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RENEW: A Family Path To Spiritual Growth In Lansing & King Ferry

A five-part, two-year commitment to nurture individuals' and the community's spiritual intimacy enters its second phase this month as hundreds of parishioners meet in small groups to share personal experiences within the context of scriptural readings.

The RENEW program at St. Catherine's, All Saints and Our Lady of the Lake parishes consists of a series of five semiannual six week faith-sharing sessions that began last autumn and will continue through the fall of 1998.

RENEW grew out of a synod meeting in the Rochester Diocese which sought to define how people want to express their faith. Many wanted the full congregational meeting for the Eucharist to become a base for additional spiritual sharing between members in smaller group settings. "We hope that parishioners will have a deeper understanding of scripture and be enriched through the experience of sharing their faith," said Sister Mary Wintish, of All Saints.

Last autumn, approximately 140 Lansingites (ranging in age from 4 to 94) met in small groups to promote personal and small group bonding. "There was a guide with (scriptural) readings," explained co-chairperson Mary Davenport, "but the discussions focused on individual experiences of how God has touched our lives."

There are no limits to participation and, indeed, the groups include children as well as people of several faiths. "We've had no difficulty finding ways to involve even the youngest," said Davenport.

The multi-seasonal program schedule was devised to promote continuity of reflection and sustained prayer through a common experience. "Doing this as individuals should also help strengthen the parish," added Sister Mary.

Beyond scriptural and liturgical reflection, many of the group conversations dealt with a centered, spirit-based balance in the tiniest events of daily life. "How we deal with children or the stresses of daily life frequently became topics of our group's con-



versation," said Davenport. "The spiritual discussions often yielded concrete outcomes."

Some families have found that letting children direct and lead grace at mealtimes has increased their young ones' sense of connection to the mysteries of being.

Mardi Gras is the 'kickoff' for the second session of RENEW, said Davenport - a Louisiana transplant from tiny Barataria Island, 40 miles south of New Orleans. Though it's outwardly a party, it's also a part of sharing faith. "Faith doesn't always have to be shared in a stoic, solemn fashion," she explained.

Davenport sees the advent of Lent as an important demarcation point. "You don't see the growth in the dark time of winter, but it's a time to reflect and prepare. Already, the soil is coming out of dormancy."

So, till the ground of faith they shall in searching a scriptural basis for personal, family, parish and community growth.

Anyone with an interest in learning more about RENEW should contact co-chairs Mary Davenport (533-4312), Margaret Rosen (347-6697) or the All Saints parish hall (533-7344).

Community Calendar

Notice:

Tompkins County residents are now eligible to apply for individual disaster assistance for certain costs incurred as a result of storms and flooding on Nov. 8-15. Call 1-800-462-9029 to apply for disaster aid.

Thursday, February 6

Boys Modified Swim at Thomas A. Edison at 4:30 pm
Men's Basketball at Middle School gym from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Friday, February 7

Girls JV & Varsity Basketball vs. Marathon at home at 6:00 pm
Boys JV & Varsity Basketball at Marathon at 6:00 pm
Girls Modified Basketball vs. Trumansburg at home at 4:30 pm

Saturday, February 8

Indoor Tracj at SUNY Cortland at 9:00 am
PTSO WINTERFEST '97 noon - 3 pm for free activities at school +++ 3:45 - 8:00 at Greek Peak (\$5 each) Call Midge Welch for info and reservations @ 272-0598.
Varsity Wrestling (final match) at Groton at 1:00 pm
Boys Varsity Swim Team at IAC's at Horseheads
Sweethearts' "Spaghetti By Candlelight" Dinner at the Lansing United Methodist Church to benefit the Youth Mission Fund from 5:00 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. \$5 donation
Mardi Gras Party: Dinner & Dancing + costume prizes at All Saints' parish house 5:30 - ?? admission: \$5 for adults; \$3 for 12-18; free 11 and under RESERVATIONS: 533-7344

Sunday, February 9

Missionary Mindy Demmer will witness her experience in the Phillipines at Asbury Church on No. Triphammer Road at 7:00 pm.

Monday, February 10

Yoga/Relaxation Class for Seniors at Woodsedge, 11:30 am - 12:00 noon
Girls Modified Basketball at Dryden at 4:30 pm
Sr. Water Aerobics at High School pool, noon to 12:45 pm
Lansingville Ladies Auxiliary meets at the Fire Hall at 7:00 pm
Men's Basketball at Middle School gym from 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Lansing Town Planning Board at Town Hall at 7:30 pm
Lansing Village planning Board at Village Hall at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 11

Adult Coed Volleyball at Middle school gym from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Wednesday, February 12

Village of Lansing Recycling Day
Lansing Seniors at LUMC for a dish-to-share and noon meeting
Sr. Water Aerobics at High School pool, noon to 12:45 pm
Boys Modified Swim at Dryden at 4:30 pm
Girls Modified Basketball at Moravia at 4:30 pm
Sr. Water Aerobics at high school pool, noon to 12:45 pm
Women's Volleyball at Middle School gym from 7:15 to 9:15 pm

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