

All Saints Church



Holy Cross Church



St. Anthony Church



May 14, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

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Sacramental Life

Baptism

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the parish office for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.

Marriage

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the celebration. Marriage preparation prerequisites must be fulfilled before the celebration of marriage.

RCIA/RCIC

Those interested in becoming Catholic or wishing to complete their Christian initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are asked to call the parish office.

Reconciliation (Confession)

1st Saturday at 10:30am at Holy Cross Church; 3rd Saturday at 3:00-3:45pm at St. Anthony Church; or by appointment at All Saints Church, Holy Cross or St. Anthony.

Sacramental Preparation

Please contact the Faith Formation office regarding preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Pastoral Care / Hospital Visitation

Please contact the parish office if you know of a parishioner who is sick, homebound, or hospitalized and who would appreciate Communion or a pastoral visit.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Rel. Ed. for St. Anthony & Holy Cross takes place at Holy Cross Sundays 9:45am; Rel. Ed. at All Saints after Sunday Masses (11:30am). The All Saints Teen Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday at 7:00pm. The Holy Cross High School Youth Group meets at various times at Holy Cross.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday • May 13 (Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14)

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Gerald Rotunda by The Family

Sunday • May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter (Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12)

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Bill White by Joyce

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Anna Beckwith by Becky and Edward Trainor

Monday • May 15 (Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26)

Tuesday • May 16 (Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a)

9:00 am Mass at **St. Anthony** for Donald Tyrrell by Connie Wilcox & Family

Wednesday • May 17 (Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8)

9:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Robert Shortell by RoseMarie Bobnick

Thursday • May 18 (Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11)

9:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Jerry Rizzo by Joan Hass

Friday, May 19 (Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17)

12:00 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Gerald Carey by Sharon Rumgay and Mark Robinson

Saturday • May 20 (Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21)

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Lal Lockwood by John & Barb Walpole and Family

Sunday • May 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21)

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Victor Composti by Diane & Mike Schafer



A NOTE FROM DCN. GEORGE . . .

This weekend, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Appearance of Our Lady of Fatima. Fatima is a town in Portugal, and in 1917, three young shepherd children saw visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who appeared to the children and spoke to them. The children were given a prophecy that the Great War (World War I) would end soon, if people prayed. Mary urged that the children and everyone pray the rosary. She also stated that a miraculous event would occur on October 13, 1917. On that date, a crowd of around 100,000 people, that included believers, reporters and non-believers, saw the Sun dance across the sky, and the sky filled with rainbow colors.

The three children, ranging in age from six to nine, were persecuted by the local Government, imprisoned and interrogated, but they did not waiver from their story. Two of the children, Jacinta and Francisco, died as a result of the international flu pandemic in 1918. Lucia, who was nine at the time of the apparitions, lived on and became a nun. She later revealed three secrets that Mary had given her to impart to the world when the time was right.

The first secret was a vision of Hell. The second secret was a prediction of World War II, and a plea to have Russia consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which would lead to Russia's conversion and an era of peace. It was in 1917 that the Communist Revolution took hold in Russia. The third secret was to be revealed after 1960. There is still a great controversy as to whether the Vatican has released all of the third secret. Generally, it is believed that the third secret predicted the attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II, which happened on the anniversary of the Appearance of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, 1981. In fact, he would have been killed by the bullet fired at him if he hadn't bent down to look at a pin that a young girl had of Our Lady of Fatima at the moment that he was shot.

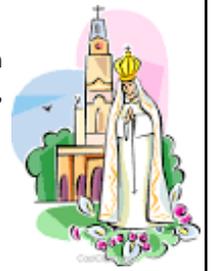
The visions of Our Lady of Fatima have generated many prayers and devotions in our Church. Even Muslims are drawn to Fatima since they venerate Mary and the town of Fatima is named after Muhammed's favorite daughter.

On May 13, 1946, Pope Pius XII said of Our Lady of Fatima: "The faithful virgin never disappointed the trust put on her. She will transform into a fountain of graces, physical and spiritual graces, over all of Portugal, and from there, breaking all frontiers, over the whole Church and the entire world."

Let us pray for Mary's intercession to bring peace to this world, an end to violence, and a renewed faith.

God Bless,

Deacon George



GOOD NEWS

Rely on the Cornerstone

One of the greatest accomplishments of Roman construction was the arch. It enabled them to span larger distances and make bigger buildings without sacrificing strength. Just think of the Roman aqueducts, basilicas, and coliseums standing today. The key to the Roman arch is that each stone is well cut. Additionally, the cornerstone takes all the stress and stabilizes the whole. Saint Peter uses these construction images as a metaphor for the Church. We are all living stones, built into a spiritual house founded on the cornerstone, Jesus Christ. Like the deacons in the early Church, we each have a role to play. What is asked of a stone in a building structure? Every stone needs to be strong. It needs to be formed and shaped. Accepting and seeking formation in faith is key to finding our place in life and in God's house. A stone needs to be connected to the stones alongside it. Finally, the stone needs to accept where the master builder places it. If a stone could move itself from one place to another, there would be chaos. Our active participation in God's plan and the Church is important. We must build on the one sure foundation and follow the plan of the master builder and those who represent him. Jesus has prepared a place for each of us in the Church and in heaven. Jesus is the way. Follow him and he will lead you to your place.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

ask Padre

"Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?"

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, (4) by a legitimate authority. If one of these elements is lacking, then the law is an unjust law and need not be followed. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there and is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences.

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

CALENDAR

Sat., May 13	Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale 4:30pm @ St.A. May Crowning 5:30pm @ St.A. (& reception)
Sun., May 14	Fifth Sunday of Easter Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sales @ H.C. & A.S. May Crowning 8:30am @ H.C. May Crowning 10:30am @ A.S.
Mon., May 15	BINGO 7:00pm @ A.S.
Tues., May 16	Mass 9:00am @ St.A. St.A. Finance Council Mtg. 9:45am @ St.A. Cluster Pastoral Council 7:00pm @ A.S. NO Adoration 7:00pm @ H.C.
Wed., May 17	Mass 9:00am @ H.C. Bible Study 10:00am @ H.C.
Thurs., May 18	Mass 9:30am @ A.S. A.S. Finance Council Mtg. 5:00pm @ A.S. Adoration 7:00pm @ St.A.
Fri., May 19	Mass 12:00pm @ St.A.
Sat., May 20	First Holy Communion 4:30pm @ St.A.
Sun., May 21	Sixth Sunday of Easter First Holy Communion 8:30am @ H.C. A.S. After-Prom Mass 5:00pm @ Miller's (Davis Rd.)
A LOOK AHEAD:	
May 22	BINGO 7:00pm @ A.S.
May 25	The Ascension of the Lord — Holy Day of Obligation
May 29	Memorial Day — Parish Offices Closed
June 17	Red Cross Blood Drive @ St.A.

FR. ELOO'S OFFICE HOURS (it is best to schedule appts. St.A Office 898-5135)

Tuesdays at St. Anthony 9:30am—12:00pm
Wednesdays at Holy Cross 9:30am—1:00pm
Thursdays at All Saints 10:00am—1:00pm
E-mail: fnwosu@dor.org

ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sun./Tues./Thurs. 9am-1pm Mon. 1-4pm

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. & Wed. 8am—12noon; Fri. 1-5pm

ST. ANTHONY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Thurs. 8:00am—2:00pm

ST.A/H.C. PASTORAL ASSOC./FAITH FORM. HRS.

Mon. & Wed., Holy Cross 9:30am—2:30pm
Tues. & Thurs., St. Anthony 9:30am—2:30pm
E-mail: mkozak@dor.org

DEACON OFFICE HOURS

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PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER

⇒ **New!** 607-241-2712 (This is Fr. Eloo's direct line)

PASTORAL COUNCIL E-MAIL

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**REMEMBER THE CHURCH
IN YOUR WILL**

**Use a bequest to assure God's
work will continue even
after you have gone to be with the Lord.**

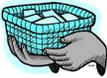
Happy Mother's Day

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR EASTER: May 20 & 21, 2017

Mass Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters / Ushers	Gift Bearers	Sacristans
4:30 pm Saturday ST. ANTHONY	Bill Rohde Cathy Bishop	Cathy Bishop Irene Gutches Nursing Home MaryAnn Beno	Maddie Bishop Maddie Perkins	Pat Vrooman Phylis Vrooman	Perkins Family	Evelyn Rohde Bill Rohde
8:30 am Sunday HOLY CROSS	Sean Iannello Catherine Flanagan	(C) Padraic Iannello (C) Nan Lisk (H) Doc McQuade	Sophie Lynch Antonio Gonzalez	Dennis Lynch Andrew Lynch		Oak Hill Marshall Dineen
10:30 am Sunday ALL SAINTS	Anne Mares Tom Watts	(C) Georgia Eastman (C) Ed Pasto (C) Choir: Deacon George (C) Choir: Anne Drake	(Cross) Andra Benson (Altar) Carter Watts	Cheryl Casey Matt Montague Charlie Watts Connor Watts	Nursery Carol Barry Emily Phillips	Cara Watts

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

May 7, 2017 (Week 45)		
All Saints Church Attendance (Adults): 108 (Children): 76	\$ 4,964.00	
Holy Cross Church Attendance (Adults): not (Children): avail.	\$ not avail.	
St. Anthony Church Attendance (Adults): 76 (Children): 4	\$ 1,149.50	

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS



Angelo Alaimo, Elaine Apgar, Jane Baldwin, Pamela Barnes, Cathy Bishop, Ginny Bradshaw, Ron Bradshaw, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Richard Compton, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Charlene Haskell, Kirsten Hess, Nimr Ibrahim, Autum Kenyon, T.J. Keegan, Diane Kimmich, Steve Kletjian, Dorothy Kubinski, Tate MacDowell, Marcus Martinez Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Chris Montreuil, Sara Morse, Barb O'Sullivan, Jim Oswald, Don Palmer, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Hank Roberts, Sunhee Schickel, Beth Schwab, Emilie Searle, Diane Senecal-Shields, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro, Maria Unterreiner, Sharon Vincent, Gary Vrabel, Richard Weiss, Jocelyn Woods, & several Special Intentions.

Please keep our area servicemen and women in your prayers.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are extended to Andrea and Mike Perkins and Family on the death of Andrea's father, William Derenberger, whose Funeral Mass took place at St. Anthony's on May 6th. May he rest in peace.

ALL SAINTS BOOK OF INTENTIONS



Our prayers from our Book of Intentions during the Mass on **May 7** were: For the continued healing of Deb Reukauf / For the safety of all travelers / For a special intention for my husband / For all those struggling with addiction and their families / For my special friend / For my daughters / For Walter Creighton and Joni Randall.



DIOCESAN MISSION SUNDAY — MAY 21

The Church is called to proclaim Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died and is risen: through him God bestows "new life" that is divine and eternal. This is the "Good News" which changes people and history, and which all people have a right to hear.

We cannot be content when we consider the millions of our brothers and sisters who don't know Christ and the love of God yet.

"As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. On next weekend, May 20th and 21st, we call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each other's needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected. How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?

100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



The prayers that the Angel of Peace and Our Lady revealed to the children of Fatima have become a part of Catholic devotional life. The most famous are the addition to the Rosary of the words: "O my Jesus, pardon us, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need."

Our Lady asked that on the first Saturday of every month, communions of reparation be made in atonement of the sins of the world. She added that she would "assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five successive months, shall confess, receive holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Fatima is one of the handful of major apparitions of Mary approved by the universal Church, which includes Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico; Rue du Bac in Paris (Miraculous Medal); La Salette, France; Lourdes, France; Knock, Ireland; Beauraing, Belgium; and Banneux, Belgium. Mary is also said to have appeared at numerous other sites, including to a primarily Muslim crowd at Zeitoun, Egypt.

Fatima has become one of the major pilgrimage sites in the world, with up to four million people a year visiting the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, built on the site of the apparitions. Perhaps the greatest effect, however, has been the ever-increasing devotion to the Rosary and prayer for the conversion of Russia that Our Lady emphasized. Her message that prayer and sacrifice can achieve world peace is one that Catholics around the world can take to heart. As Sister Lucia said, the "Rosary is the prayer which sustains and increases our faith."



The people of All Saints, Saint Anthony's, and Holy Cross are a Roman Catholic Community that joyfully embraces our baptismal call to worship God, to preach the Good News of Christ, to teach through Word and sacrament, to build the community of faith and hope in the Holy Spirit, and to serve those who are our neighbors, especially those in need. As pilgrims nourished by the Eucharist for our journey of faith, we are commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ to reach out together and work with all who seek harmony within the human family to advance the reign of God.

DIOCESAN NEWS

ELIZABETH MINISTRY FOR MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS is forming to serve the Diocese of Rochester!

A Catholic Support Network for Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Infant Loss

As local Catholic women throughout the Diocese of Rochester who have experienced the loss of a child, our goal is to offer support through our shared experiences and Catholic faith to women and families suffering through the loss of a child.

We offer emotional, spiritual, and practical support to women and families; distribute prayer shawls, comfort kits, provide resources, and can help make logistical arrangements. Elizabeth Ministry also organizes two annual Masses of Remembrance for the loss of children each year. If you (or a loved one) are seeking support or are interested in getting on our group's mailing list, please contact us! Molly Hickey ElizabethMinistryROC@gmail.com Janene Loughran 585-329-1974.

PARISH LIFE

MAY CROWNING TODAY

- **St. Anthony**

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, our May Crowning of the Mary Statue in the courtyard will be on the 1st Day that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, May 13th, in a procession from the 4:30pm Mass. The ceremony will include some information about Our Lady of Fatima. A light reception will follow.

- **Holy Cross**

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, our May Crowning of the Mary Statue in the front garden will be on Mother's Day, May 14th in a procession from the 8:30 Mass. The ceremony will include references to the Fatima appearances. The gathering of Holy Cross/St. Anthony's Religious Ed. families will follow in Cleary Hall wrapping up our Religious Ed. year.

- **All Saints**

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, and as is our tradition each year, the children who received First Communion will lead us in the Crowning of Mary on Mother's Day, May 14th, during Mass.

NOTICES

ATTENTION ALL SAINTS PARISHIONERS

Please see Christine Hass or Dan Brown if you have any comments regarding the land survey proposed for the ground lease of the old church building. The comment period will close **May 22nd** and we move to acquiring a finalized survey to submit to the Town of Lansing for subdivision.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

To honor our Patron Saint Anthony (whose Feast Day is June 13), we are praying a novena at the daily Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays leading up to our St. Anthony Day celebration.

RICE BOWL ROUND-UP (ST. ANTHONY & Holy Cross)

If you still have a filled Lenten Rice Bowl at home, it's not too late! Please bring it in and put it in the collection basket. The Catholic Relief Services is a wonderful organization and deserves our support!

ELECTRONIC BULLETINS

If you are interested in having the bulletin emailed on a weekly basis, please contact your parish office:

- **A.S.** Julie Eisenhut at 533-7344 or jeisenhut@dor.org

- **H.C.** RoseMarie Bobnick at 844-8314 or dholycro@dor.org

- **St.A.** Pam Senter at 898-5135 or gstantho@dor.org

You can also view the bulletin on our website at <http://www.holycrossdryden.org/bulletin>.

GIVING THANKS

THANK YOU!!!

A **HUGE** thank you to: The **All Saints Buildings & Grounds Committee** and **Work Gloves Required** volunteers, who spent last Saturday morning Spring cleaning around the outside of the church and parish center. They were able to mulch around the trees, power wash the siding of the parish center and fill potholes. Thanks for your hard work!

FUNDRAISERS

BINGO MONDAY NIGHTS AT ALL SAINTS!!!



Every Monday through October (**except Monday holidays**)
Kitchen opens at 6:00pm; games begin promptly at 7:00pm.
Come Join the Fun!!

REGIONAL NEWS

GROTON YOUTH COMMISSION

Send A Kid To Groton Camp Fund Drive!



Summer Camp

Since 2005, Groton Youth Services has offered a 6-week day camp in Groton for our youth, which now can serve 60-65 campers. The cost is \$95 per week per camper. Over 50% of our campers come from low-income families so our scholarship needs are great. Would you like to sponsor a child for a week . . . or more? Any amount will help. Please send your donation (check payable to **Groton Youth Commission**) to: Groton's Summer Camp Fund, 101 Conger Blvd., Groton, NY 13073.

BECOME A RED CROSS VOLUNTEER

Join us for a volunteer information event in YOUR area

We will be hosting information sessions every month. These sessions are available to anyone who is interested in learning more about the Red Cross, our Mission and the services we provide to your community. Interested volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend one of these events.

Disaster Cycle Services: An Overview (DCSO) is an introductory class for anyone interested in volunteering with the Disaster Services Team.

Ithaca Chapter Office, 950 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850

- May 17, 10:00-11:30am Information Session
- June 12, 5:00-8:00pm Information Session with DCSO
- July 19, 10:00-11:30am Information Session

Join us and learn what Red Cross volunteers do every day to prepare for disasters, how we collect blood to save lives, and how we assist our members of the armed forces, both locally and deployed.

PROJECT RACHEL — Hope After Abortion

Do not suffer alone and in silence. God wants you to be at peace. If you have had an abortion, or been affected by an abortion in some way, please know that hope and help is available to you and it is free and confidential. Please start the healing process by calling **Project Rachel** at **1-888-972-2435**. Compassionate and caring people are waiting to help you.

LANSING YOUTH MISSION BOTTLE DRIVE

The Lansing Youth Mission is continuing to collect bottles and cans **every third Sunday of the month**. You can leave them in the church parking lot by Myers Road or bring them to the new Lansing Bottle Return Shop on N. Triphammer Road, and tell them it is a donation for the Youth Mission. Thank you.

The members of the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** remind us of the **Importance of the Family!** The family is where our children learn from their mothers and fathers what life is all about. The family is where the next generation is given the tools to live a life of Catholic virtue. The family is the model place where the faith is transmitted to new generations. The family is where Christian values are lived.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & MINISTRY

(WEB) Weekend Backpack Program

Holy Cross Church is collecting **Instant Cocoa** during the month of May. Please look for the collection basket in the back of church. Look for the collection basket at the back of church.

BIRTHRIGHT'S ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE



Birthright is an organization that helps pregnant women by offering alternatives to abortion. Birthright offers free self-administered pregnancy tests, prenatal information, medical referrals, financial assistance and adoption referrals. Birthright also offers diapers, formula, maternity and baby clothes. All their services are free and confidential. Birthrights' Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale takes place this weekend after all Masses. One flower for \$1, 1/2 dozen for \$5, and one dozen for \$10. Please extend your support to Birthright, an organization that helps many families and works hard for a better world.



Easter Season - Called to Care for Our Common Home

Catholic Charities

"Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others....the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us." (Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*). Celebrate Mother's Day by taking a small step to care for our common home – join **Mothers Out Front** (www.mothersoutfront.org). *Mothers Out Front* raises the unique and powerful voice of mothers who believe climate change is a real and grave threat to everything that mothers and all parents want for our children: health, security, peace, a world of wonder, and a future with promise.

2017 DIOCESAN SOCIAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE:

POVERTY SIMULATION — MAY 20

What does it mean to be poor in the US? Get a taste of the struggle of low-income families during this year's Diocesan Social Ministry Conference on Saturday, May 20. The conference will begin with a Poverty Simulation, in which participants "role-play the lives of low-income families. Some are [welfare] recipients, some are disabled, and some are senior citizens on Social Security. They have the stressful task of providing for basic necessities and shelter on a limited budget during the course of four 15-minute weeks. They interact with human service agencies, grocers, pawnbrokers, bill collectors, job interviewers, police officers and others. Although play money is used, [the role playing] is not a game. It is a simulation that enables participants to look at poverty from a variety of angles and then to recognize and discuss the potential for change within their local communities." Discussions and workshops will follow the simulation. Reservations required by May 15! \$15 registration fee includes lunch. Registration opens 9:00am, program begins at 9:30am, St. Mary's School in Canandaigua. RSVP with Laurie Konwinski at Lkonwinski@dor.org or 272-5062 ext 12.