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Getting to know you

Four-year-old Hannah Smith, a preschool student at Waterloo's St. Mary School, puts on her game face Feb. 8 as she prepares to throw "The Ring of Agony" during a kick-off celebration for "Get to Know St. Mary School Week." While children lined up for a chance to launch a ring onto a distant hook, adults had the chance to relax with the help of an on-site massage therapist. Face painting, sledding and meeting McGruff the Crime Dog were also popular activities during the event, which helped raise proceeds for a new school playground.

All Diocesan

■ **MON, FEB. 23** — Registration deadline: "Echoes of Faith" workshop; Donna Glaser & Nancy Bird, trainers; Feb. 27: cafeteria, St. Margaret Mary School, 400 Rogers Pky., Rochester; 1-4 p.m.; Feb. 28: rectory, St. Mary Our Mother Church, 816 W. Broad St., Horseheads; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Patrick Fox 585/544-2447, 877/275-4725.

FUNDRAISERS

■ **SAT, FEB. 28** — Auction:

furniture, church pews, ceramic molds, kilns, statues, science lab equipment, Pepsi machine, crucifixes, books; Corpus Christi Church benefit; lower level, Corpus Christi Church, 199 Clark St., Buffalo; 12:30 p.m. preview, 1 p.m. auction, 1-5 p.m. sale; Fr. Anselm 716/896-1050.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

■ **SAT, FEB. 21** — Program: "A Day with Mary"; 1917 Fatima message; Fr. Raphael Maria, FI, leader; St. John the Evangelist Church, 1263 Vestal Ave., Binghamton; 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; BYO lunch; 607/754-0001.

■ **SAT, FEB. 28** — Perpetual novena: to Our Lady of Czestochowa; Gregorian

chant in Latin; Corpus Christi Church, 199 Clark St., Buffalo; confession 11 a.m.; novena 11:30 a.m. every Saturday; Fr. Anselm 716/896-1050.

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RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

■ **WED, FEB. 25** — Ashes service: & soup supper; St. Anthony/St. Patrick's Parish Center, 604 Park Pl., Elmira; 5:30 p.m.; Operation Rice Bowl donations accepted; Elaine 607/732-6642.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

■ **TUE, FEB. 24** — Music: Irish music; Hibernian Center, 701 Kinyon St., Elmira; 7 p.m.; for anyone interested

in Irish music to hear, learn, play, sing or dance; 888-333-4PAT.

■ **TUE, FEB. 24** — Mardi Gras: pasta dinner; McCabe Center, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 110 W. First St., Elmira; 5-7 p.m.; \$5, \$3 under 12, \$15 family; take-outs available; Phil or Bob Woods 607/732-5639.

FUNDRAISERS

■ **FRI, FEB. 27** — Raffle: celebrating 75th anniversary; scholarships & financial aid benefit; Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Rd., Rochester; first prize \$7,500; 585/288-2610; e-mail advancement@mercyhs.com.

■ **SAT, FEB. 28** — Pasta dinner: playground benefit;

gym, Holy Trinity School, 1456 Ridge Rd., Webster; seating 4:30-6 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.; \$6 adults, \$4 children, free 4 & under; bake sale, raffles, entertainment; 585/265-2440.

MEETINGS

■ **FRI, FEB. 20** — Registration deadline: Feb. 24 "Journey Towards Intimacy with God"; session 1: Practicing Awareness of the Presence of God; Diane Robles; Borromeo Prayer Center, 3011 Dewey Ave., Rochester; 7-9 p.m.; session 2 & 3 dates set by participants; \$15 per session; 585/663-5856.

■ **MON, FEB. 23** — Registration deadline: March 1 & 8 program; "Christian/Mus-