

Perspectives

Continued from page 3

To illustrate his point, Father Mugavero said that the pharisees commonly referred to themselves as "hypocrites," a term Jesus often used when talking about how they followed the letter and not the spirit of the law. "He was criticizing from within," Father Mugavero said of Jesus' arguments with his detractors, likening it to a priest telling his fellow priests "you priests are lazy."

Father Mugavero commented on the seemingly providential fact that Judaism, Christianity and Islam all have sacred sites in Jerusalem, and all believe in One God. Yet, nonetheless, the city of these religions has seen so much bloodshed over the years, up to the present day. Noting that he often saw tear gas rising in nearby neighborhoods where Palestinians were battling Israeli troops, he commented that a "hopelessness" pervades the city regarding the Palestinian/Israeli conflict.

Having met and spoken with Jews and Arabs, Father Mugavero came away from Israel with a sense that many people on both sides are not going to back down from the conflict. For example, he recalled watching thousands of Israelis dancing at a

celebration at the Wailing Wall, which was captured by the Israelis from Jordan when the Israelis occupied the West Bank in the 1967 Six-Day War.

"When I saw those Jews ecstatically dancing in front of the Wall, my feeling was 'Well, they're not going anywhere,'" the priest said.

Neither are their Muslim and Christian Palestinian counterparts who live next door, Father Mugavero emphasized. He remarked that "personally, I don't think there's any question there is apartheid in

the Holy Land." For example, he pointed out that Palestinians suffer many travel restrictions both in Israel and in surrounding Arab nations. Young Palestinians, impatient with Israeli rule, have led the current *intifada* against the Israelis, he said.

On the other hand, the priest emphasized that he sympathized with Jewish fears about an Arab-inspired repeat of the Nazi holocaust, especially after he met some Arabs who wanted just such an event to happen.

Despite the seeming intransigence of

both sides, Father Mugavero said that while in Jerusalem, he felt a "certain sense that God is playing this out and there is some reason all these major religions are there."

Now home in Gates, Father Mugavero is relishing the calm atmosphere after months in two major cities marked by conflicts of varying degrees.

"The first thing I thought about Rochester when I got off the plane was, 'This is such a peaceful city,'" Father Mugavero remarked with a smile.



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Bishop Anderson prays with female inmates inside the Monroe County Jail in Rochester.

Black culture

Continued from page 4

to read about black culture.

Bishop Anderson concluded his homily by singing "The Greatest Love of All," a pop song that was a hit for singer Whitney Houston in the late 1980s.

The song notes that the greatest love of all is love of one's self — not in a selfish sense, but in the sense that one can love others only if he or she loves himself or herself.

After the Mass, Bishop Anderson explained his frequent use of songs in his homilies. "I think (songs) are vehicles for carrying the culture," he said, adding that he uses songs to "tie together" his points.

The bishop also noted that his emphasis on the importance of knowing one's roots applies to all Catholics, not just to blacks. When he meets Catholics on his travels throughout the Detroit archdiocese, "I'm the bishop for all of them," he said, adding, "When I go, I try to know as much about the culture (as possible)."



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Morley Schloss of Rochester, foreground, takes part in a Feb. 2 "Die-In" in front of Quality Packaging Supply Corp., 24 Seneca Ave., Rochester. The company manufactures transport mechanisms for body bags. According to participants, the protest was not aimed at the company or its employees, but was intended to "bring home the horror of war."

Veterans

Continued from page 3

for the war.

"I think that some veterans are confused about the difference between supporting the troops and supporting the war," Appel said. "We feel that we're doing the best we can to get them home as soon as we can."

Appel said he believed President Bush had gone to war to assert the primacy of the American military to control major world resources — such as oil — at a time when the nation is in economic decline.

The Community Advocating Non-violent Action, a Christian group started in 1980 at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, sponsored a prayer vigil at the beginning of the anti-war march. Peace activists have been holding such marches at the Federal Building every Thursday for several weeks.

Sister Marilyn Pray, director of St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, noted her South Avenue agency will hold a discussion on non-violence Friday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m.



John M. Hedges - Alan E. Giltner

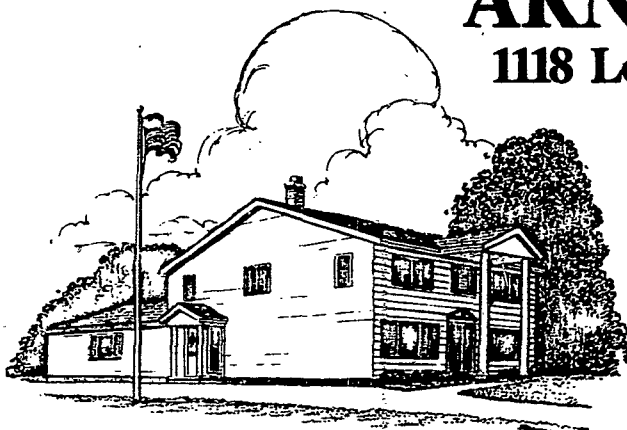
John M. Hedges Funeral Home

Serving The Rochester Community Since 1912
288-4664
6 Empire Blvd.

(corner of Culver Rd. & Empire Blvd.)

ARNDT FUNERAL HOME

1118 Long Pond Road (South of Maiden Lane)
(716) 225-6350



- Ronald John Arndt - Licensed Funeral Director since 1963
- Pre-planned funeral arrangements by appointment
- Lighted parking for over 100 cars
- Complete funeral arrangements at one convenient location
- Professional personal services make our families number 1
- Personal & Dignified Services For All Faiths
- General Price lists available
- Central Greece Area

FUNERAL DIRECTORS OF THE ROCHESTER DIOCESE

The funeral Directors listed herein offer pre-need and at-need services and counseling in accordance with the Catholic faith.

GATES

Alvah Halloran & Son, Inc.
Funeral Home
H. Daniel Halloran
2125 Chili Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14624
(716) 247-7590

DiPonzio Funeral Home, Inc.
(Across from St. Theodore's Church)
219 Spencerport Road
Rochester, N.Y. 14606
429-6700

GREECE

Arndt Funeral Home
1118 Long Pond Rd.
(south of Maiden Lane)
Parking for over 100 cars
Greece, N.Y. 14626
Ronald John Arndt
(716) 225-6350

Vay, Schleich and Meeson Funeral Home Inc.
"Greece's Largest and Most Complete Facilities"
2692 Dewey Avenue
1075 Long Pond Rd.
(716) 663-2100

IRONDEQUOIT

McLaughlin Funeral Home Inc.
John J. McLaughlin
871 Culver Road
Rochester, NY 14609
(716) 482-1847

Schauman-Sulewski Funeral Home Inc.
Edwin Sulewski
2100 St. Paul Street
Rochester, N.Y. 14621
(716) 342-3400

Michael R. Yackiw Funeral Home
1270 Norton Street
Rochester, N.Y. 14621
(716) 544-5000
If no answer 342-9300

ROCHESTER

Crawford Funeral Home, Inc.
"Our Family Serving Your Family"
Located at 495 N. Winton Rd.
(Between Atlantic & Humboldt)
(716) 482-0400

MONUMENTS

HART MONUMENT CO.

2301 Dewey Avenue
Opposite Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Since 1856

865-6746

WE CAN HELP YOU
PRE-PAN
YOUR SERVICE

3 Generations
Serving the Community

Profetta Funeral Chapel
671-2811
1650 Empire Blvd. • Webster