



Spirituality will be theme of parish's Lenten series

IRONDEQUOIT — St. Margaret Mary's Parish is sponsoring a Lenten adult-education program. The program consists of the following dates, topics and speakers:

Feb. 27 — "Using Scripture when we pray," Sister Anne Marie Fehrenbach, SSJ, Diocesan Academy of Scripture; 7:30-9 p.m.

March 10 — "Dreams as spiritual vehicles," Candy Hamilton, adjunct staff, Sisters of St. Joseph Spirituality Institute; 10:30-11:30 a.m.

March 13 — "Mid-life: A chapter in everyone's life," Sister Mary Louise Hefernan, SSJ, Sisters of St. Joseph Spirituality Institute; 7:30-9 p.m.

March 17 — "Roadblocks to spiritual growth," Sister Margaret Mary Mattle, RSM, co-founder of Mercy Prayer Center; 10:30-11:30 a.m.

March 20 — "Preparing for Holy Week: Reflecting on Jesus' Last Supper farewell," Sister Mary Lynch, SSJ, Sisters of St. Joseph Spirituality Institute; 7:30-9 p.m.

Each presentation will include a question-and-answer period and refreshments. The series is free and open to the public. For information, contact Charles Prindle, 716/342-7114.

Parish to offer two series examining Book of Job

ROCHESTER — During February and March, St. Philip Neri Parish, 1782 Clifford Ave., is offering two series of Bible studies on the Book of Job.

The first series will run from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on three consecutive Sundays from Feb. 24 to March 10. The second series will take place from 7-9 p.m. on three consecutive Tuesdays from March 5 to March 19.

Through readings and commentary on the Book of Job, the series will explore questions of a good God, evil in the world and the suffering of innocent people. Father Richard J. Shatzel, pastor, will lead the sessions.

For information, call 716/482-2400.

Elmira mission continues with lecture on violence

ELMIRA — The Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 120 Fairmount Road, will continue on Sunday, Feb. 24, with a program on domestic violence.

Susan King from the Neighborhood Justice Project will lead that morning's program, which is entitled "The Dynamics of Family Violence and Its Effects on Society." The presentation — as well as the three remaining programs — will take place in the church hall at 10:30 a.m.

Sponsored by the parish Adult Education Committee, the Lenten mission — entitled "Dying to Self and Sin: Alive for God and Others" — began Feb. 17 with a lecture on "Catholic Social Teaching: War-Peace," by Tony Barbaro of the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry.

The remaining topics and presenters are as follows:

- "The Church and Social Justice," Sunday, March 8. The speaker will be Father Charles Curran, a diocesan priest who recently took a position at Southern Methodist University.

- "What So Ever You Do to the Least of My Brothers," led by Kathy Dubel of the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry.

- "Caring for the Sick: The AIDS Question," presented by Linda Swarthout of the Chemung County Health Department.

The parish is sponsoring the mission in observance of the 100th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, Pope Leo XIII's encyclical on social justice.

Baby-sitting services will be provided. Call 607/732-6261 for information.

Father Keating to direct renewal at St. Stephen's

GENEVA — Father Timothy Keating, CSSR, rector of Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, will direct a week of spiritual renewal at St. Stephen's Parish, 48 Pulteney St., from Feb. 24-28. The services will take place from 7-8 p.m.

Each night of the renewal will focus on a different topic. A closing Mass will conclude the week on Thursday.

An assortment of religious books and items will be available after the service each night. The week is open to the public.

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SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT — The School of the Holy Childhood, which serves developmentally disabled children and adults, has received a \$75,000 grant from the Eastman Kodak Company. The money will go to the building of a new wing. Pictured above (from left) are Elizabeth Every, Sister Seraphine Herbst, SSJ, and Zehna Winert.

Parish schedules classes

GATES — St. Theodore's Parish is sponsoring an adult-education program, the proceeds of which will benefit the parish school's endowment fund. The following courses are slated:

Beginning Spanish — Tuesdays, 7:15-9:15 p.m.; 10 weeks beginning Feb. 26; cost is \$52.

Parenting Support/Sharing Group — Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; eight weeks beginning April 4; cost is \$21.

Scripture, Discussion, Sharing — Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.; eight weeks beginning April 2; cost is \$21.

Will, Probate and Administration — single session either Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:30-10 p.m., or Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; cost is \$18.

Seeking the Face of God — Sundays, Tuesdays or Fridays; eight weeks beginning the week of Feb. 24; cost is \$21.

Working with People in the Office/Shop — Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.; Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.; 10 weeks beginning week of Feb. 25; cost is \$50.

For information and registration, call 716/429-5450 or stop by the school, 170 Spencerport Road, to obtain registration forms.

Recognizing ...

- seven students at Holy Cross School who were among the 11 prize winners in the "Scary Story" contest sponsored by the Charlotte Public Library. The students were: Michelle Tartaglia, first place; Shelly Bryant and Christine Deegan, second place; Susan Genova, third place; and Kristy Newell, Justin Morse and Shane Wight, honorable mentions.
- parishioners of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester, who sent \$100 from the parish tithing fund to Amnesty International to support the organization's work for human rights.
- parishioners of St. Mary's Church, Elmira, who delivered four truckloads of clothing and bedding for distribution to the needy, through the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry.

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