

Information night set to plan winter cruise

WAVERLY — A "cruise night" has been scheduled at St. James Church, 503 Clark St., to provide information for a Caribbean cruise being sponsored by the parish.

The social will take place on Friday, July 15, from 7-8:30 p.m. It is open to both parishioners and non-parishioners. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and videos will be shown to promote the event slated for Jan. 29-Feb. 5, 1995. A total of \$250 will go to the parish for each person taking the cruise.

For information, call Becky Ambury at 607/565-3047.

'Meals on Wheels' is in need of volunteers

WEBSTER — Visiting Nurse Service of Rochester and Monroe County, Inc., is seeking volunteers to serve as summer substitutes in the "Meals on Wheels" program.

This program provides more than 900 meals per day to frail, elderly and homebound Monroe County residents.

For details, call 716/787-2233, ext. 8420.

Adults sought to help promote Scout awards

ROCHESTER — Adult volunteers are needed to help promote four religious Girl Scout awards.

These awards are: the Family of God Medal, for ages 7-9; I Live My Faith Medal, ages 9-11; Marian Medal, ages 12-15; and Spirit Alive Medal, senior level.

For details, call Erika Schmitz at 716/544-7382 or Helen Van der Warker at 454-7010.

Tier hospital requests eucharistic ministers

ELMIRA — Eucharistic ministers are needed to serve patients at the Arnot Medical Center.

This ministry is performed each week on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Those interested should call Rose Bennett at 607/737-0536 or St. Anthony's Church at 732-1553.

Mercy order associates release statement

CANANDAIGUA — The Mercy Associate Leadership Conference has approved an identity statement and agreed on key elements of association, according to Barb Quinlan Giehl, director of Mercy Associates of Rochester.

More than 100 people from 24 of the nation's 25 regional associations attended an April 28-May 1 national meeting that approved the statements, Giehl said. The meeting, which took place at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua and focused on leadership, was sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, she added.

Mercy associates are lay people — male and female — who make temporary, non-vowed commitments to the religious congregation in order to share its prayer life and ministry. Mercy associates are often found working side by side with Mercy sisters in the order's various outreach ministries, Giehl remarked.

The approved identity statement reads as follows:

"Mercy Association is a mutually enriching relationship between the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and others empowering a response to the call to Gospel holiness through sharing in the spirit and mission of Mercy. Mercy associates make a commitment through a formal covenant with a regional community."

In addition to the identity statement, the associates also approved a statement of several key elements that included calls for periodic evaluation of the association; openness to multicultural and multilingual participation; and orientation to Catherine McAuley, the Mercy sisters' founder.

The statement included such optional elements that each regional community could consider like setting up dues or tithes for members.

Giehl said that 98 people, including 25 associates stationed in Chile, belong to the Rochester associates. The Mercy Association consists of 1,300 people nationwide, she noted.

— Rob Cullivan



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Class of 1944 to gather

The class of 1944 at St. Andrew's School in Rochester will celebrate its 50th reunion on Friday, Sept. 23. The gala will feature a 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Andrew's Church, 923 Portland Ave., followed by a dinner at Crescent Beach Restaurant. For information, contact Elaine Berl Goddard, 716/225-7840, or Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio, 225-8980.

Obituaries

Daniel J. Murphy; CGA vice president

Daniel J. Murphy, a retired police detective who became a staunch fighter for wage and pension rights for officers and the elderly — most recently as vice president of the Catholic Golden Age Prince of Peace Chapter in Rochester — died of cancer Wednesday, June 22, 1994, at Park Ridge Hospital in Greece. He was 80 years old.

After serving as a motorcycle officer for the Rochester Police Department for 20 years, Mr. Murphy worked in the traffic bureau and as a detective for 14 additional years.

The Rochester native was heavily involved in the police union's Locust Club, serving as president for six years as well as vice president for nine years. He was also the secretary and a delegate for the union.

He recently volunteered for the American Association of Retired Persons and the Catholic Golden Age chapter in Rochester. According to Irene Peters, the chapter's president, Mr. Murphy was "faithful in keeping CGA members abreast of actions in Albany that affected the elderly."

"His dynamic presence came so naturally from who he was," said Peters, who added that CGA members used words like "kind," "resourceful," "informed," "authentic," and "a champion" to describe Mr. Murphy.

In 1991, the state Senate issued a special proclamation honoring Mr. Murphy "for distinguished service to the Rochester community and his brotherhood of fellow police officers."

A Mass of the Resurrection for Mr. Murphy was held at Most Precious Blood Church in Rochester on June 27. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester.

Mr. Murphy is survived by three daughters, Jean Eichas of Greece, Patricia Simpson of Webster and Kathleen Heaton of Greece; a son, Daniel M. Murphy of Toledo, Ohio; a brother, Vincent of Rochester; and a sister, Veronica Offen of Rochester.

Urban G. Kress, 84; politician was named 1978 Catholic Layman

Urban G. Kress, a former Rochester city councilman who was named Catholic Layman of the Year by the Catholic War Veterans in 1978, died on Thursday, June 16, 1994. He was 84.

Mr. Kress, who lived in the city's northeast section, worked for 49 years at Lincoln First Bank, where he was bank manager for many years. He was named an officer of the bank in 1968.

Mr. Kress, a Democrat, represented the former 4th Ward on the Monroe County Board of Supervisors in the mid-1960s. In 1967, he was appointed to City Council to fill the vacant Northeast District seat and was elected to a four-year term the following November. He was re-elected in 1971, but lost a bid for a third term in a 1975 primary.

A graduate of Aquinas Institute, Mr. Kress was a lifelong member of St. Andrew's Parish, where he volunteered.

"He was one of the first few men to become a Eucharistic minister," recalled his wife, Teresa. "He was a very religious man and a wonderful husband."

Mr. Kress belonged to the Holy Name Society, Layman's Retreat League, Nocturnal Adoration Society and the Daily Mass League.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Kress is survived by two daughters, Mary Kolchuk of Greece and Florence Thau of California; a son, Urban Kress Jr., of Walworth; a sister, Monica Hoffman; two sisters-in-law, Rose McGarrity and Mary Tschieder; and six grandchildren.

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated June 20 at St. Andrew's. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Memorial Fund, 923 Portland Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14621.

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