



**Padre Pio prayer group set to begin meeting in Auburn**

AUBURN — A newly formed prayer group in honor of Padre Pio will begin meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 185 Clark St., on Sunday, March 3, at 7 p.m.

The first meeting will consist of a Mass, followed by the parish's regular rosary session at 8 p.m. and then a social hour.

The prayer group's subsequent meetings will take place the first Sunday of every month. Each meeting will vary in format, and will sometimes include a Mass, Benediction or other forms of prayer.

According to leader Mike Rosa, the group will also sponsor a variety of events in the future, including dinners, dances and concerts. The group's coordinator is also seeking spiritual books, periodicals, tapes and videotapes to create a library for the organization.

The prayer group is dedicated to the memory of Padre Pio, an Italian Franciscan priest who, from Sept. 20, 1918, until his death on Sept. 23, 1968, reportedly experienced the stigmata — the appearance of wounds on a person's body that correspond to those suffered by Christ.

For information, call Rosa at 315/252-7114.

**University of Rochester president to speak at parish spirituality fair**

PITTSFORD — Dennis O'Brien, president of the University of Rochester, will be one of several featured speakers at the upcoming Spirituality Faire at St. Louis Church, 46 S. Main St., on March 11 and 12, from 7-9:30 p.m.

O'Brien's speech will focus on the Spirituality of Work, on Sunday, March 10.

The following day, Frank Stotz, partner-in-charge at the accounting firm Price-

**Conference to examine plight of poor women**

ROCHESTER — Corpus Christi Church, 864 E. Main St., will host a conference on the "Feminization of Poverty" from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 2.

The conference will focus on the economic vulnerability of women under the current economic system. The daylong program will also feature storytelling by various women who have overcome extreme poverty; songs by Loretta Cisterna Doyle, the St. Augustine's Parish music group, the Blue Suspenders and conference participants; and a 1 p.m. address by Dorothy Dobson, president of the Greater Rochester Association of Retired Persons. Dobson gained much experience dealing with impoverished women as a Monroe County social worker.

The conference will also include informational tables on education, job training, housing, substance abuse, health and wellness, parenting, self-esteem, violence, nutrition, economic literacy and jail ministry.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome, according to Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt, one of the conference organizers.

The program will include lunch, and donations will be accepted. For information, call 716/872-6657.

**Parish series to highlight God's unconditional love**

IRONDEQUOIT — Christ the King Parish, 445 Kings Highway S., is sponsoring a mission based on the theme, "Because I love you." The mission will take place in the church from Monday, March 4, through Thursday, March 7. Sessions are scheduled for 7:30-9 p.m., and child care will be provided each evening.

A visiting team from the diocese of Providence, R.I. — Father John Allard and Sister Carol Wagner — will speak at all

Masses on March 3 and will lead the mission sessions. They will also conduct a "Focus on Youth" program the same day as follows: a 3-5 p.m. program for high school students; a 5-6 p.m. pizza party for senior and junior high students; and a 6-7:30 p.m. program for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.

For information, call 716/342-9641 or 266-2522.



**BEE WINNER — Chad Rimbey, a seventh grader at Holy Family Jr. High in Elmira, won the school's Geography Bee on Feb. 12. He will know take a written test to determine his eligibility for a state geography bee on April 5.**

**Owego parish school will offer pre-K program in fall**

OWEGO — Officials of St. Patrick's School, 309 Front St., recently announced the addition of a pre-K program beginning in September, 1991.

The program will aim to provide 4- and 5-year-old children with added time to mature physically, socially, intellectually and emotionally. In addition, readiness skills for kindergarten — including listening, following directions, shapes and number recognition — will be introduced and reinforced. Instructors will also focus on sharing and cooperating in a learning environment.

Early registrations are now being taken. Call 607/687-1770 for information.

**NFL linebacker to speak at Birthright dinner-dance**

APALACHIN — Matt Millen, a linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers, will be the guest speaker at a dinner-dance for Birthright on March 2, at 6:30 p.m. The gala is scheduled for the Fountains Pavilion.

Millen is a member of "Athletes for Life," a group of professional athletes who are pro-life. A parishioner at St. Margaret Mary's Church has donated 100 free tickets for any high school youths who would like to attend the event.

Transportation will be provided. If more than 10 teens call for tickets, the parish can obtain more. Call 607/687-2421 for information.

**Livonia parish will host two speakers during Lent**

LIVONIA — St. Joseph's Church, 14 Washington St., will host two speakers offering Lenten reflections in March. Both programs will take place in the church hall.

The speakers will be: Father Robert Kennedy, a liturgy teacher at St. Bernard's Institute, who will speak on "Forgiveness and Healing" on March 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Sister Mary Lourdes, SSJ, a scripture scholar and former faculty member of Nazareth College, who will talk about the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord from the scriptural viewpoint on March 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Time for questions will follow both talks. For information, call 716/346-3815.

MARCH BINGO CALENDAR					FRIDAY 1	SATURDAY 2	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Holy Ghost Most Precious Blood St. Cecilia's St. Mark's	Good Shepherd St. Ambrose St. Casimir's St. Thomas the Apostle	
St. Ambrose St. Boniface St. Rita's St. Stanislaus St. Theodore	St. Mary	St. Francis Xavier St. Stanislaus	Guardian Angels Our Lady of Perpetual Help	St. Anne St. James St. Mary Our Mother St. Philip Neri St. Stanislaus	Holy Ghost Most Precious Blood St. Cecilia's St. Mark's	Good Shepherd St. Ambrose St. Casimir's St. Thomas the Apostle	
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St. Theodore	<b>BINGO TIMES &amp; LOCATIONS</b>				467-4286 Fri. 8p.m. St. Francis Xavier 316 Bay St. 482-3211 Tue. 8p.m. St. James 119 Brockley Rd. 482-9796 Thur. 7:30p.m. St. Mark's 54 Kuhn Rd. 225-3710 Fri. 8p.m. St. Mary Lyceum Hall, Auburn	315-252-9545 Mon. 7:30p.m. St. Mary Our Mother 811 Westlake St., Horseheads 607-739-3818 Thur. 7:30p.m. St. Phillip Neri 1772 Clifford Ave. 288-4200 Thur. 7:30p.m. St. Rita's School 1008 Maple Dr. 671-1100	Sun. 7:30p.m. St. Stanislaus 1150 Hudson Ave. 467-7472 Sun. 6p.m., Tue. & Thur. 8p.m. St. Theodore 170 Spencerport Rd. 429-6811 Sun. 7:30p.m. St. Thomas The Apostle 41 Colebrook Dr. 342-2323 Sat. 6p.m.

**Mass For Aids**  
Tuesday, March 5th  
7:00p.m.  
St. John the Evangelist  
2400 Ridge Road West, Greece  
Celebrant: Fr. Rob Bourcy  
All are welcome to come and pray with us at this special mass.

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