



SPIRITUAL ENDEAVOR... Working on plans for the National Day of Prayer Service at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, pictured left to right, are: Standing, Jeanmarie Keenan and Lisa Black-Polak, and seated, Mary Tortorello and Ann Fontana. The community is invited to attend the service, to be held Thursday, May 2 from 6:30 to 7 a.m., and to come at any time of the day to sign the prayer banner at the church, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

National Day of Prayer Event Slated at Presbyterian Church

WESTFIELD — In observance of the first Thursday in May as National Day of Prayer, as designated by Congress in 1988, a service will take place on May 2, from 6:30 to 7 a.m., at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

The Sanctuary doors will remain open to the community for the remainder of the day for prayer and reflection. Prayers may be written on a banner, which will remain posted outside the church for anyone to sign. Included in the service will be scripture, music, reflections and silent prayer. The church bell will be rung at noon to proclaim the national prayer time.

The organizers of the service have encouraged members of the community to recite the "Prayer for America," written by Lloyd Ogilvie, Chaplain of

the United States Senate, at noon that day. It reads as follows:

"Gracious God, all that we have and are is a result of Your amazing generosity. Since September 11, in the battle against terrorism, we have discovered again that You truly are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

"We rededicate ourselves to be one nation under You. In You we trust. We reaffirm our accountability to You, to the absolutes of Your Commandments, and to justice in our society.

"Bless our President, Congress, and all our leaders with supernatural power. We commit ourselves to be faithful to You as Sovereign of our land and as our personal Lord and Savior. Amen."

Area Poets to be Featured In Reading at Kuran Center

FANWOOD — The Carriage House Poetry Reading Series will close National Poetry Month with a reading by two prominent Union County poets, Deborah LaVeglia of Cranford and Tom Plante of Fanwood.

The reading will take place on Tuesday, April 30, at 8 p.m. at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center on Watson Road in Fanwood, next to Borough Hall.

Ms. LaVeglia is co-Director of the "Poetswednesday" Poetry Series at the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge. She is a reader and workshop leader throughout the tri-state area and has taught poetry at Middlesex County Arts High School.

Her poems have been published in numerous magazines and literary journals and she is the author of "Vigil," a collection of poems in which she draws upon personal experience to reflect on various aspects of the human condition.

Mr. Plante is the publisher and editor

Knights of Columbus To Hold Blood Drive

GARWOOD — The Garwood Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their Council Hall, located at 37 South Avenue in Garwood, across from Pathmark.

Parking is available behind the building on Willow Avenue. For more information, please call (908) 789-9809, after 4 p.m.

Hymn Concert to Include Holy Trinity Church

SHORT HILLS — On Sunday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church in Short Hills, the Metro New Jersey Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and participating churches will present a hymn festival entitled "When in Our Music God Is Glorified".

Organ, brass quartet and timpani, flute, handbells and Orff instruments will accompany over 100 singers from seven choirs placed in the church's three balconies, creating live "surround sound."

The audience itself will be featured as one of the primary performers. This event will serve as a conclusion to the AGO chapter's program year, "The Year of the Hymn", and as part of the 150th anniversary celebration of St. Rose of Lima.

Based around the hymn, "When in Our Music God Is Glorified," the festival will consist of a variety of hymns in different styles. These include traditional hymns, a folk song from Ghana, an African-American spiritual, and a Brazilian folk melody in mariachi style.

The whole evening will be tied together with narration provided by "Mortimer", the fictitious choirmaster of the celestial choirs, using a script written especially for this festival.

Participating choirs include Central Presbyterian Church, Summit; Our Lady of Sorrows Church, South Orange; St. Philomena Church, Livingston; St. Rose of Lima, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,

Millburn; Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Westfield; Wyoming Presbyterian Church, Millburn, and the handbell choir of the Presbyterian Church, Basking Ridge.

Rives Cassel, Director of Music and Organist of the Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, will conduct and Mary Kenney, Director of Music of St. Rose of Lima, will be the organist.

St. Rose of Lima is located at 50 Short Hills Avenue in Short Hills. The public is invited to participate in this event which will be presented free of charge.

Rev. Soaries to Speak At St. John's Church

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Reverend Dr. Buster Soaries, Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in the Somerset section, will be the guest speaker for St. John's Baptist Church's Annual Officers Day on Sunday, April 28, at 4 p.m.

Deacons, Deaconesses and Trustees from throughout the state are expected to attend the event. The church is located at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Reverend Soaries, who was New Jersey's Secretary of State from January 1999 through January 2002, is currently the Republican candidate for Congress. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call (908) 232-6972.

Tips For Spring Planting During Drought Conditions

AREA — New Jersey Gardeners can enjoy planting trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetable gardens this spring, provided they follow state water use restriction guidelines. Watering of trees, shrubs, flower and vegetable gardens is currently permitted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Drought Emergency State-wide Water Use Restrictions.

Throughout the state, water can be applied using a watering can or a hose that does not leak, provided it is equipped with a hand held nozzle that automatically shuts off when released.

A minimum amount of water should be applied. The water may not puddle or runoff from the garden or landscape bed being watered and paved surfaces must be avoided.

The watering of established lawns is prohibited except under certain circumstances, such as the application of a fertilizer or pesticide by a commercial applicator. Watering a newly seeded or sodded lawn is permitted only if the lawn is being established as a part of new construction or by a commercial landscaper.

Gardeners in the Central and

St. Bart's Rosarians Reveal Next Meeting

SCOTCH PLAINS — The next meeting of St. Bartholomew's Rosary Society will take place on Monday, May 6.

The crowning of an image of the Blessed Mother and the installation of new officers will be held in the church following the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

This will be the annual Birthday Party meeting. All members are invited to attend and guests are welcome.



SIGNS OF SPRING...The Friends of Music of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield will present the Parish Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in concert on Sunday, May 5, at 7 p.m. Included will be Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem and Antonio Vivaldi's Triple Concerto for two trumpets and violin. The choir will be joined by world-renowned soloists and members of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Charles M. Banks. St. Paul's Church is located at 414 East Broad Street. For further information, please call Mr. Banks at (908) 232-8506, extension no. 17. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Miller-Cory to Present Quilling This Sunday

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will feature a quilling demonstration on Sunday, April 28, between 2 and 5 p.m.

Begun in Europe, quilling involved strips of paper of various colors and textures rolled into very fine coils and then applied to make decorative items. These works of art were done mostly by French and Italian nuns during the 16th and 17th centuries.

Guided tours of the 1740 farmhouse will be conducted by costumed docents. They will also answer questions about life in the West Fields of Elizabethtown in the 18th and 19th centuries. The last tour will start at 4 p.m.

Max Kaplan of Westfield and Arlene Kendall of Plainfield, members of the museum's Cooking Committee, will demonstrate open hearth cooking, using cooking methods and fireside techniques practiced during the Colonial era. Taste treats will be available for visitors to sample.

The museum's gift shop offers many Colonial gifts and educational items, along with handicrafts, Colo-

nial recipes and cookbooks. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6.

On Sunday, May 5, Patricia D'Angelo will present a program on making "May Baskets." For further information about the museum and its calendar of spring events, please call (908) 232-1776.

JCC to Sponsor Trip To Israel Parade

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center (JCC), Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, will sponsor a bus trip to the Salute to Israel Parade on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

The Coach bus will leave the JCC for the parade on Sunday, May 5, at 9:15 a.m., and will depart New York City at 3 p.m.

To register, please call Tammy Hampson at (908) 889-8800, extension no. 218, to reserve a seat. The cost is \$12 per adult and \$6 per child.

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Kristen Westra, MSPT, graduated from University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey in 1998. Prior to becoming a physical therapist, Kristen was a recreational therapist. She was also employed in a support position at **ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates** since 1992. Founder David Van Brunt recognized Kristen's potential early on and invited her to advance her career with **ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates** upon graduation.

Kristen joined our professional staff in June of 1998 and quickly proved herself as a clinician and a mentor. Her interests in orthopedics and sports injuries are deeply rooted in her collegiate experience playing Division I field hockey and softball at The University of Connecticut. She has shared her experience and knowledge speaking to young athletes regarding injury prevention and proper training techniques.

Kristen has served as an adjunct instructor at UMDNJ and continues to instruct physical therapy students during their internship at **ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates**. She is also the Volunteer Coordinator and became the night supervisor in 2000. This position recognizes her understanding and commitment to **ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates'** philosophy.

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