

Christmas gala to feature Irish lilt

PITTSFORD — The Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester have scheduled their second Annual Holiday Benefit for Saturday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m. The gala will take place at Nazareth College Arts Center, 4245 East Ave.

Entitled "Weaving Irish Magic: A Christmas Celebration," this year's program comprises the one-man show "Joyicity" — a 50-minute performance by Irish Classical Theatre member Vincent O'Neill. The show tells about the life and works of James Joyce, and is written by Ulick O'Connor.

After performing to rave reviews in New York City this past September, O'Neill will return to New York for a second run after his Rochester engagement.

The other half of "Weaving Irish Magic" will be a concert by the

Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Virginia Hogan. The concert will feature the music of Beethoven, selections from the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah," African-American Spirituals, selections from "Amal and the Night Visitors," and Irish music.

GVOC's most recent engagement featured a 1992 tour through Europe. All are welcome to attend a reception held in both lobbies of Nazareth Arts Center following the performances.

The cost of tickets is \$15 for general admission; \$30 for patron-level tickets in the reserved-seating area. Tickets are available through any Sister of St. Joseph or by calling the Development Office at 716/586-1000, ext. 51.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester.

Hornell school launches label-collecting drive

HORNELL — St. Ann's School is participating in two national label collection programs to earn free educational merchandise.

The elementary school is involved with the DowBrands Educate America Program, which offers an opportunity to acquire free math and science equipment. Teachers, students, parents and the community are asked to save proof-of-purchase symbols from Yes detergent, Style and Perma soft hair products, Dow bathroom cleaners, Ziploc plastic bags, Vivid bleach, Glass Plus, Fantastik, Spray and Wash, Stain Stick, Saran Wrap and HandiWrap.

In addition, St. Ann's is collecting labels and other proofs-of-purchase as part of the Campbell's Labels for Education Program. Items include all Campbell's products as well as Franco-American pastas and gravies, Prego spaghetti sauces, Swanson canned and frozen foods, V-8 vegetable juices, Vlasic products, Pepperidge Farms products, LeMenu frozen dinners, Marie's products, Mrs. Paul's frozen foods and Open Pit barbecue sauce.

Labels and proofs-of-purchase may be given to any St. Ann's student or mailed to the school, 27 Erie Ave., Hornell, 14843.

Honoring Mother Cabrini



Jack Wilson
Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey joined Father Albert J. Shamon (far left) and Father John F. Gagnier for a blessing of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at Auburn's St. Francis of Assisi Church Oct. 13.

Bishops bless Auburn shrine, nativity scene

AUBURN — Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey made separate visits to St. Francis of Assisi Parish last month to dedicate the parish's nativity scene and a shrine to Mother Cabrini.

Bishop Clark took part in dedication ceremonies Oct. 18. Bishop Hickey blessed the statue of Our Lady of Fatima that is part of the shrine on Oct. 13, the 75th anniversary of the last Fatima apparition.

The shrine consists of four parts.

In addition to the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, it includes a plaque dedicated to Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini, the first Italian American to be canonized; the nativity scene; the "Star of Bethlehem" window taken from Holy Redeemer Church in Rochester; and a memorial plaque listing 300 names of families and their deceased loved ones.

Each section of the shrine will be lighted until 11:30 p.m. throughout the year.

Dominican sister celebrates 60th jubilee

A Dominican sister with ties to the Rochester diocese is celebrating her 60th jubilee this year.

Sister Mary Teresa Manzoni, OP, a former parishioner of Rochester's Mount Carmel Parish, currently lives at the Rosary Shrine in Summit, N.J.

Born in Italy, the former Antonetta Manzoni entered the Dominicans at New Jersey on May 2, 1931.

She celebrated her anniversary at a party with her family at the Rosary Shrine last Aug. 9.

Mass and ceremony to commemorate opening of perpetual adoration chapel at church in Tier

ELMIRA — The Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel, located at St. Casimir's Church, 1004 Davis St., will soon be open to Southern Tier residents.

The opening will take place on Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, begin-

ning with a Mass and ceremony at 7 p.m. Adoration will begin at 9 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Those wishing to participate in a weekly hour of adoration may call St. Casimir's rectory at 607/734-1622, or Karen Kilpatrick at 562-8630.



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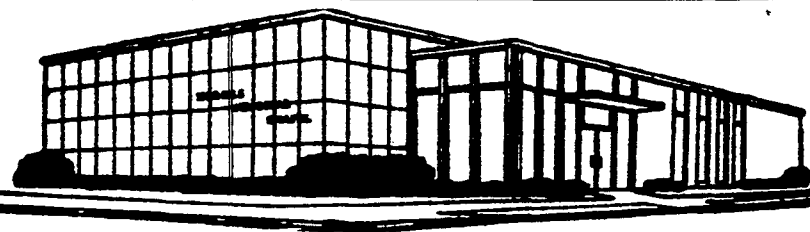
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