

Thursday, Dec. 24

MIDNIGHT MASS: Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester; also broadcast live on Rochester radio station 1180 WHAM-AM; Bishop Matthew H. Clark, celebrant; preceded by Christmas carols, handbells and organ music at 11 p.m.

Christmas Day

No events submitted for this date.

Saturday, Dec. 26

TELEVISION: "Catholic Schools: The Good News In Education;" Greater Rochester Cablevision Channel 9; 10:30 p.m.; also 8:30 a.m. Dec. 28, 9 a.m. Dec. 30, 11 a.m. Jan. 1, and 3:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Jan. 3.

Sunday, Dec. 27

BOWLING: for children of single parents; Sunset Bowl, East North Street, Geneva; 3 p.m.; call Phil, 315/536-9635.

Monday, Dec. 28

PRAYER SERVICE: in honor of feast of the Holy Innocents, sponsored by the Rochester Pro-Life Planning Committee; Holy Name of Jesus Church, St. Martin's Way, Greece; 7 p.m.; followed by candlelight prayer vigil outside an abortion facility; call Amy or Bob Dorscheid, 716/586-3956, or Mary Burke, 716/247-1947.

MEETING: Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group; St. Mary Our Mother Church, 816 W. Broad St., Horseheads; 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

PERFORMANCE: "How the Animals Got Their Tails," a traditional Nigerian folktale performed by the Lollipoppets; 3rd floor auditorium, Rochester Central Library, 115 South Ave., Rochester; 2:30 p.m.; call 716/428-7360.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

ROSARY: for world peace and the end of abortion, sponsored by Chemung County Right to Life; Dominican Monastery, 1310 W. Church St., Elmira; 7:30 p.m.

MEETING: AFTER AIDS support group; AIDS Rochester, 1350 University Ave., Rochester; 7-8:30 p.m.; call 716/671-3777.

Thursday, Dec. 31

PERFORMANCE: of musical comedy, by "Capital Steps," Nazareth College Arts Center, 4245 East Ave., Rochester; 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.; \$28; group rates available; tickets available at Arts Center Box Office, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or call 716/586-2420.

RENEWAL: prayer, reflection and eucharistic celebration to welcome in the New Year; Cenacle Center, 693 East Ave., Rochester; Fr. David Mura and Cenacle sisters, leaders; optional overnight; call 716/271-8755.

New Year's Day

No events submitted for this date.

Saturday, Jan. 2

MASS AND ROSARY: First Saturday reparation service; St. Leo's Church, 167 Lake Ave., Hilton; 7:45 a.m.



Carrying on tradition of sharing holiday cheer

Mercy sisters, students host party for patients

Teachers, students, alumni and religious from the Sisters of Mercy and Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester have celebrated Christmas with patients at the Rochester Psychiatric Center for the past 32 years. Preparations for this year's Dec. 16 party began at the end of October, when students began soliciting donations for everything from talcum powder and perfume to jewelry and T-shirts. Hundreds of items were individually wrapped and packed into gift boxes containing 20 to 30 items for each of the 130 patients. In addition to 2,000 cookies, all baked by the volunteers in one evening, the annual event's highlights included performances by the Show Choir and the Women's Chorus. (Above) Senior Diane Hammond gets a handle on a stack of gift boxes as Sister Joan McAteer, RSM, (right) directs other students at Mercy High Dec. 16. This year marked Hammond's fourth as a volunteer. Senior Kelly Payne (right) helps Sister Mary Dismas Foster, RSM, by loading the boxes into Sister Foster's truck.



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DEVOTION: to Blessed Sacrament, sponsored by Nocturnal Adoration Society; St. John of Rochester Church, 18 Wickford Way, Fairport; 9-10 p.m.; Stanley Gutowski, leader; call 716/586-5404.

Sunday, Jan. 3

CONCERT: "Epiphany Festival of Lessons and Carols," presented by the Festival Singers and four Rochester-area choirs; Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester; 2:30 p.m.; Dr. J. William Greene, organist; features choral music and bell choir with readings for Christmas and Epiphany; all welcome.

Monday, Jan. 4

DEADLINE: to register for "Function of Prophetic Imagination in Ministry;" St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester; classes begin 9-11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8; continue Fri-

days through Jan. 29; Devadasan N. Premnath, Th.D., presenter; \$45; call Judith Ann Kollar, 716/328-3210.

PRAYER GROUP: sponsored by Mary's Circle of Love; Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester; 7:30-9:00 p.m.; 716/473-6893.

MEETING: Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group; St. Mary Our Mother Church, 816 W. Broad St., Horseheads; 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

MEETING: "Co-Dependency," sponsored by Divorced, Separated, Single Again support group; Rm. 114, Good Shepherd School, 3288 E. Henrietta Road, Henrietta; 7:30-9:30 p.m.; call 716/334-3518 or 359-1527.

MEETING: of Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group; St. Mary's School, 17 Clymer St., Auburn; 7:30-9 p.m.; includes memorial service to honor all deceased loved ones; call Georgena Daum, 315/252-7661.

Friday, Jan. 8

DIOCESAN CHARISMATIC

MASS: Murphy Hall, St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Ave., Rochester; 7:30 p.m.; Fr. William Moorby, celebrant; includes installation of new diocesan liaison team.

SOCIAL HOUR: "TGIF," sponsored by Single Adult Ministry of St. Louis Church, Pittsford; Richardson Canal House, 1474 Marsh Road, Pittsford; 5-7 p.m.; all single adults welcome; call 716/225-6169 or 223-7943.

DEADLINE: for reservations to Jan. 15 Chinese dinner buffet, sponsored by Single Adult Ministry of St. Louis Church, Pittsford; China Buffet, 376 Jefferson Road, Henrietta; 7 p.m.; \$6.29, plus gratuity; all single adults welcome; call Lucretia, 716/586-8467 or Joy 244-0251.

CHARISMATIC MASS: St. Cecilia's Church, 950 Lake St., Elmira; 7:30 p.m.; prayers for healing to follow; all welcome.

Saturday, Jan. 9

ROSARY FOR LIFE: sponsored by Catholic Pro-Life Rosary Group; Highland Hospital, South Avenue, Rochester; 9:30-10:30 a.m.; call 716/334-7562.