

Fr. Healey to pastor St. John the Evangelist Church

Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, has announced the appointment of the Rev. Patrick D. Healey as the pastor of the Church of

Saint John the Evangelist in Scranton. Father Healey has been pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, for the past 10 years. He was born in Avoca, the son of the late Patrick

F. and Theresa McCarthy Healey. He attended local schools and the University of Scranton where he received training in philosophical and theological studies. Father Healey also attended St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, Canada.

Father Healey was ordained at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton on May 19, 1951, and he celebrated his 25th Jubilee in May, 1976, at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Prior to his assignment to Harveys Lake, he served as assistant pastor

at St. Theresa, Wilkes-Barre; St. Francis, Scranton; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tunkhannock; St. John the Evangelist, Pittston; Sacred Heart of Mary, Jermyn, and as Chaplain of the Mercy Hospital in Scranton and as the first Chairman of the Diocese

Sub-Committee on Migrant Workers.

The Rev. George A. Jeffrey, formerly assistant pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Montoursville, has been appointed administrator, p.t., of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

Church

St. Luke's completes SS reorganization

Reorganization of the Sunday School at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Noxen is being completed under the direction of Roger Case, acting superintendent, who is being assisted by the following members of that church: Mrs. Mary Galka, Mrs. Dorothy Case, Mrs. Mary Ann Blizzard, Clare Meade, Mrs. Ethel Jones, Judy Crispell and Miss Candy Jones. Rev. M. Luther Wahrman is pastor of St. Luke's Church at Noxen.

The following is a list of classes and teachers: Nursery Class, Clare Meade; kindergarten, Mary Ann Blizzard and Lillian Lukasavage; primary and junior, Candy Jones; junior, Mrs. Ethel Jones; adult, Fred Case.

Teacher aides, Lela Wall, Mary Galka, Elizabeth Jones, Debbie Zipay, Judy Crispell, Elsie Parrish, Linda Traver; pianist and advisor for Little Room, Mary Galka; organist for Big Room, Dorothy Case, Mrs. Helen Crispell.

St. Paul's Lutheran sets congregational meeting

The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown will be held Sunday, Jan. 27. A covered dish supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a short worship service.

Council chairman, Bob Coleman, will conduct the business meeting where all department reports will be reviewed. Four

new council members will be elected; a new budget will be adopted and renovations to the chancel area will be discussed.

All members are invited to attend and reminded to bring their own place setting and covered dish for supper.

Pastor Lynn Rothrock announced a snow date for this meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 29.

'Facing the Future Unafraid' at Bible Church

'Facing the Future Unafraid' is the title of a special message by Pastor Jack Peters of Community Bible Church, Main Road, Sweet Valley. This message will be presented during Morning Worship, Sunday, Jan. 27, at 11 a.m.

This special message was planned to answer questions pertaining to Iran, Afghanistan, Russia and Israel. "Many people seem to be very upset with the future," Rev. Peters cited. "What we will try to do is to show from the Bible that God has a plan, and that He is

working out that plan within our life time."

"Facing the Future Unafraid" will attempt to answer four basic questions: 1. What is Russia up to? 2. Why all the fuss in the Middle East? 3. What is the "Great Tribulation?" 4. How can a person face the future unafraid?

The morning worship at Community Bible will include congregational singing, a special choir number, and a solo by Mrs. Anne Smith. All those living in the Back Mountain Area are invited to attend.

Over the Back Fence

Mrs. Ella Weber of Noxen is a medical patient in Tyler Memorial Hospital at Tunkhannock. Mr. and Mrs. David Arendt and children Rebekah, Timothy, Faith, Laura and Benji spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Newell of Noxen. David played a trumpet solo at the morning worship service on Sunday at Noxen Independent Bible Church.

Young Peoples 'Progressive Dinner' of Noxen Independent Bible Church will be held Saturday evening. The dinner will open with an

appetizer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark after which the group will be served a salad by Wilma Hopfer and Irene Harris at the Beaumont Union Gospel Church social rooms.

From Beaumont, the group will journey to the Noxen Bible Church Hall for the main course, which will be in charge of Mrs. Clarence Searfoss and Mrs. Russell Traver, then wind up the dinner with dessert at the home of Mrs. Jack Winters. Bill Dodge, youth coordinator at Noxen Independent Bible Church, will be in charge of devotions.

Gospel singers to aid Mary Sutliff Fund

Saturday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m., "A Brand New Life" Gospel Singers and the Al Hess family will team up to bring you two hours of Gospel Music in the Northwest High School auditorium.

There will be a free-will offering taken for "the Little Mary Sutliff Fund" Mary is the 3 1/2 yr. old daughter of Richard and Nancy Sutliff of Bloomingdale, Pa.

Mary is currently making weekly trips to Geisinger Medical Center for kidney troubles with a kidney transplant in her future. Costs are over \$1,000 each week.

This is an opportunity to have an evening of entertainment and inspiration and to help a little girl who is in need of help from her friends and her community. Snow date is Feb. 2.

King's Holy Cross community sees 'Back Mt. no longer isolated'

by Tom Carten

The Holy Cross community at King's College is now well into its fourth decade of serving Wyoming Valley and the Back Mountain as educators and weekend visitors at many parishes in the area.

Each year, the entire Eastern section of the religious community gathers with the priests and brothers at King's for an annual meeting. After long periods of teaching and parish work, they realize the need to take time off to reconsider

their goals and opportunities.

These meetings are serious, spiritual and joyful; reunions with those who work far away are anticipated, while frequent prayer services add the needed spirituality to their discussions on their calling.

The January 1980 meetings, the eleventh annual conference held at King's have been devoted to how best to adapt to the changes coming in the 1980's.

Many people are afraid that, when priests and

brothers start talking about change, it means they will all take off and begin "doing their own thing". But when the Holy Cross community comes together each year, each member tries to keep the best of the past, while preparing for the demands of the future.

The decade we have just entered will be far different from those gone by. For the same reason that no one would want to buy a 1950 car, there is little need for a 1950's religious community.

Under the guidance of two well-known religious

leaders, the Holy Cross men have been carefully sifting their traditions to extract the many good ways they had of serving Wilkes-Barre, as teachers, and here in the Back Mountain as preachers and assistants. They are now adapting these to the needs of our area in light of today's problems.

The Back Mountain is no longer an "isolated area for vacationers"; as it grows in the 80's, grows and changes, so will the response from the people at King's, according to the Holy Cross Community.

Many of the Holy Cross members who were present for these meetings are familiar faces to Back Mountain residents; Holy Cross at King's has been assisting the parishes for many years, and on the occasion of these meetings many former King's educators "come home" to the area they left behind when being reassigned.

'Publican and Pharisee' topic

Fr. W. Basil Stroyen shall preach from the text Luke 18:10-14 at the Divine Liturgy on Jan. 27 at St. Andrew's Church in Dallas. The theme of his sermon shall be "The Publican and the Pharisee, how are they and we alike?"

On Feb. 2, the church will commemorate an event in the life of Christ-His presentation into the temple 40 days after His birth. (Luke 2:22-40). Vesper service will be held on Friday at 6 p.m. Responses will be chanted by Stephen Kozemchak.

St. Andrew's parish was honored recently by a

visit from Chaplain (Capt.) Elias Krenitsky of Fort Dix, N.J. Fr. Krenitsky, whose home is in Old Forge, Pa. was pastor of St. Andrew's for five years prior to his entry into the US Army. The present building was built and appointed during his pastorate.

A "Mite" jar has been placed in the foyer with hopes that it will become a "Mighty Jar." This jar will better remind us of the teaching of Jesus in the temple of Jerusalem recorded in Mark 12:38-44. The reading is set for Jan. 24 on the Orthodox Church

calendar.

Hospitality hour will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Prokopchak.

The outreach to shut-ins is expanding. Besides the cassette recording of a recent service at St. Andrew's which has been made available, Fr. Stroyen has the Pastor's Corner at 8 a.m. on station WYZZ 93 FM. A telephone calling is being instituted.

A meeting of the parish council has been called for 11 a.m. on Jan. 27 by John Kriel. Activities for 1980 will be planned and developed. Project dates and chairmen will also be discussed.

'Family Night' planned by Cmoreland

Plans for a 'Family Night' are being completed for members of Centermoreland United Methodist Church, to be held Saturday evening, starting at 6:30 in the church social rooms. In charge of arrangements for the observance are Mrs. Betty Weaver and Miss Donna Munoz. Rev. Carlos Munoz is pastor of Centermoreland U.M. Church.

The meeting of membership secretaries of Centermoreland U.M. Church, scheduled for last week and which was postponed, will be held Friday evening, Feb. 1, at the parsonage. Membership secretaries at the Centermoreland U.M. Church are Mrs. Verna Weaver, Mrs. Joyce Bellas, Miss Vivian Dymond and Mrs. Carolyn Patton.

Let us respect gray hairs, especially our own. -J.P. Senn.

Trucksville UM plans renewal vows for Lent

The approaching Lenten season will be a time for renewal for all members of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, according to an an-

nouncement by Harold Croom, chairperson of the work area of evangelism. All members are urged to renew their vows to the church in all program

areas. Croom has appointed a membership task force to bring the renewal program before the members, especially those who may have become inactive for any reason.

Howard Williams will head the task force assisted by E. Lee Brehm, pastor, Patricia Baird, David Barna, Sheldon Bennett, Walter Pichert and Harold Croom.

During the Lenten season, which begins Ash Wednesday, Feb. 20, all members are invited to renew their vows to support the church by their prayers, their presence, their gifts and their service.

Spaghetti dinner set by YF

The final plans were made for the Spaghetti Dinner of the Trucksville United Methodist Youth Fellowship at a recent meeting. The dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the educational building.

Any member or advisor has tickets. Take-outs are available (bring your own containers).

Members are asked to report to the educational building on Friday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m., for preparation of the dinner.

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