

Lecture on after-life set for Corpus Christi Church

ROCHESTER — A Greece man who claims to have had a near-death experience will give a speech entitled "Life After Death: One Man's Experience," at Corpus Christi Church, 80 Prince St., on Friday, Jan. 11, from 7-9 p.m.

Tom Sawyer said he had a near-death experience 10 years ago when a pick-up truck he was working under fell on his chest and pinned him for 15 minutes without oxygen. According to a statement from the parish: "Like others who have had a near-death experience, Tom floated beyond his body, passed through a portal into a realm of peaceful, joyful and loving light and witnessed his life in review."

The statement added that Sawyer was given a choice to remain in the "light" or go back to his natural life. Choosing to stay in the light, Sawyer experienced "total knowledge" but for some "unknown reason," he was made to go back to his natural life.

Since that day, Sawyer has participated in research studies at several major universities and has been written up in many medical journals. He has also appeared on such TV shows as "20/20," "CBS Nightwatch," "Donahue" and "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Parishes collaborating on adult education series

ROCHESTER — Three area parishes — St. Thomas More, Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lourdes — are collaborating on a three-part, adult-educational series entitled "The God-Experience in the Church of Tomorrow: Challenges and Choices."

Father Sebastian Falcone, professor of studies at St. Bernard Institute, will present the series beginning on Jan. 10 at Our Lady of Lourdes, 150 Varinna Dr., with "God Is, I Am: The Challenge of Change."

The second session, which will take place at St. Thomas More Church, 2617 East Ave., on Feb. 14, will cover the topic "Baptism as Growth in Faith and Community." Our Lady Queen of Peace, 601 Edgewood Ave., will host the final session, entitled "Church as Celebration of Gifts," on March 14.

Each presentation will take place from 7:30-9 p.m. The format includes a formal presentation, brief social break and a question/answer period. The series is free and open to the public.

For information, call Patricia Bach at 716/381-0470 or 381-5026.

Ithaca parish to present faith enrichment course

ITHACA — St. Catherine of Siena Church, St. Catherine Circle, will host a faith enrichment course entitled "The Journey Towards God" on Jan. 17 and 24 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The program will explore stages of faith development in children and adults. All teachers and other interested adults are encouraged to attend the two-part course.

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Parish plans times, dates for directory photo sittings

HONEOYE — St. Mary's Parish has announced dates and times for the taking of family pictures for the parish's pictorial directory.

The available dates are: Thursday, Feb. 7, from 3-9 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 8, from 3-9 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 10, from 1-7 p.m.; and Monday, Feb. 11, from 3-9 p.m.

Appointments may be made at the church beginning Sunday, Jan. 13.

The directory will include pictures of each family in the parish, a complete parish membership roster and details about various parish activities.

For more information, call the rectory at 716/229-5007.

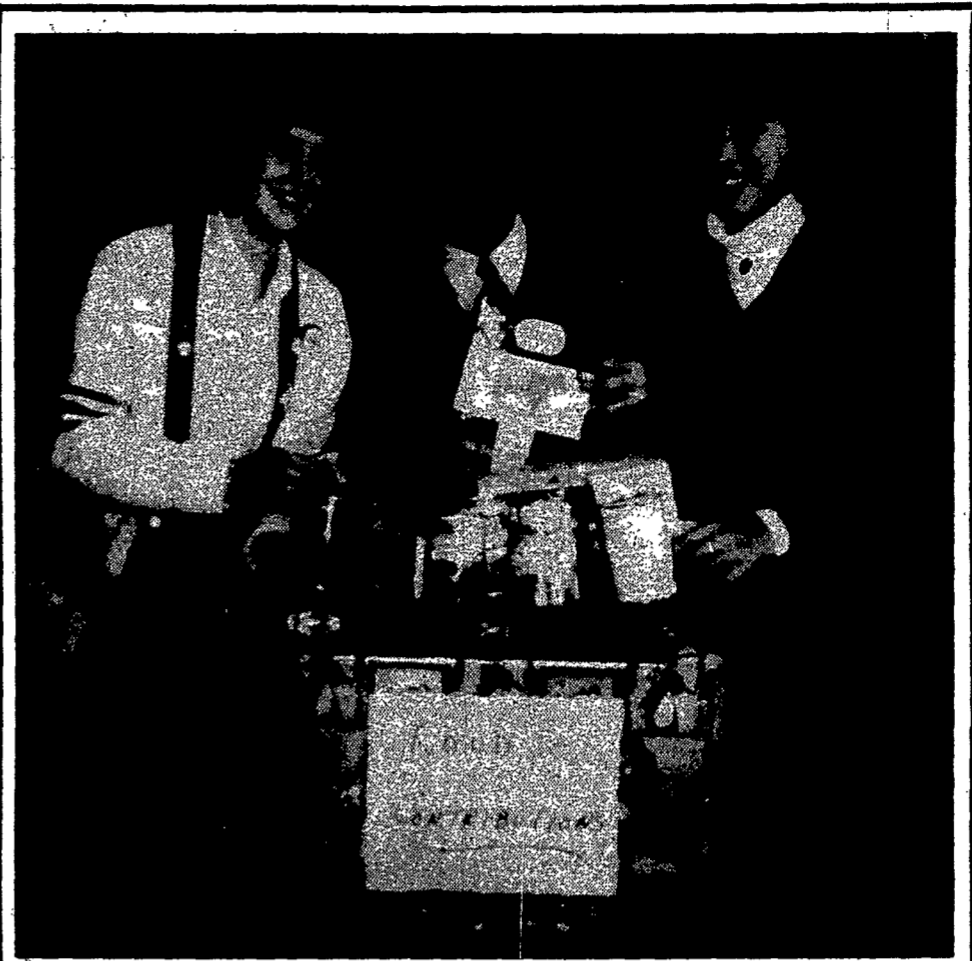
Waverly parish to celebrate centennial throughout 1991

WAVERLY — Plans are now underway to combine the centennial celebration of St. James Parish with the 100th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1991.

In addition to frequent bulletin inserts on social teachings, the parish's Social Ministry Committee is planning periodical displays to illustrate important events throughout the history of the church and the world.

Workshops on various social encyclicals will take place along with special liturgies. The parish may also host an all-day retreat.

The celebration will be open to other churches in the area. Call 607/565-2014 for information.



GIFT GIVERS — After 10 days of collecting non-perishable goods and other food items, Bishop Kearney's Student Council prepared and distributed the gifts to several families on Rochester's northeast side, the Melita House and Corpus Christi's Dimitri House. Pictured from left to right is program organizer Beth Maring as well as council members Matt Cox and Mandy Darlak.

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