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THE LIVING CHURCH

St. Cecilia's celebrates 75 years of service

FORMER TEACHERS who taught at the Rosa Parks Windsor Avenue Campus School who were seen at the homecoming service shown from (L) are Sisters Marthia, Mary Charles, Dorothy, Benedict Marice, Marion Joseph and Sister Pierre.

Members and friends of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, 3320 Windsor Ave., attended the homecoming services Sunday Nov. 23 at the church, as part of the 75th anniversary celebration.

Following the morning service, dinner that had been prepared by members of the church was served in the school and church hall to nearly 500 people.

The church will conclude their celebration on Dec. 14, 4 p.m. with a jubilee banquet at the Hilton Hotel downtown.

Other activities that have been held at the church during the year long celebration were Las Vegas night, Everybody's Day, a parish picnic, carnival raffle and crab feast, masquerade disco.

"Forward Together with Faith and Love," is the theme for the anniversary. The Rev. Donal A. Sterling, pastor of St. Cecilia's says, "Seveny five years is indeed a milestone in the history of our church. As we take delight in our year of jubilee, we cannot tryly celebrate without reflection honest and positive.

"We acknowledge our impressive past while we recognize and anticipate a future composed of real mystery. Our goal is to reflect God's love and moving presence in the midst of the community that worships at Hilton and Windsor Avenue."

Mrs. Gwendolyn Chester chairperson for the anniversary stated the church has set a goal of $35,000 to raise. We have already raised $26,000. The money will be used for renovations at the church.

The first mass was celebrated by the Rev. Eugene S. Gwynn in 1904. At about the same time the first pastor moved into his new quarters, a convent was built. The convent served a dual purpose. In addition to housing the nuns, the convent also served as the physical plant for the new school.

St. Cecilia's school was staffed by the Sisters of Mercy, who taught the lower gave levels on the first floor of their home. In 1975, St. Cecilia's school became a part of the educational cluster that includes students from four parishers: All Saints, St. Ambrose, St. Cecilia and Our Lady of Lourdes. Upon the completion of the change from individual school to member of a cluster, St. Cecilia's school was formally dedicated as the Windsor Hills Campus of the Rosa Parks Cluster of Catholic Schools.

Members of the banquet committee are Rev. Sterling, Mesdames Dorothy Dixon, Lucille Williams, Agnes Dorsey, Lucille Talley, Eleanor Taylor, Louise Plater, Irene Mallory, Charles Gwendolyn Chester and Charles Bohemeyer. Les Bohemeyer. The Rev. Bejamin S. Foust, pastor of St. John AME Church will be the speaker at the banquet. -3

HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE was among the dessert sold last Sunday at the homecoming dinner at St. Cecelia Catholic Church. Miss Jackie Water is shown selling a slice of cake to John Lyles, a member of the church.

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PASTOR AND FRIENDS — The Rev. Donald Sterling (L) pastor of St. Cecelia Catholic Church is shown seated with Thomas Wilson, a member of the church and the Rev. Theodore Winski, former pastor of the church at the homecoming dinner.

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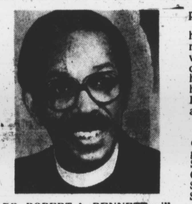
Metro church briefs



DR. ROBERT A. BENNETT will be the guest speaker at the annual advent breakfast on Nov. 30 at St. James Episcopal Church, Lafayette and Arlington Ave. Dr. Bennett is a professor of the Old Testament at the Episcopal Divinity School Cambridge, Massachusetts and an instructor in the Afro - American Department of Boston State College. He is the former chaplain at Morgan State University and author of several books and articles on the Bible and black theology and is presently serving as chairpersonof the black studies committee of the Boston Theological Institute. The breakfast is sponsored by St. James Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the church is located at Lafayette and Arlington Ave.

The Junior Missionary Group of Berean Baptist Church, 5200 Denmore Ave., will celebrate their first anniversary on Nov. 30, 3:30 p.m. Lawrence McCrea is president, Mrs. Laura Sneed is the director and the Rev. Jerome McNeil is youth minister. The Rev. John A. Lunn is pastor.

The Associated Catholic Charities, 320 Cathedral St., will present the Morgan State Choir in concert at the Catholic Center on Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. for the benefit the Alternate Christmas program.

Plan to attend the Baltimore Chapel Choir's yearly rendition of Handel's "The Meisiah" at Sharp Street Memorial Church on Dec. 7, 5 p.m. at Dolphin and Etting Street. Morriw W. Queen is director and the Rev. John W. Coleman is pastor.

The Men of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grindon and Mainfield Ave., will hold their annual beefo supper on Dec. 6, 3 to 7 p.m. The Rev. Jeffrey H. Rickards is pastor.

Revival services will be held Dec. 5 at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 3225 Round Rd., at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Anthony Muse will be the speaker. Mrs. Bernice Gordon is coordinator, Jasper Hines, chairperson and the Rev. James H. Wooten is pastor.

St. Edwards Catholic Church, 901 Poplar Grove will present a group of choirs in a gospel concert on Nov. 30, 4 p.m. The Rev. Maurice Blackwell is pastor.

The Handcrafters of Douglas Memorial Community Church will hold their annual Christams bazaar on Dec. 6 at the church from 12:00 until 5 p.m. The event will feature a variety of handmade gift items, baked goods and refreshments. The church is located at Lafayette and Madison Avenues.

Women's Day was observed Nov. 23 at Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd., where the Rev. Lorenzo Graves is pastor.

The theme was "Christian Women, Walking With Christ Because He is The Way," The Rev. Carolyn Showell, of First Apostolic Faith Church was the 11 a.m. speaker and the Rev. Cynthia Jones of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church was the afternoon speaker. Mrs. Amy Rock was preside at and Mrs. Lisa R. Green was chairman.

The Organ and Piano committe of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, 601 Cumberland St., will sponsor Family and Friends Night on Nov. 28, 8 p.m. at the church, Carter Robinson is chairman; Mrs. Mary Alexander is secretary and the Rev. Dr. William Khig is pastor.

The Ladies of Sodality and Swingin Sixties of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church will hold a Christmas festival on Dec. 7, 2 p.m. at 1501 Oliver St.

The festival will include hdmemade baked goods, handmade crocheted articles and various other handmade crafts, candles, a plant shop, a gift shop, home decorations, a soup kitchen, hot dogs and punch. Mrs. Anne Dressel and Mrs. Virginia Horsley are chairpersons.

The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church will be the guest speaker on Nov. 30, 3 p.m. at St. James United Methodist Church, Lexington and Monroe Street. The Rev. George A. Stansbury is pastor.

A gospel show will be held Nov. 30, 5:30 p.m. at the Calvert Educational Center, 200 East North Ave., Among groups singing will be the Mighty Clouds of Joy, Roland Joe Smith and Company, Voices of Supreme, The Sensational Bells of Joy and the Singing Disciples.

The Steward Board of Grace AME Church, 67 Winters Ave., is sponsoring a prayer breakfast to be held at the church on Nov. 29, 8 a.m. The Rev. Reginald Boston is pastor.

A Christmas bazaar will be held Dec. 6, 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Street. Mrs. Anne Warner is president, Mrs. Elizabeth Bourne is coordinator and the Rev. Porter W. Phillips Jr., is pastor.

A Christmas concert will be held Dec. 7, 5 p.m. at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 5601 Pimlico Rd. The solo voices of the church and their guests will perform the works of Bach, Mozart, Handel and others as will as selected traditional and contemporary Christmas music. There will be flute, piano, guitar and organ accompaniment. Mrs. Mary Rimbach is the music director of the church and organist. The Rev. David Rimbach is pastor.

The seminary choir of St. Mary's Seminary and University will join with choir of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland to present an advent and Christmas concert on Dec. 7, 4 p.m. in the chapel of St. Mary's.

The program will include sections sung by the St. Mary's Seminary Choir, sections sung by the Notre Dame choir and several works utilizing the two choirs together.

The 50 member St. Mary's choir and the 36 member Notre Dame choir will be directed by Chapman Gonzalez and Paul Davis.

Scholarships to be awarded to elderly women

Twenty five elderly women will be awarded scholarships to attend the "Behold the Woman" University at the "Behold" Convention at the Baltimore Convention Center in January, 1981.

Cecelia Williams Bryant, supervisor of the Bethel AME Church Missionary Department, which is sponsoring the event, said that the scholarships are an attempt to make sure all women, all ages, are represented.

"This is not a gathering for any particular class of women or any particular age group," she said. "Too often, events ignore senior citizens simply by not reaching out to them, and it always turns out that they have very rich contributions to make."

With the scholarships, the senior citizens will be able to take courses from the Behold University curriculum at reduced fees, or, in some cases, for no fees at all. They will be awarded a diploma of achievement upon completion of the courses.

'Behold the Woman' is the name which has been given to an international gathering of women due to take place in January at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Ms. Jean Wharton

Although the convention will feature workshops, the Behold the woman University, as well as a cultural event, a breakfast and a testimonial dinner, the purpose of the convention is to begin a drive to raise money for the construction and establishment of a cost-free women's center in the inner city.

The proposed center will offer women medi cal, spiritual, psychological, social and physical assistance, free of charge. Negotiations are presently underway to secure a site for the center, and first-draft architectural plans have been tentatively approved.

The Behold the Woman committee is also making plans to include young people in the activities, Cecelia told the AFRO. The testimonial dinner and cultural event will offer tickets to high school students at half price, in an attempt to encourage them to participa e.

And, in an effort to increase the communications network among women throughout the entire state, 52 women from the Behold committees are hosting teas in their homes December 6, each with five women as guests, to explain 'Behold' and to inspire more participation.

"What we hope," Cecelia said, "is that some of the women who are guests will in turn host similar teas in their homes with five women as guests, and thus help get the word out to as many women as possible."

Rev. Robert M. Powell appointed to human relations

The Rev. Robert M. Powell, rector of St. Philips, Annapolis, was appointed chairman of the Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission by Robert A. Pascal, county executive.

Rev. Powell has served with the commision since 1973 and was responsible for creating the Dallas G. Pace Jr., Human Relations Award which is awarded anually to the person who has contributed greatly to improving human relations in the country.

He is also a member of the county Child Abuse Advisory Council, The League For the Handicapped; chairman of the Crippled Children's Seal Cmmpaign; Board of Directors of the Providence Center for the Handicapped; chairman of the Crippled Children's Seal Campaign; Board of Directors of the Providence Center for the Handicapped; Board of Director of the Y MCA and the Citizen's Foster Care Review Board.

Rev. Powell has been the rector of St. Phillips since 1971 and the membership has grown from 70 to nearly 400 members. He has been serving on the Standing Committee of the Diocese since 1969 and has the honor of appearing in Who's Who in Black America.

Newly ordained deacons represent three dioceses

The Rev. John F. Whealon, Archbishop of Hartford, presided at the ordination of six theology students to the diaconate recently in the chapel at St. Mary's Seminary.

The entry into the diaconate of John F. Brinsmade, George M. Couturier and Dennis P. Hanley, Francis T. Cancro, Robert W. Franklin and William Smith will be actuated by the traditional laying on of hands of prayer on consecration.

After completing their studies at St. Mary's, the newly ordained deacons will return to their dioceses where they will spend six months to one year ministering as deacons.

The ministerial duties of a deacon include administration of the sacrament of baptism, the witnessing of marriages and preaching.

"The time spent as deacons allows these men to gain experience and to be introduced to the duties of ministry in a concrete and practical way," said the Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, coordinator of Liturgy at St. Mary's.

The deacons will be ordained priests by their individual Bishops in the spring or fall of 1981.

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