

## Celebrating Guadalupe



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Members of the migrant community residing in the Brockport area gathered Dec. 11 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 152 Main St., Brockport, for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Mass was concelebrated by Fathers Roy Kiggins (pastor), Enrique Cadena and Ivan Trujillo. (Photo at left) Father Cadena leads the celebration of the Eucharist as Father Trujillo looks on. (Above photo) After the Mass the congregation was treated to various dances by children in the Nativity School gym. The dancers were directed by Enequina Ballines and Maureen Heffern.

## Sr. Baptista of the Holy Eucharist, OCD, 75; staffed monastery's 'turn' since 1966

PITTSFORD — Sister Baptista of the Holy Eucharist, OCD, who "communicated" with visitors to the Carmelite monastery on Jefferson Road through the use of a "turn," died unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1994, at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. She was 75 years old.

Since 1966, Sister Baptista had taken care of the "turn," a device at the monastery through which people could "communicate" with Sister Baptista un-

seen. People could also pass items into or receive items from members of the cloistered community through use of the device.

Born in New York City on July 8, 1919, the former Madeleine Link was the oldest of two children of the late Robert and Marie Weber Link. She earned a degree in art from Mt. St. Vincent College in New York City.

Sister Baptista entered the Discalced Carmelites' Monastery of Our Lady and St. Joseph, 1931 W. Jefferson Road, on Sept. 12, 1942. She made her solemn profession as a member of the order on June 13, 1947.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark was the principal celebrant of a Mass of the Resurrection, held Dec. 9 at the monastery.

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## Obituaries

### Father Richard Stanton, retired pastor, dead at 81

BRIGHTON — Father Richard G. Stanton, retired pastor of Our Lady of the Lake in King Ferry and All Saints in Lansing, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 13, at the Sisters of Mercy Infirmary, 1437 Blossom Road. He was 81 years old.

Born in Rochester to the late John and Laura (Haungs) Stanton, he graduated from Immaculate Conception School, The Aquinas Institute, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, all in Rochester.

Father Stanton was ordained a priest at Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral on June 3, 1939. In his early years as a priest, he served as an assistant pastor at St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Mary's, Elmira; St. Ann's, Palmyra; St. Cecilia's, Elmira; St. Augustine's, Rochester; Holy Ghost, Rochester; and St. Joseph's, Wayland.

In July, 1962, Father Stanton was named pastor at Our Lady of the Lake and All Saints, where he served until his retirement in June, 1984. During his years serving as pastor, Father Stanton became the first Catholic chaplain at the South Lansing Center for Girls. He served the center for 13 years.

He also became involved in the World Wide Marriage Encounter Movement, serving as a team priest for seven years and presenting about 30 weekends to married couples in the Southern Tier and Central New York areas as well as Toronto.

In addition to his other activities, Father Stanton served on the Ministry to Priests team and on the Priest's Council.

After retiring, Father Stanton assisted at several Southern Tier parishes, most often at Immaculate Conception in Ithaca. In July, 1993, he moved to Lourdes Hall at the Sisters of Mercy Infirmary.

Father Stanton is survived by several cousins.

A wake will be held at Bangs Funeral Home, 209 W. Green St., Ithaca, on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

A Mass of Christ the High Priest will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Ithaca's Immaculate Conception Church, 113 N. Geneva St. Bishop Matthew H. Clark will serve as celebrant; Father Bernard L. Carges, Immaculate Conception's pastor, will deliver the homily.

### J. Edwin O'Brien, co-owner of O'Brien's Inn, succumbs at age 88

WAVERLY — J. Edwin O'Brien, co-owner of the popular O'Brien's Inn, died on Monday, Nov. 28, 1994, at his home. He was 88.

Mr. O'Brien and his late brother, Bill, established O'Brien's Inn on Waverly Hill in 1946. The scenic restaurant has received both national and international recognition over the years.

Mr. O'Brien was also active in a number of civic affairs. He served as director of the Fingerlakes Association for 10 years and was also a member of the Waverly American Legion Betowski-Vandemark Post No. 492 and the Pioneer

Irish Religious Association.

Mr. O'Brien is survived by his wife, Teresa; sons Tim, Jim, Ed and Bart; daughters Mary Tess McDade and Ann O'Brien; a brother, Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien; a sister, Mary Donoghue; two sisters-in-law; 22 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. O'Brien was celebrated at St. James Church on Dec. 1 by his brother. Father O'Brien is a retired diocesan priest who currently resides in Horseheads.

Interment was at St. James Cemetery in Waverly.

### Fr. Joseph De Simone, 72; Cistercian hermit

Father Joseph De Simone, OSCO, a longtime hermit who in 1958 became a member of the order of Cistercians at the Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard, died on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1994, in Vancouver, Canada. He was 72 years old.

Born Nov. 1, 1922, in Lecce, Italy, the former Pasquale De Simone was ordained to the priesthood on April 6, 1946, as a member of the Third Order

of Capuchins. He transferred to the Cistercians at Viaceli in Spain before joining the community at Piffard on Nov. 8, 1958.

In the late 1960s, Father De Simone — while remaining under the jurisdiction of the abbot of the Abbey of the Genesee — traveled with a group of fellow Cistercians to live as hermits in Vancouver, Canada. He remained in Vancouver for the rest of his life — except for a few months in the late 1980s when he attempted to live as a hermit on the Piffard abbey's grounds. He supported himself as a carpenter while living in Vancouver.

Father De Simone was interred at the Abbey of the Genesee on Nov. 15.

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