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**The Deaf, Their Chapel and Their Retreat**



A Retreat of one week's duration is now being held in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Street and North Clinton Avenue, for the Deaf of Rochester and its suburbs. The Retreat Master is Rev. Daniel D. Higgins, C.S.S.R., a well known Redemptorist Missionary for the Deaf.

The Retreat for the Adult Deaf opened Sunday, at 2 P. M. It was well attended, notwithstanding the handicap of an unexpected and terrific snowstorm. It will close next Sunday, also at 2 P. M. The evenings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 8 o'clock are allotted to the women, single and married.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings have been set aside for all single and married men. The school children of "The Rochester School for the Deaf," about 33 in number, also made this Retreat. They attended the services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 P. M. On Thursday, at 7:30 A. M., they attended Holy Mass and received Holy Communion in a body.

First Retreat of This Kind  
This Retreat is the first of its kind ever held in Rochester for the Deaf children and adults. It is the intention of Rev. Father Burger, C.S.S.R., under whose spiritual charge these afflicted but affectionate and grateful people are, to have the above spiritual exercise annually. His aim, from

the very beginning of his pastorate among the Deaf of the Diocese, has ever been to give them as much as possible the blessings of Missions, Retreats, Lenten Services, etc., as are given to the hearing people in their respective parishes.

The Retreat is being given in the Auditorium of St. Joseph's Parish Hall. In a corner of the same hall, aside of the stage, Father Burger is erecting a quasi-chapel for the benefit of the Deaf of the Diocese. The Chapel is under the patronage and protection of "St. Francis de Sales Chapel for the Deaf." Although the Chapel is not yet completely arranged for the saying of Holy Mass, yet Father Burger succeeded in having it sufficiently in order for the present

Retreat. The formal opening of this small but devotional Chapel will take place on Sunday, June 7th. Our Rt. Reverend and Beloved Bishop, John Francis O'Hern, D.D., will read the first Mass in the same at 9 A. M. In the meantime Father Burger is collecting money towards purchasing Church goods, essentially necessary for the Chapel. Donations towards this worthy and blessed project will be highly appreciated and gratefully received by him.

After the Retreat, Father Higgins will go to Elmira, N. Y., to give a three days Retreat to the Deaf living in the "Elmira Centre." The "Elmira Centre" is composed of the following cities: Elmira, Horseheads, Corning and Waverly.

**Solemn Service On March 17th At Cathedral**

Bishop O'Hern Will Pontificate, and the Rev. Joseph V. O'Connor, C.M., of Niagara University Will Preach.

The annual St. Patrick's Day services at St. Patrick's Cathedral in this city will be especially beautiful and impressive this year. A solemn high Pontifical Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 o'clock next Tuesday, March 17, by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, assisted by a number of priests from the various churches of the city, as well as by the priests of the Cathedral.

The sermon of the day, an eloquent tribute to St. Patrick and to the Irish people, will be preached by the Rev. Joseph V. O'Connor, C.M., of Niagara University, an unusually able preacher.

The Mass will be sung by students of St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, and students of St. Bernard's Seminary, and the men and boys' choir of the Cathedral. Professor Bonn, organist at the Cathedral, has arranged an especially fine program for the occasion, and one that will be in good keeping with the day. It is expected that there will be a capacity congregation present at the service.

The annual St. Patrick's Day service at the Cathedral is an established event that always attracts many people, and especially those of Irish blood.

**Sister Joseph Marie**

Sister Joseph Marie, of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, died Sunday in Buffalo, aged 63 years, more than 40 years of which she spent in the service of God. She was Miss Elizabeth Hyland of Rochester, and is remembered here by friends who will treasure many recollections of her beautiful life. Her funeral was held in Mount St. Mary's, Buffalo, on Tuesday morning.

Before going to Buffalo, Sister Joseph Marie had been principal of St. John's parochial school in Lockport for a number of years. She was a splendid teacher, and was beloved by her pupils and associates. For a number of years she acted as treasurer of the province for her order, and was most capable in her work. Ten years ago she went to the mother house, Mount St. Mary's, in Buffalo, and had been stationed there since that time.

The soul that loves and serves the world like heat tossed about in the wind; it is made subject to things that are infinitely beneath it.

**First Night of "The Cradle Song" Will Be Sponsored On April 13th By The Catholic Women's Club**

All Seats in Lyceum Theater Bought For That Night by The Club, And Will Be Sold to Members And Their Friends.

The Catholic Women's Club has bought out the Lyceum Theater for the first production in Rochester of "The Cradle Song" by the Cameron Matthews Repertory Company on Monday evening, April 13th. Translated from the Spanish the scenes of this comedy drama are laid in the cloister of a Dominican convent and have been compared by theatrical critics to the "clean smell of a fresh rose."

The performance is being sponsored by the Business Women's Group, but every department of the Club is taking an active interest in it.

With the production nearly a month away, practically all the boxes have been spoken for, and tickets for the body of the house are selling rapidly. They are on sale at the Club House, the Columbus Civic Center and Trant's.

The Business Women's Group is holding its bi-weekly meeting at the Club Monday night at 8 o'clock, and after a short business session in which plans for the production of "The Cradle Song" will be carried forward, Mrs. Frederick W. Colt will review "The Green Pastures" which, with "The Bulletin of the White List" of the Bulletin of the Catholic Theater Movement. Club members and their friends are invited to attend.

On Thursday evening the Catholic Women's Club Big Sisters will meet with supper in charge of Mrs. Charles J. Rhodes and the program directed by Mrs. Joseph Coppinger and Miss Florence Ennis.

Subjects for the Speech Classes next week are: Tuesday afternoon, "Place of Humor in Personality Development"; Thursday evening, "The Why and How of Speech Orchestration."

Friday evening at 8 o'clock the Mission Group will come together for its monthly meeting.

**Who Will Donate Electric Battery For Sick Person?**

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**Sunday To Be Communion Day For Hibernians**

Sunday will be the annual Communion Day of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and their Auxiliaries. These societies will attend the 7:30 o'clock Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral in body. Bishop O'Hern will celebrate the Mass.

For many years the Hibernians have observed this beautiful custom of attending Mass and receiving Communion in a body on the Sunday previous to St. Patrick's Day. They are glad to have their friends join them on this day, receive Communion with them, and unite with them in prayers for the deceased members of the Order and of the Auxiliaries. A large attendance is hoped for at the service on March 15th. A special invitation is extended to all people of Irish blood to attend this service and receive Communion with the Hibernians.

**Commandery No. 197, Knights of St. John, Adopts Resolution**

The regular meeting of Holy Family Commandery No. 197, Knights of St. John, was held on Tuesday evening, March 10th, this week, and was a very interesting meeting from all angles. The Commandery at this time is anticipating the celebration of its 40th Jubilee, which will take place with suitable ceremonies, in the Fall of 1931. A committee has been appointed by President Max Strauser to make arrangements for the proper celebration of the event.

Also, at the meeting the following resolution on the death of one of its charter members, John Eckl, was drawn up and a copy of same sent to the bereaved widow and also a copy of same to be spread on its minutes of the commandery.

The resolution follows:

"WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His Divine Wisdom, has taken from this life, one of our best beloved members and a true Knight of St. John in word as well as in deed, Brother John Eckl, long an active and devoted worker to the cause of Catholic Knighthood, be it, therefore

"RESOLVED, That Commandery No. 197 extend its sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and mother, to the sons and daughters, and next of kin of Brother Eckl, and also, be it

**Splendid Drama Is "The Rosary" Opening Sunday**

It Will Be Presented for Four Evenings in St. Francis Hall by the Talented St. Francis Players.

Not in a long time has a company of amateur actors made such careful preparation for a play in Rochester as have the St. Francis Players, who will present that splendid religious drama, "The Rosary," in St. Francis Xavier's Hall on the evenings of March 15, 16, 17 and 18. Careful study of their parts, the most painstaking rehearsals possible, and intelligent interpretation of characters have been noticeable in the work of the players in preparation for this play.

The first performance will be given next Sunday evening, and it is expected there will be a capacity audience present at the event. With Claude Roosevelt directing, the play is bound to please, and is also bound to be an outstanding event in local amateur theatricals.

In the play will be seen Sylvester Engler, Charles J. Keller, Madeline Roosevelt, Richard Wilhelm, Maebell Philip, Eugene McCarthy, Flossie Hockeborn and Edward Mueller. Special scenery, being designed and erected for the presentations and the musical score to be rendered will be in harmony with the general theme of the play.

The Rev. Francis X. Kunz, pastor of St. Francis Xavier, is supervising the scenery, and he extends a cordial invitation to all people to attend one of the performances and judge for themselves the dramatic worth of "The Rosary," and the dramatic excellence of the St. Francis Players.

**Recital April 17 For The Benefit Of Mercy School**

On Friday evening, April 17th, a recital will be given in the Columbus Civic Center Auditorium, corner Chesnut and Lava Streets, by David Kahn, a talented pianist from New York City. This recital will be open to the public, and all lovers of music are cordially invited to attend.

The proceeds of the recital will be used for the building fund of the new convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Blossom Road. It is hoped to have a capacity audience at the event.

"RESOLVED, That we assure them of our deep sorrow in the death of such a joy-a member, and that we pledge our prayers for the repose of his soul, with the hope that Almighty God will take him to his eternal home in Heaven, the reward of a noble life, well lived."

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