

## ST. MARY'S DEDICATED

The new St. Mary's Church at Canandaigua, N. Y., was dedicated last Sunday by Bishop McQuaid in the presence of nearly two thousand people. Rev. J. H. O'Brien, a former beloved priest of this parish, now of Rochester, was celebrant of the mass; Rev. William Mulheron of Auburn, was deacon; Rev. R. L. Burke of Angelo, sub-deacon, and Rev. Dr. Meenan of Rochester, master of ceremonies.

Bishop McQuaid preached the sermon. He referred to the vicissitudes of the priests and the Catholics of earlier days and contrasted the splendid structure being dedicated with the humbler places of worship not only of the days of Paul, but in the time of fifty years ago when the parish was first established here. The persecutions of the apostles with those of the devoted men who spread the Gospel in this land and who suffered sneers, reviling and recriminations.

"You who meet here in this gorgeous temple, of the Lord," he said, "large widespread and lofty even in these days. You might almost call it the golden age of Catholicity, but no, the golden age of this church was in those early days, when men persecuted in their native land came here and found opportunity to pray and receive the holy sacrament. The bravery and spirituality of those early worshippers lives after them. But their descendants have not been unworthy; they have shown that they are not ungrateful to God, but are willing to make many sacrifices for him, which they have done in building this church." The Bishop referred to the time, soon at hand, when the parishioners will be able to enjoy the Christ Mass in this new church, and said the season ought to be doubly one of blessing to them.

Bishop McQuaid dwelt at some length on the opposition of the scientists to the true religion, and said that the press and pulpits are in many instances carelessly handling the sacred subjects, so as to impress the minds of their auditors with little dogmas and much doubt. "Who is the pigmy on this earth," queried the speaker, "that shall challenge the Creator and question His power or limit His goodness?" In conclusion Bishop McQuaid paid tribute to the untiring effort of priest and nun in attending to the duties of the parish, and urged hearty support from the people of the parish for their pastor.

"Remember this church in your hours of joy and your days of sorrow," said he, "and remember to come to it for comfort when the whole world turns against you."

At 7:45 vesper were sung by the children of St. Mary's School. Rev. E. G. Widman, formerly of Canandaigua, now of Buffalo, was celebrant; Rev. W. McCrone of Elmira, deacon; Rev. B. J. Gaffell of Despatch, sub-deacon, and Rev. John Conway of Rochester, formerly of Canandaigua, master of ceremonies. The sermon was preached by Rev. M. J. Rosa, O. M., of the Order of Vincentians, located at Philadelphia. All of the priests who assisted at the services have been located in the parish at some time.

St. Mary's rectory was a busy place Sunday, as Rev. James T. Dougherty, the rector, entertained all of the visiting priests. Besides Bishop McQuaid and the local clergy were Rev. E. J. Hanna, D. D., and Rev. A. B. Meshan, of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester; Rev. Mulheron, Auburn; Rev. J. J. Donnelly, Victor; Very Rev. Dean McDonald, Geneva; Rev. T. J. O'Hanlon, Clifton Springs; Rev. P. A. Neville, East Bloomfield; Rev. J. H. O'Brien, Rochester; Rev. J. H. Day, Mt. Morris; Rev. R. T. Burke, Angola; Rev. M. J. Rosa, O. M., Philadelphia; Rev. James A. Hickey, Rev. J. E. Gaffell, Ph. D., Rev. M. J. Nolan, D. D., Rev. J. A. Conway, Rev. J. L. O'Hern, all of Rochester; Rev. B. J. Gaffell, Despatch; Rev. W. H. Harrington, Waterloo; Rev. T. E. McCrone, Elmira; Rev. E. G. Widman, Buffalo; Rev. A. McCabe, Stanley; Revs. John Sullivan, William Gleeson, M. R., and A. M. O'Neil, all of Rochester.

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## BAKER THEATRE

The Moore Stock Company has prepared for presentation for Christmas week (with the exception of Tuesday night, the date of Madame Bernhardt's engagement) that quaint old drama of life on the frontier, "Davy Crockett." This play was the late Frank Mayo's great success and was presented for the first time on any stage in the old Grand Opera House in this city in September 1872, which theatre was on the site of the present Cook Opera House. Thus its first success was here, it was again a success with the Cook Opera House Stock Company in the summer of 1904 and indications point to another big week at the Baker Theatre. Matinees, Christmas, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Christmas afternoon souvenirs will be presented as is customary at Monday matinees. For New Year's week the bill will be "What Happened to Jones."

"Gay New York," one of those peculiarly entertaining mixtures of fun and melody opens a three days engagement at the National Christmas day with two performances, and a plentitude of laugh provoking complications, generously infused with a class of singing numbers that never fails to win hearty commendation. The art of scenic elaboration is also afforded a scope beyond the conventional in this delightful musical comedy.

"Running for Office," is probably one of the most successful musical comedies of the present day. A score of New York papers endorsed the play and company as one of the best things of the season. Nothing but praise was given the production during its long run in New York and its long season on the road last year. The play, with an immense cast, will be seen at the National the last three days of next week.

## NATIONAL THEATRE

The different churches of the city will hold high mass on Christmas eve. The music will be the finest ever heard in the city. At St. Mary's double male quartette will be the feature of the music while the other part of the choir will be made up of the best vocalists in the city. The churches are all decorated. The five churches have all erected orbs in honor of the birth of the Saviour.

The committee of the Knights of Columbus have organized and are pushing the great work forward for the coming of the Irish Ladies choir of Dublin to this city on January 13th at the State Armory. This will be the society event of the year and promises to eclipse anything ever given in the large armory. This will also interest the labor classes of the city in as much as neither opera houses were hired for the occasion.

At St. Mary's church the usual Christmas offering will be taken up for the pastor, Rev. Wm. Mulheron. It is hoped that every one old and young will donate to this collection in behalf of their beloved pastor.

At St. Aloysius church the Christmas music will be of extra length and of great musical value. The new director, Frank Branick has taken full charge of the choir and his success with the Christmas music will bring him forward as one of the best directors of the city churches. There will be an absence of orchestra music at this church.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week were fast days, this being advent week.

The different parochial schools will close for the usual Christmas vacation which will be of one week duration.

There will be special services at St. Edward's mission on Christmas day and the event will be the first Christmas services ever held in the church.

WILLARD  
Mass was celebrated at the hospital on Sunday last. Rev. Father Harrington officiated.

Miss Mary K. Ryan spent a few days in Rochester last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Black were called to Ovid last week on account of the death of Mr. Mathew Black, a brother of Mr. Black.

At their meeting on Dec. 11th, Branch 877, L. C. B. A. elected the following new officers for the ensuing year: President, Mary A. Gavin; 1st vice pres., Mary K. Ryan; 2nd vice pres., Julia Keenan; rec., Margaret Duffy; asst. rec., Anna O'Hare; in. sec., Jane E. Conroy; treas., Mrs. Kath. Martin; marshal, Lizzie Ryan; guard, Elizabeth Martin; trustee, Mrs. Sarah Dailley, Mary E. Bieley, Ella Sturges, Katherine Kelly, Mary A. Carroll.

Miss Margaret Breen is visiting at her home in Trumansburg.

Miss Bertha Murphy has returned from a visit to friends in Seneca Falls.

## Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday December 24—Gospel, St. Luke iii, 1-16—SS. Thrasilla & Emillana.  
Monday 25—Christmas.  
Tuesday 26—St. Stephen, first martyr.  
Wednesday 27—St. John, apostle and evangelist.  
Thursday 28—The Holy Innocents, martyr.  
Friday 29—St. Thomas a Becket, bishop and martyr.  
Saturday 30—St. Sabinus, bishop and martyr.

## Five Minute Sermon

### John's Mission and Preaching

Isaiah, in foretelling that the valleys would be filled up, and the mountains made low, and the crooked ways straight, announced that the grace of God would remove all obstacles that make our salvation difficult; that by means of grace the weak and lowly would be filled with heavenly strength; that the proud would be humbled; that the erring would return to the straight path; that our affections would be regulated and our passions overcome. The history and annals of the Church show that this prophecy has been fulfilled.

We are to learn from all this that we should be strengthened in our holy faith by considering that had been prepared, foretold, and completed by the wisdom, power, and goodness of God. We should also learn from the words of St. John that the only means of participating in the graces of the nativity of Our Lord is to do sincere penance for sins committed, reform our ways, and return to God with all the affections of our heart.

### Christmas

GOSPEL: St. Luke ii, 1-14.—"And it came to pass that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrenus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child. And in came to pass that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round them, and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people. For this day is born to you a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling-clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will."

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Fishing by Telephone.  
Izaak Walton, reincarnated in the twentieth century, could further his knowledge of the finny races with a telephone. In Norway they have a telephone by which the sounds of fish may be heard. It consists of a microphone in a hermetically sealed steel box, connected with a telephone on shipboard by wires, each sound in the water being intensified by the microphone.

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