once a year during Nazareth's health fair, a panel of teen moms talks to their classmates about the drawbacks of early pregnancies. Often the panelists tell other girls to wait until they are married to have sex, and encourage their classmates to consider how one night can effect the rest of their lives.

Frequently asked by fellow students how she feels about her situation, Stephanie has developed a standard answer. "I don't regret having my baby," she tells them, "but I do regret getting pregnant."

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