

### Ithaca school schedules annual benefit auction

ITHACA — The third annual "Elegant Auction" will be held Saturday, April 9, beginning at 6 p.m. at Immaculate Conception School, 320 W. Buffalo St.

Those who donate items and services by March 31 will be listed in the auction program. Admission tickets are now on sale for \$5; tables are available as well. This event, which serves as a major fundraiser for the school, raised more than \$17,000 last year.

For details on the upcoming auction, call Nadine Louge at 607/257-3079, Karen Mac Donald at 257-5508, Betty Fabbroni at 257-5962, or the Immaculate Conception School development office at 275-9650.

### Workshop on syndrome scheduled for St. Mary's

ROCHESTER — The Catholic Physicians' Guild and the Problem Pregnancy Help Center will present a workshop on "Identifying and Healing Post Abortion Trauma" on Friday, March 25. The program will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital, 89 Genesee St.

The workshop's presenters will be Dr. Vincent M. Rue and Dr. Susan Stanford Rue of the Institute for Pregnancy Loss in Portsmouth, N.H. Cost is \$15. Lunch is provided. To register, send checks payable to Problem Pregnancy Help Center, Inc., 3252 Lake Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14612.

Call 716/865-0360 for information.

### City shelter raising funds

ROCHESTER — Dimitri House, 102 N. Union St., a homeless shelter operated by Corpus Christi Parish, is currently raising funds by distributing posters, buttons and money donation cans to local stores, restaurants, businesses, hospitals and museums. The shelter is also offering "Dimitri Mugs" for a \$5 donation.

Contact the shelter at 716/325-1796 for information.

### Correction

A photo cutline on page 3 of the Feb. 17 issue incorrectly identified the Social Action Network ("Network wins jail victory"). Although the Catholic Family Center does work with the Social Action Network on various issues, the agency is not affiliated with the network in any way.

We regret the error.

## Recognizing

★ **Daniel E. Gill**, chairman and chief executive officer of Bausch & Lomb, who was honored by **Catholic Family Center** as the agency's 1994 CFC Award Recipient. CFC honored Gill, who also is chairperson of the diocesan Stewardship Council, during a St. Patrick's Day Charity Gala March 18 at the Hyatt Regency Rochester.

★ **Michael Costik** of Livonia, a sophomore majoring in vocal performance at The Catholic University of America's Benjamin T. Rome School of Music, who filled in for the role of Don Ottavio in the school's production of *Don Giovanni* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Costik, 19, is a graduate of Livonia High School and a member of **St. Joseph's Parish**.

★ **Ruth Ashburn**, a member of Rochester's St. Patrick Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, who has received the Alma Kraus Memorial Service Award, given annually to a Secular Franciscan in recognition of their selfless service to the Franciscan Fraternity and to the Order.

★ Sixteen individuals and four groups honored Sept. 11 by the Neighborhood Community Center of **Ss. Peter and Paul Church**, Rochester and the **Brown Street Area Block Club** for the recipients' support of "neighborhood empowerment."

★ The four groups receiving awards were **Rochesterians Against Illegal Narcotics**, **Greater Rochester Fights Back**, the **Churchlea/Henion/Lamberton Park Block Club** and **CCNW, Inc.**, a coalition of minority contractors.

★ The sixteen individual recipients were: **Venesse Bell**, **Joan Crossdale**, **Calvin and Evelyn Hubbard**, **Sewell Jackson**, **Beatrice Jones**, **Montez Jones**, **Calvin Murph IV**, **Betty Ware Welch**, **Cornelius Welch**, **Francis Harris**, **George Kearney**, **Lewis Williams Jr.**, **Jimmie Lee Mays**, and **Dorothy and Leroy Lott**.

★ **Toni Jakobi, M.D.**, who has been named to the hospital-based in-patient and community mental-health program at **St. James Mercy Hospital**, Hornell.



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## Service with a style

The Diocese of Rochester, diocesan Office of Liturgy, and Blessed Sacrament Church presented a March 18 Prayer at the Cross service in the style of Taizé. Taizé, an ecumenical center near Cluny, France, was founded after World War II in reparation for war crimes. The Taizé monks have developed a unique style of prayer that encourages meditation. Held at Blessed Sacrament Church, 534 Oxford St., Rochester, the service included hymns and intercessory prayers led by the Cathedral Choir School, under the direction of Jura Litchfield and several instrumentalists. (Above) Gabriel Pellegrino served as cantor for the service. (Left) During the Adoration of the Cross, George Dardess holds the cross as parishioners approach it and offer a sign of homage or reverence.

## Ex-St. Ann's nurse charged for neglect

ROCHESTER — A registered nurse formerly employed by St. Ann's Home, 1500 Portland Ave., has been charged with unlawfully neglecting three residents at the facility and then falsifying medical records to cover up the conduct.

The alleged incidents were to have taken place last year. Edward J. Kuriansky, the state's special prosecutor for Medicaid Fraud Control, detailed the charges against Jacqueline L. Dennis in a March 16 statement.

The charges allege that Dennis intentionally failed to irrigate the catheter of a 83-year-old male resident in her care while working the overnight shift at St. Ann's March 17-18, 1993.

Allegedly, she also intentionally neglected two other patients, ages 85 and 86, by failing to clean and change their dressings for decubitus ulcers — or bedsores — as ordered by the patients' physicians. Dennis then allegedly concealed her conduct by falsely indicating in the patients' medical charts that she had actually performed the work.

According to Kuriansky, St. Ann's fired Dennis March 19, 1993. She had been employed there since September, 1988.

Kuriansky's statement noted that Dennis was charged with four counts of willful violation of health laws and three counts of falsifying business records in the second degree.

According to Jerry M. Solomon, special

assistant attorney general-in-charge of the special prosecutor's regional office, willful violation of health laws is an unclassified misdemeanor, while falsifying business records in the second degree is a Class A misdemeanor. Each act is punishable by up to one year in prison.

Dennis surrendered to authorities March 16 and was arraigned before City Court Judge Gary E. Smith. She has pleaded not guilty to the charges, according to her attorney, James E. Brown.

She was released on her own recognizance pending a pre-trial conference hearing, which will take place in the judge's chambers on Wednesday, March 23, Solomon said.

— Rob Cullivan

## Obituary

### Frederick Welch; K of C official, longtime member of St. Mary's

AUBURN — Frederick J. Welch, a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus and past president of the Holy Name Society at St. Mary's Church, died on Saturday, Jan. 15, 1994, at Auburn Memorial Hospital.

A native of Centerville, Conn., Mr. Welch spent most of his life in Auburn, where he operated a funeral home until his retirement in 1971. He was also head of the former traffic bureau at Auburn City Hall.

In addition to being a member of St. Mary's Parish, 17 Clark St., Mr. Welch was a member of Auburn Council #207 Knights of Columbus — for which he held a variety of offices — and the Fourth Degree Assembly.

Mr. Welch was also a member of the Auburn Lodge 474 BPO Elks for more than 60 years, serving as the past exalted ruler and district deputy. He was the

recipient of the 1991 Elk of the Year Award for the Ontario district.

After retiring, Mr. Welch and his family spent winters in Garden City, S.C., where he was a founding member of St. Michael's Church. He served as a lector and usher at the South Carolina parish.

Mr. Welch is survived by his wife, Veronica Manion Welch; a son, William J. Welch of Auburn; a sister, Beatrice Welch Hagan; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Welch was celebrated at St. Mary's Church on Jan. 18. Interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Auburn.

The family has requested that contributions in Mr. Welch's memory be made to the St. Mary's School Fund or the memorial fund of St. Mary's Church, 17 Clark St., Auburn, N.Y. 13021.

— Lee Strong