

Practice makes perfect

A cheerleading clinic for fifth- to eighth-grade girls was recently held at DeSales High School, 90 Pulteney St., Geneva. Fifty-six students attended the clinic, which was directed by Ted Russell. Pictured from left to right are: Renee Prindle (Geneva DeSales); Laura LeRoux (St. Mary's, Waterloo) and Amy Vanderlyke (St. Michael's School, Newark).



St. Joseph's Villa seeks volunteers and 'St. Nicks'

GREECE — St. Joseph's Villa, 3300 Dewey Ave., is seeking adult volunteers, aged 21 and over, who are willing to work one-on-one with a young person served by the agency. Male volunteers are especially needed.

"A volunteer brings companionship and new experiences into an individual teen's life," noted Kathleen Pexton, volunteer director, in a press release from the agency. "Through regular visits and shared interests, the volunteer and teen build a supportive and nurturing friendship."

Contact Pexton at 716/865-1550, ext. 206, for information.

The agency is also looking for community "St. Nicks" to donate Christmas gifts for young clients. According to the agency, anyone can be a "St. Nick" — groups of co-workers, members of a church or community organization, students or families.

The villa requests donations of new gift items, especially clothing, sporting equipment and stocking stuffers. Food baskets are also requested for families served by the agency's Preventive Services programs.

Contact the villa's community relations office at 716/865-1550, ext. 284, for information.

St. Joseph's Villa is a private, not-for-profit agency that offers mental health and supportive services to teens and families from Central and Western New York state. The main campus is located on Dewey Avenue.

Deadline approaching for 10-day pilgrimage to Holy Land in January

CORNING — A 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land will leave out of Corning, beginning on Jan. 15, 1992.

The pilgrimage will be led by Deacon Ray Defendorf of the Corning-Painted Post Roman Catholic Community, Father Elmer Schmidt, pastor of St. Ann's Church in Hornell, and Michael Stanley, chaplain at the Elmira Correctional Facility.

Throughout the pilgrimage, Father Schmidt will celebrate daily Mass at

such sacred places as the Mt. of the Beatitudes and the Garden of Gethsemane. The journey will also feature insights into Jesus' life and ministry by guest lecturers and scripture scholars.

The cost of the pilgrimage is \$1,298, which includes airfare, accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, and guides. Extensions to Rome and Egypt are also available.

The deadline to register for the trip is Nov. 15. Space is limited.

Deacon Defendorf and his wife, Pat, will also lead a trip to England and Ireland in August, 1992. The excursion will feature eight days in London (\$1,698) followed by a day extension to Ireland (\$898). Airfare, accommodations, some meals and guided tours are included in the cost.

Those interested in either trip should contact Deacon Defendorf, 60 W. Third St., Corning, N.Y., 14830, or call 607/937-5858.

Recognizing...

★ Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. (Marion) Lill Sr., who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass and renewal of vows at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sept. 27. Father Thomas Mull celebrated the Mass, which was followed by a small reception with family and friends in the rectory hall. The Lills were married on Sept. 27, 1941 at Holy Redeemer Church in Rochester.

Dr. G. Allen Power, who was appointed to the position of assistance medical director at St. Ann's Home, The Heritage, and Home Connection. Prior to arriving at St. Ann's, he had seven years of private practice experience in internal medicine.

★ Father George Norton, diocesan director of telecommunications, who has been elected to a second term on the board of Unda-USA, a national organization of Catholic communicators.

★ Mark Seeborg, director of development for the Rochester diocese, who was selected by the national Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) to be a faculty member at its 1991 Summer Institute for Newcomers in Institutional Advancement at Independent Schools.

FLOSM schedules sessions for food stamp information

The Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry has scheduled information sessions to answer questions and assist people in applying for food stamps.

The sessions will be offered at three sites:

- Ontario County Office for the Aging, 3871 County Road #46, Canandaigua; Nov. 19 and 26; 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

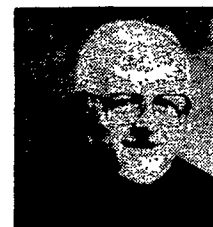
- Yates County Office for the Aging, 5 Collins St., Penn Yan; Nov. 18 and 25; 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.;

- Interlaken Reformed Church, North Main Street, Interlaken; Nov. 20; 10 a.m.-noon.

For details, call Ed at 315/789-2686.

Pastor marks anniversary with Mass of thanksgiving

OVID — Father Nelson Ruppert, OFM, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 10, at Holy Cross Church, Ovid, marking the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Ruppert was ordained Nov. 12, 1966.



A native of Yonkers, Father Ruppert has served as the pastor of Holy Cross since September, 1990. He had been the parish's administrator since June, 1989.

In addition, Father Ruppert served as the guardian of the Capuchin Franciscan fraternity at St. Fidelis Friary, Interlaken, from 1984-1990. He concurrently served as the pastor of St. Francis Solanus Parish in Interlaken, leaving both positions to become pastor at Holy Cross.

Father Ruppert has also served as the auxiliary chaplain at the Seneca Army Depot in Romulus since 1989, and as a substitute chaplain at the Willard Psychiatric Hospital from 1989-90.

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