

# Quiet reflections mark start of Holy Week

By Bishop Matthew H. Clark

On this Tuesday morning of Holy Week, I have some quiet moments to reflect on the sacred mysteries we'll be celebrating together in the coming hours. This evening at Sacred Heart Cathedral people will gather from many parts of our diocese to participate in the Chrism Mass. At that gathering we'll bless all of the sacred oils to be used to celebrate the sacraments in our communities for the coming year. It is always a wonderful evening when we gather for this event.

I'll also be at Sacred Heart for the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Although we have visitors here throughout Holy Week, and especially on Easter Sunday morning, most of those who attend are from Sacred Heart.

Another special event on my calendar this week is a visit to Immaculate Concep-

tion Church in Ithaca, the site of an inter-faith prayer service on the occasion of the Dalai Lama's visit to Cornell University. I have been interested in meeting him since I first learned of the visit.

My enthusiasm for the trip has increased this week as I read the news accounts of his arrival and subsequent events. He is quoted in the paper this morning as saying, "The dominant force of human nature is affection, tenderness. Basically, I am an optimist." An interesting comment from a person who lives in exile because of the violence done to his native land of Tibet. No wonder that he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989.

I began Holy Week in an unusual way in Geneva. On Saturday I had a meeting of diocesan Christian Formation and Education Council in Waterloo from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. And I had dinner with all of the councils of our Knights of Columbus in Geneva at 7 p.m.

Rather than spend two hours driving home and back in the interval between the two meetings, I stopped at St. Stephen's Church in Geneva. Monsignor Gerry Krieg and Father Leo Reinhardt were both

most hospitable. I took a run and and spent quite a bit of time getting at some writing I wanted to do.

When it came time to leave I discovered that I was totally blocked into the parking lot at St. Stephen's — by one car, strategically placed at the end of an exit lane.

Any annoyance I felt was mild and most of it was directed at myself because I was aware when I arrived that the blocking might happen. I had intended to move my car after I ran but forgot to do it. And if I felt any annoyance at all against the driver of the car, that quickly dissipated. After all, how could anyone, even a lifelong Yankee fan like myself, remain angry for long at someone with the license plate, LUVUMETS?

Since I had to wait until the end of the liturgy at St. Stephen's, I took advantage of the opportunity to speak to the congregation at the end of Mass. Of course I wished them well for Holy Week and Easter, but I did share my plight with them. We had some fun together about it.

And when when I left, the driver of the LUVUMETS was waiting to greet me. She



is Carmie Simeone, a warm and very understanding person. We had a few laughs together, a word about the coming baseball season, and then I went off to the K. of C. dinner.

To my friends at St. Stephen's, to Carmie, and to you I wish choice blessings at Easter.

Peace to all.

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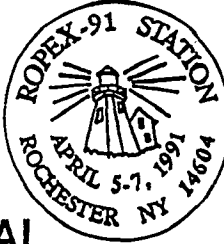
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The leader of the retreat will be Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien of Horseheads.

Fees for the retreat are: \$75 per per-

son/double occupancy or \$95 single. The round-trip bus fare is \$25.

The deadline for full payment is May 1.

For information, call Mary and Margaret Crane, 607/936-6259, in Corning, or Mary Smith, 607-732-1080, in Elmira.

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PRAYER FOR PRIESTS  
Eternal Father,  
we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(With ecclesiastical approval)

Mass  
Rosary  
Fasting  
Holy Hour  
Day offering  
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Or whatever the Lord inspires you to offer Him.

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