

FEATURE

Parish festivals are 'major' events

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Watch your local mayor, or maybe your pastor, take a soak in the dunking booth. Listen to the Dady Brothers. Toss a ring and pick out a puppet. Enjoy chicken barbecue.

It sounds like fairly simple summer entertainment. But it takes "hundreds, oh heavens" of volunteers, said one parish festival co-chairman. And earnings can reach \$20,000-\$25,000.

In Newark, St. Michael Parish's Family Festival, and the Newark Fest, will close off about five blocks of Main Street June 8-9.

"It's major," said Lynne Mooney, who chairs the festival committee with her husband, Kevin, and parishioners Sandy and Walt Wolanyk.

"There will be people down at Newark Fest, and we're the only ones on the street doing rides, so that'll bring the kids down."

Profits have helped pay the parish insurance, and also help St. Michael's School.

"You do need to call on your neighbor," said Marilyn Weinert, secretary at St. Christopher's Parish in North Chili, not far from Holy Ghost Church in Gates. "We borrow their fryer, they borrow our tables and chairs."

Lori and Tim Murtaugh are co-chairing St. Christopher's festival June 1-2. Begun by the late Sister Carol Fox, RSM, it includes a 5K race, large basement garage sale and numerous booths under a big tent.

"We are so blessed to have the support of people," Lori said. "You can't do something this size with a handful of people."

The youth will run the dunking booth, she said. But in addition to the youth and a core committee of a dozen parishioners, she said, "hundreds, oh heavens, absolutely hundreds" of parishioners help out. And the pastor is a big supporter.

"Father (Robert) O'Neill says it's great to get the money but it is so important to have the community feel whoever wants to be involved in it in any way, please be involved."

"I think it gives them a sense of ownership, of belonging," she said.

Many parishioners donate items for Grandma's Attic garage sale. "Last year somebody had dropped off a couple paintings. A person in the parish, an antiquer, if you will, Jim Martin, said they looked familiar." So he took them to a dealer who sold them for more than \$1,000, she said.

"We're going to have him again this year, kind of peruse around each night when we begin setting up," she said.

Besides the comradeship that flourishes at festivals, organizers said, the family atmosphere is inviting to people.

"It's a very family oriented place," Lori Murtaugh said. It's a safe place and a wholesome place for kids, she added.

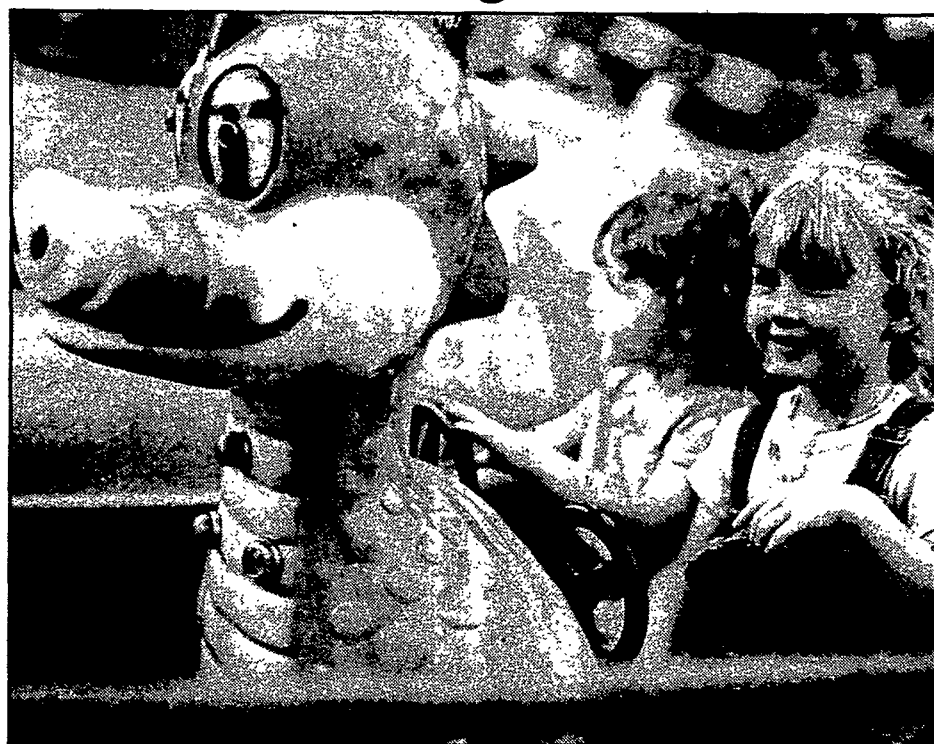
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Calendar

■ **MAY 18-19 - ST. RITA, Webster:** 1008 Maple Dr.; Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. noon-11 p.m.; 47th annual Fiesta; games, food, entertainment; Fri: fish fry, 5-7 p.m.; Skycoasters, 6:30 p.m.; Sat: parade, Old Ridge Rd., noon; chicken barbecue, 4-7 p.m.; tickets for dinners and concert in advance at parish office.

■ **JUNE 1-2 - ST. MARY OUR MOTHER, Horseheads:** Westinghouse and Broad Sts.; Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 2-9 p.m.; games for all; bake sale, plant booth, quilt raffle, cash raffle; Fri. fish fry, Sat. chicken barbecue.

■ **JUNE 1-2 - ST. IGNATIUS, Hornell:** Grand and W. Pine Sts.; 5:30 p.m.; adult and children's games; booths: handicrafts, white elephant, cakes and country kitchen, Chinese auc-



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tion and raffles; Sat: catered chicken barbecue, 5:30 p.m., \$6, takeouts; raffle tickets at 607/324-5811 and at festival.

■ **JUNE 1-2 - ST. CHRISTOPHER, N. Chili:** 3350 Union St.; 6-11 p.m.; games; food; raffles; dunking booth; Sat.: 5K race, 6:45 p.m.; Fri. and Sat.: Grandma's Attic (giant garage sale), 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

■ **JUNE 1-3 - CHRIST THE KING, Irondequoit:** 445 Kings Hwy. S.; Fri. evening-Sun. afternoon; rides; games for adults, children; entertainment; raffle; food includes dinners, Fri. and Sat.

■ **JUNE 2 - ST. MARY, Bath: E.** Morris St.; noon-10 p.m.; games; music; raffles; time, treasure, talent auction; trash & treasure tent; chicken barbecue 4-7 p.m.

■ **JUNE 7-9 - OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS, Greece:** 5000 Mt. Read Blvd. at Latta Rd.; Thurs. & Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 3 p.m.-midnight.

■ **JUNE 8-9 - HOLY ROSARY, Rochester:** 414 Lexington Ave.; 5 p.m.-midnight; games for all; beer tent, food court; entertainment; Sat. 3-5 p.m.: clowns and prizes for children.

■ **JUNE 8-9 - ST. MICHAEL, Newark:** 320 S. Main St.; Fri., 5-11 p.m., Sat., noon-11 p.m.; raffles; Las Vegas Nite, Fri. & Sat., 7-11 p.m.; fundraiser for Newark Catholic community & St. Michael School.

■ **JUNE 8-9 - ST. AMBROSE, Rochester:** 25 Empire Blvd.; games, food; Gary the Happy Pirate, the Dady Brothers and more.

■ **JUNE 8-9 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Ithaca:** 320 W. Buffalo St., Fri., 5-10 p.m., Sat., 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; food, games; Sat. "family session" especially for children, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (adult games, beverages open at 3 p.m.).

■ **JUNE 10 - GOOD SHEPHERD, Henrietta:** 3318 E. Henrietta Rd., 12:30-5 p.m.; annual chicken barbecue and raffle to support parish; dinners \$6.

■ **JUNE 10 - ST. CASIMIR, Elmira:** 1012 Davis St., noon-8 p.m.; homemade Polish foods; "Polka Magic" band, noon-4 p.m.; DJ music, 4-8 p.m.; cash raffles; beverages, lamp raffles, children's games, stuffed animals, adult gambling, arts & crafts, flea market.

■ **JUNE 13-14 - HOLY GHOST, Gates:** 220 Coldwater Rd., 6 p.m. till?; games, raffles, food and music.

■ **JUNE 13-14 - NATIVITY BVM, Brockport:** 152 Main St.; Fri. 4 p.m. till?, Sat. noon-till?; games; Sat. chicken barbecue, on-site or takeout; new-to-you sale; \$1,800 cash prizes raffle; Fri., Chuck an Gert Ragtime, Sat., TBA.

■ **JULY 15 - ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS, Interlaken:** annual chicken barbecue held at St. Fidelis Friary on Cayuga Lake, 7790 County Road 153; dock available for boats; noon-3 p.m. or

until food is gone; \$6.

■ **JUNE 22, 23 - ST. HELEN'S CHURCH, Gates:** 310 Hinchey Road, 5-11 p.m.; annual Country Fair; raffle grand prize: trip to Walt Disney World; chicken barbecue Saturday night; games for all ages, blackjack for adults; entertainment Friday and Saturday; Sat: Dady Brothers; all proceeds to church programs and services.

■ **JULY 25-28 - ST. LEO, Hilton:** booth at Hilton Firemen's Carnival.

■ **JULY 26 - ST. ANNE, Rochester:** 1600 Mt. Hope Ave.; Mass 7:30 p.m.; ice cream social after Mass; preceded by 71st Annual Novena to St. Anne, July 17-25; open to public.

■ **JULY 26-27 - ST. MARY, Waterloo:** 35 Center St., 5 p.m.-till?; parking & shuttle from Waterloo Sr. High; over 75 booths; food from 5 p.m.; games, rides from 6:15 p.m.; cash drawings total \$18,500; Thurs.: chicken barbecue, \$6; Fri.: haddock dinner, \$6; Sat.: pig roast, \$6; St. Mary School benefit.

■ **AUG. 3-4 - ST. STANISLAUS, Rochester:** 1124 Hudson Ave. at North St.; Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight; games; Polish music; crafts; raffle; Polish foods, Fri. 6-8:30 p.m., Sat. 5-8:30 p.m.; outdoor food booths.

■ **AUG. 3-4 - St. Joe's, Wayland:** 206 Fremont St.

■ **SEPT. 8-9 - ST. ANTHONY, Elmira:** 604 Park Place; Sat. 5-10 p.m., Sun. 1-10 p.m.; Italian foods, games, refreshments, prizes, drawings.

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■ **SAT, MAY 12 - "NITT" Memorial Golf Tournament:** benefits phys. ed. program, Immaculate Conception School, Ithaca; Hillendale Golf Course; \$200/foursome; prizes; chicken barbecue; Paul Alexander 607/273-4935, Bob Kump 607/257-5717.

■ **MON, MAY 21 - Catholic Charities Annual Golf Tournament:** sponsored by Catholic Charities Community Services; Eagle Vale Country Club, Fairport; noon; \$100/person includes lunch & dinner, \$25/dinner only; 716/339-9800, ext. 305.

■ **MON, JUNE 4 - DePaul Golf Classic:** Ridgemont Country Club, 3717 W. Ridge Rd., Greece; \$1,000/foursome, \$265/individual, dinner included; Tom Corrigan 716/426-8000, ext. 3300.

■ **WED, JUNE 6 - Vincent House Charity Golf Tournament:** benefits Vincent House, Wayland home for terminally ill, in memory of Terry L. & Larry J. Canute; Whispering Hills Golf Course; dinner at Springwater American Legion; \$50/person includes dinner, cart, prizes, \$10 dinner only; RSVP by May 15 716/594-3157 or e-mail cnegron@rochester.rr.com.

■ **SAT, JUNE 9 - Crusader Classic Golf Tournament:** benefits Notre Dame High School, Elmira; Soaring Eagles Golf Course, Horseheads; \$300/team, \$75/person, includes breakfast, lunch, dinner at clubhouse; 607/734-2267.

■ **WED, JUNE 27 - Prevention Partners' 2001 Golf Tournament:** funds drug & pregnancy prevention; Shadow Pines Golf Club, 600 Whalen Rd., Penfield; 11 a.m.; \$400/foursome, \$100/individual includes cart, lunch, dinner; 716/288-2800, ext. 23.

■ **WED, JUNE 27 - Catholic School Scholarship Golf Classic:** for financial aid in 30 Monroe County elementary & junior high Catholic schools; Greystone Golf Club, 1400 Atlantic Ave., Walworth; 10 a.m.; \$150/golfer includes cart, lunch, dinner; \$30 dinner only; 716/328-3210, ext. 308.

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