

About Town

Saint Mark Parish will rededicate the 'Fatima' statue

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus have announced that the Catholic Church will hold a rededication ceremony in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, May 14, at 11 a.m. on the parish lawn adjacent to the recently renovated statue and landscaping project.

The May 14 date is significant as it is also Mother's Day, and the day after the anniversary of the Blessed Mother first appearing to three children in the hills of Fatima in Portugal on May 13, 1917.

Father William O'Neill, pastor of St. Mark Parish and K of C Chaplain, will preside over the ceremony that will include a procession of the new class of First Communicants and a presentation of flowers.

A reception including light refreshments is scheduled to follow the ceremony in the church hall.

The renovation project began last summer with a complete professional restoration of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which has graced the St. Mark parish yard on Narragansett Avenue for decades. Local landscape architect Betty Hubbard volunteered her time and expertise to design a clean and beautiful plan to refashion the fence that surrounded the statue, create pebbled walkways leading to the statue, build a double brick circle enclosing the area, and featuring the simple yet elegant use of new shrubberies and perennial flowers to complete the plan. K of C has installed two

curved benches in front of the statue in addition to new ground-based illumination. Four large shrubs were removed to allow better access to and viewing of the statue area.

The renovation project has been funded through the generous donations of over 100 individuals, couples, and organizations.

Piano concert this Sunday

Pianist Manabu Takasawa will perform his second concert at St. Matthew's church this Sunday, May 14, at 4 p.m.

An assistant professor of music at the University of Rhode Island, Takasawa teaches piano and theory.

His Sunday program will include music by Chopin, Beethoven, Grieg, Rachmaninoff and others. The concert is sponsored by the Jamestown Community Piano Group.

Donations for the piano maintenance fund will be accepted.

A spring cleaning idea

Can't park in the garage? Attic overflowing? Basement out of control? Might be time to do some spring cleaning.

For anyone with too much stuff and not enough time or stamina to have a yard sale, consider donating the excess stuff to the Central Baptist Church for its annual June Festival. Drop off donations at the church on Saturday mornings through June 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Dave at 423-2241 or Deb at 792-0166 for more information.

Garden club wins awards, meets May 15

The Quononoquott Garden Club received three awards from the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs at its annual meeting held April 27 at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet.

Quononoquott Garden Club President Gloria Westlake accepted the Yearbook Award, for the club's annual book of programs and membership information. She also received the Newsletter Award for the club's "Daffodil Times," and took home the Silver Trowel award, which was shared with the Bristol Garden Club, for the two best garden tours in the state for 2005.

Some 14 members of the club attended the annual meeting and luncheon.

The club's next meeting will be Monday, May 15 at the home of Jill Meyer. After the business meeting, members will price and label the hundreds of perennials they will sell at their May 20 plant sale and Boutique-by-the Bay, which is the club's largest fundraiser of the year for civic beauti-

fication projects.

Hospitality team members are Joyce Allphin, Kim McDonough and Barbara Tuthill.

Soldiers to get care packages from vets

The American Legion Arnold-Zweir Post 22 is sending care packages to Jamestown men and women who are serving in the military in the Middle East.

Forward the names and information on any island soldiers, currently in Iraq or Afghanistan to Bob Edgar at 423-2536, Leslie Kurtz at 423-3820, or Bob Umbenhauer at 423-1747.

The deadline is May 28.

Be a light keeper for week of July 4th

An opportunity to be the Rose Island Lighthouse keeper for the week of Fourth of July is being auctioned on ebay, with the auction ending tonight at 8:45 p.m.

That privilege, which includes a wonderful place from which to watch area fireworks, is worth approximately \$2,000. It is being auctioned to raise funds to main-

tain the lighthouse, which lies a mile offshore in the shadow of the Newport-Pell Bridge.

"Without a doubt, this is sure to be the most memorable family vacation anyone could have!" said Charlotte Johnson, the executive director of the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation. "What people appreciate most about staying at the Rose Island Lighthouse is that they're not sleeping in a separate building from the lighthouse — the lighthouse tower is right on top of Rose Island's keeper's dwelling! To be able to view Newport's fantastic fireworks from a perch like this adds a dimension to fireworks that is off the charts," Johnson said.

The winning family has exclusive use of the lighthouse keeper's apartment for the entire week. It is designed for two adults and up to four children or grandchildren under the age of 18.

A direct link to the auction is posted on the Foundation's Web site at www.RoseIsland.org or it can be accessed through a search on ebay.



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