

DIOCESAN NEWS

Parade for gay pride



Andrea Dixon/Staff photographer

Members of area churches, including St. Mary's Downtown, march in the Rochester Gay Pride Parade on July 15. The parade drew hundreds of participants despite a downpour. Representatives of the Catholic Gay & Lesbian Family Ministry encourage parents to participate in the annual parade as a show of support for gay sons and lesbian daughters.

Wayne County parish notes 150th year

By Mike Latona
Staff writer

Parishioners past and present will unite for the 150th-anniversary celebration of St. Anne's Parish, Palmyra, on the first weekend in August.

St. Anne's Parish was established in 1850 to serve a growing Irish Catholic community, many of whom settled along the Erie Canal after fleeing their homeland due to severe famine. Up until that point, the Palmyra area had been mostly populated by Protestants.

The current St. Anne's church building, located on Church Street, was opened in 1870. The church, which has undergone several renovations over the years, survived a 1942 explosion and fire that closed the structure for eight months. Luckily, the new church hall had been completed just prior to the mishap, and Masses were held in the hall until the church was ready for reopening.

A parish school opened in 1961, but due to decreasing enrollment and rising expenses, it closed in 1972. Today the building serves as the St. Anne's Resource Center, providing outreach programs for the parish as well as the community at large.

In 1986, St. Anne's was one of the first parishes in the Rochester Diocese to become part of a cluster when it joined with St. Gregory's in Marion, located a few miles north of Palmyra. Father Louis Vasile, currently the pastor of St. Alphonse Church in Auburn, served as the cluster's first pastor, from 1986-92. He was replaced by Father Robert Gaudio, the current pastor of what is now known as the Catholic Community of St. Anne and St. Gregory.

The sesquicentennial festivities will begin with a 6:30 p.m. dinner on Saturday evening, Aug. 5, at the Garlock House. The next day, Bishop Matthew H. Clark will preside at a 2 p.m. Mass at St. Anne's. The liturgy will be followed by a family-style picnic in Palmyra's Village Park, with those attending bringing their own lunches. Light refreshments will be sold.



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Cory Super, 5, licks his lip while waiting for a treat at day camp at the Family Resource Center at St. Anne's, Palmyra, on July 13. The resource center, located in the former school, is one of St. Anne's chief ministries.

Marj Taber, event publicity coordinator, said the parish would like to welcome back

former St. Anne's parishioners who may no longer live in Palmyra. Taber said that transportation is available for residents of adult-care facilities in Wayne and Monroe counties. She added that teens from the parish will be on hand to help visitors who have difficulty walking or are unable to walk. Those requiring transportation should call Vita Duffy at 315/597-9988.

Kathy Maxwell, a dinner co-organizer, said the jubilee celebration will also feature priests, women religious and deacons who have served the parish over the years, as well as teachers from the former St. Anne's School. Taber also noted that the jubilee Mass procession will include representatives from the parish's various committees and ministries.

Maxwell and Taber observed that many people with ties to St. Gregory's are helping prepare for the jubilee celebration of St. Anne's.

"We're probably one of the most successful clusters," Taber said. "We maintain our separate identities as far as buildings go, but we are very much a cluster as far as activities are concerned."

EDITORS' NOTE: Tickets are still available for the Aug. 5 dinner. Reservations are requested as soon as possible, and can be made by calling Kathy Maxwell at 716/289-4236 or Terry Girard at 315/926-4246.

Ex-teacher faces charges in two towns

Alexander Capo, a former eighth-grade Spanish teacher at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Brighton, may wind up in Brighton and Irondequoit courts in August because he faces charges in both towns.

Capo was fired from his position at Mercy after being arrested in May for allegedly having an inappropriate relationship with a 13-year-old student. Incidents related to the relationship allegedly took place both in the school and in Irondequoit where Capo resided.

In Brighton, Capo faces one Class A

misdemeanor count of endangering the welfare of a child. In Irondequoit, he faces the same charge as well as an additional sexual abuse charge. Each charge is punishable by up to one year in jail.

Capo appeared in Brighton Town Court on July 17. Judge James E. Morris stated he would try to slate a jury trial for late August, but set no date.

Capo also will appear in Irondequoit Town Court on Aug. 2 for a conference with a Monroe County assistant district attorney.

— Rob Cullivan

Recognizing

★ Father David Patrick Reid, SS, CC, former pastor of St. Peter and Paul Parish in Rochester, was installed July 9 as the 10th provincial of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, East Coast Province, U.S.A. The province is one of 16 provinces covering a total of 44 nations. The congregation's members included Blessed Damien, who worked with lepers in Hawaii.

★ At a June 5 dinner in Elmira, Catholic Charities of the Southern Tier honored 16 people for their social justice leadership and work with the poor in their communities and churches. Margaret Bellizia of St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads; Howard Brewster of St. James, Waverly; John Toomey, John King and Julius Gottlieb of Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; Mary Eaton of St. Mary, Bath; Joseph Caparulo of St. Patrick/St. Anthony, Elmira; Edward Sullivan and Marguerite Tammaro of St. Mary, Elmira; Gerald Balone, Lemuel Smith and Steven Padula of Elmira Correctional Facility Catholic Community; Jean Randall, Carol Mechalke, and Julie McGovern of Eastside Catholic, Elmira; and Ellen Harris of St. Francis of Assisi, Catook.

★ Students at St. Charles Borromeo School, Greece, have helped numerous organizations in the past year. In December, the kids collected supplies for Journey Home, a home for the dying. Since then the students have also collected more than \$3,000 in pennies for the American Heart Association; have held bake sales to benefit Habitat for Humanity, which builds homes for poor people; and have donated food and clothing to various shelters, food cupboards and low-income clothing outlets.

Sr. M. Scheible celebrates 50th

Rochester native Sister Marie Clare Scheible celebrates her 50th jubilee with the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis this year. A Mass of thanksgiving will be said at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at her home parish of St. Boniface Church, Rochester.

She grew up in Rochester and entered religious life from St. Boniface in September 1947. She professed her first vows in the Springfield, Ill.-based Hospital Sisters on June 13, 1950.

Sister Marie Clare graduated from St. John's Hospital School of Nursing and went on to receive a bachelor's degree in nursing from St. Louis University. Later, she graduated from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, with an MBA in hospital administration.

She served at St. John's Hospital in Springfield as a registered nurse and a clinical instructor; at St. Mary's Hospital, Streator, Ill.; St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland, Ill.; and St. Mary's Hospital, Green Bay, Wis. in administration roles; and at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alton, Ill., in pastoral care. In 1988, she graduated from the Chicago School of Massage Therapy. She began her massage practice at the Franciscan Apostolic Center in Springfield and called her new work "Wholistic Touch."

Sister Marie Clare now lives at St. Francis Convent in Springfield where she volunteers as a massage and energy therapist. Additionally, she ministers as a volunteer at St. John's Hospital in pastoral care.

