

Lightning strikes church steeple

Tier edifice loses sound system, too

CAMPBELL — This church's exterior hasn't been looking too well lately — especially for a parish called St. Joseph the Carpenter.

And it's not due to neglect on the part of those who maintain the church's appearance either. Rather, it was Mother Nature's sometimes violent wrath that caused the damage to St. Joseph's edifice.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, a thunderstorm moving through this Steuben County village left its mark on the Main Street church. A bolt of lightning struck a cross perched atop the church steeple, shattering the cross as well as two 40-foot beams.

Not only did the church's exterior suffer damage, but much of the building's electrical service — including the sound and telephone systems — was knocked out.

According to Father Gerald T. O'Connor, pastor, it will "certainly cost at least \$20,000" to repair the damage. The priest said he could not give an exact figure for the damage

because contractors are still bidding on the repair work.

He added that the majority of these repairs will be covered by insurance, and that work is expected to be completed by the end of this fall.

James M. Rinefierd, the diocese's chief financial officer, reported that in-

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idents such as these are included under a diocesan insurance plan which covers property and liability. Claims are handled through Gallagher Bassett of New York, a Rochester-based agency under contract by the diocese.

Rinefierd added that the diocesan system is a "pooled" program in which premium costs are shared by all

diocesan parishes. This enables the necessary repairs to be made regardless of any parish's financial status.

"The parishes share the risk," Rinefierd said.

In addition, he noted, the diocesan insurance committee enacted a policy this past spring that would entitle a parish to a 5 percent premium discount if it installs preventive devices such as lightning protection or burglar and smoke alarms.

Although St. Joseph's mishap is one of the more unusual occurrences in the Campbell church's history, its pastor said it is nothing for parishioners to lose sleep over.

"It's not a great disaster as far as I'm concerned," said Father O'Connor, pastor of the three-parish cluster comprising St. Joseph's, St. Stanislaus Church in Bradford and St. Catherine of Siena Church in Addison.

Giant plastic sheets are currently draped over the damaged steeple. Another noticeable aftereffect, Father O'Connor added, is that his vocal cords are being strained a little more these days.

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— Mike Latona

Madden named to head second hospital

ROCHESTER — Patrick J. Madden, president and chief executive officer of St. Mary's Hospital, 89 Genesee St., has been appointed to serve as acting president and CEO of St. Mary's Hospital in Troy.



The appointment, announced by the Daughters of Charity East Region Office, was approved two weeks ago by each hospital's board of directors. Both hospitals are members of the St. Louis, Mo.-based Daughters of Charity of National Healthcare System.

A statement released by St. Mary's quoted James Small, president of the system's East Region. Small said Madden — president and CEO of St. Mary's in Rochester since 1987 — was asked to accept the dual appointment because of his "strong track record in implementing innovative and for-

ward-thinking strategies that have strengthened and expanded the traditional role of an acute care hospital."

The statement went on to say that "Madden's leadership and experience will better position both hospitals to respond to the coming challenges in healthcare reform, expected to be announced by President Clinton in the coming weeks."

In other news at St. Mary's, the hospital will host a seminar on "Human Reproductive Issues in the 1990s," on Saturday, Sept. 18. The conference is co-sponsored by the St. Thomas More Lawyer's Guild and the Catholic Physicians' Guild.

According to a press release from the Catholic Physicians' Guild, the seminar is designed to examine how modern artificial contraception has altered the dignity of the human person, the meaning of marriage and the value of children. The seminar will

discuss these problems and present solutions to restore human values, the release stated.

The program begins with an 8 a.m. Mass, and will be followed by morning and afternoon discussions on topics such as "Contraception: Moral Implications and Dissent," "Contraception — Medical Side: Effects and Moral Overtones," "Natural Family Planning: The Hope of the Future," "Biotechnology and the Assault on Parenthood," "Fetal Transplantation," "A Call to Chastity: The Answer to Teen Pregnancy and Venereal Disease," "Marriage, Human Dignity, Contraception and Abortion," and "Post-Trauma Abortion Syndrome."

Times vary for each seminar. A 2:45 p.m. panel discussion, featuring Monroe County Executive Robert L. King among others, will conclude the day.

A \$10 fee includes lunch and parking. For information, call 716/464-3620.

Coordinator required

ROCHESTER — Threshold Center for Alternative Youth Services, Inc., is in need of a volunteer coordinator.

Duties would include recruiting, interviewing and volunteer placement. Flexible daytime hours are available.

Threshold provides health care, education, a vocation program and case-management services to youths age 12-25.

Those interested in the volunteer coordinator position should contact Jackie Grey at 716/454-7530.

Care providers wanted

MONTOUR FALLS — Schuyler County Office for the Aging, 336 W. Main St., is seeking volunteers for its Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

Volunteers are needed to spend four to six hours per week caring for nursing home residents. Those interested may call 607/535-7108.

SBI to offer series on relationships

ROCHESTER — St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 S. Goodman St., will host a series of workshops on "Making Connections: Forming Healthy Relationships in Everyday Life" on Saturday, Sept. 18. The workshops will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kathleen Kircher, director of continuing education and director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, will give the keynote address on "Intimacy: Connection and Separation."

In addition to St. Bernard's, the day is sponsored by The Commission on

Women in the Church and Society.

Workshop topics will include such subjects as breaking the cycle of welfare; children of alcoholics and co-dependent women; conflict — danger or opportunity; child care in the workplace; women in the workplace; and links between theology and politics.

Registration costs \$20 per person for the full conference. Scholarships are available. For information, or to send a check along with your name, address, work and/or phone number, write Georgia Crissy, St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, 14620.

Financial aid available at All Saints

CORNING — All Saints Academy, 158 State St., is offering financial aid through its "Adopt-A-Student" program.

Much of the funding for Adopt-A-Student is provided through contributions from parishioners in the Corning-Painted Post Roman Catholic Community. Those people who wish to

help support this program may mail their contributions to All Saints Academy or drop their donations, specifying Adopt-A-Student, in the collection baskets at St. Mary Church, 155 State St., Corning; St. Patrick Church, 274 Denison Parkway E., Corning; St. Vincent DePaul Church, 222 Dodge Ave., Corning; or Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 115 E. High St., Painted Post.

Art Center unveils fall performances

PITTSFORD — International artists from the Ivory Coast, Japan, the Philippines and China will highlight the 1993-94 season at Nazareth College Arts Center, 4245 East Ave.

The season kicks off on Friday, Sept. 24, with a show by Les Guirivoires, an 18-member ensemble from Africa's Ivory Coast. On Friday, Oct. 1, New York City Swing, an eight-member band, will perform.

Later this fall, Ondekoza, a group of demon drummers from Japan, will appear on Saturday, Nov. 13.

All three performances begin at 8 p.m. The arts center will offer additional shows each month through April.

Box-office hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. To order tickets by credit card, call 716/586-2420.

Seniors sought for walk

ROCHESTER — Participants are needed for the Seniors Walk for Charity, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18.

This fifth annual event will start and finish at Valley Manor Apartments, 1570 East Ave. The three-kilometer walk is open to all ages, with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the walk starting at 10:30.

Proceeds will support programs for low-income senior citizens in the Rochester area. To obtain a sponsor form, call Ann Marie Danchak at 716/256-4339.

Kitchen workers needed

ELMIRA — Elmira Free Kitchen is seeking captains for its 1-3 p.m. shift. The need will be especially crucial in the months of January, February and March.

Responsibilities for these volunteers will include delivering supplies to the kitchen and ordering produce. Those interested should call Mary Norton at 607/732-1661.

Reunion dinner planned

A reunion dinner marking the 25th anniversary for former members of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Auburn and Cayuga County is slated for Saturday, Oct. 2.

The dinner will take place at the Auburn Holiday Inn on North Street. Those wishing to attend, or who can provide information about a former Big Brother or Big Sister, should call 315/255-3355.

Volunteers to be feted

HENRIETTA — Tickets still remain for the Monroe County Special Olympics Volunteer Dinner. This seventh annual event will be held Friday, Sept. 10, at the Holiday Inn, 1111 Jefferson Road.

Volunteers, community businesses, organizations and event coordinators who supported Special Olympics in the past year will be honored at the banquet.

Reservations may be made by calling 716/586-7400.