

Around the Diocese

ELMIRA

MANNING-GARDNER
Elmira, July 31-Miss Margaret H. Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Gardner of 606 Reynolds Street, and Daniel H. Manning, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Manning of 207 Front Street, were married Thursday, July 23, in St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Montrose, Pa., by the Rev. Father Murray, James Manning, brother of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Manning of this city were their attendants. The bride and groom have many friends here, and all will unite in wishing them a happy married life.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Elmira, July 31-Mary Agnes Flynn, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Flynn of 803 Davis Street, entertained 16 of her little friends in honor of her ninth birthday Thursday afternoon last week, from 4 to 8. The little hostess received many gifts. Games were enjoyed after which dainty refreshments were served. The following were present: Rita Sullivan, Helen Reddy, Katherine McNamara, Margaret Spillane, Ann Gradwell, Jeanne Shearer, Katherine Ford, Edwin Ford, Florence Johnson, Mary Ellen Sheppard, Eleanor McCarthy, Eleanor Shannon, Mary Irene O'Connor, Anna Marie Flynn, Jean Flynn and "Buddy" Crowley.

BENEFIT ENTIRE PARTY

Elmira, July 31-Wanda Cirilo of St. Casimir's Church held a benefit entire party Tuesday evening in the school hall. Refreshments were served and prizes awarded. There was a large attendance.

WATERLOO

John T. Bucknar
Waterloo, July 31-John T. Bucknar, aged 62 years, died here Sunday and was buried on Wednesday morning from St. Mary's Church. There were many friends present at the funeral. Mr. Bucknar is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Bucknar; a daughter, Mrs. Phil Calhoun of Fort Worth, Texas; two sons, John and Louis Bucknar of Waterloo and his brother, Charles Bucknar of this place. He had many friends, and his death will be greatly regretted.

WEEDSPORT GIRL

And Johnstown Groom Married
Weedsport, July 31-Miss Alice Eleanor Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin of this village, and John Skvorak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Skvorak of Johnstown, N. Y., were united in marriage in a pretty ceremony in St. Joseph's Church here on Saturday morning.

Penn Yan Church Scene Of An Impressive Service After Complete Remodeling

Bishop O'Hern Blesses Church and Gives Appreciative and Inspiring Talk to Capacity Congregation-High Praise for Pastor and His People

Penn Yan, July 31-St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan, newly remodeled, beautifully re-decorated, and with a fine new organ and many other improvements, was the scene Sunday morning of one of the most inspiring and impressive services ever held in this beautiful village. The occasion was the blessing and re-dedication of the church, with the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, officiating, and with more than 800 parishioners and friends crowding the attractive church to the doors.

With Bishop O'Hern presiding in the sanctuary, a solemn high Mass was celebrated, with the following officers:

Celebrant, Rev. Cornelius F. Killen of Niagara Falls, brother of the pastor, deacon, Rev. John G. Killen, pastor; subdeacon, Rev. William J. Crough, D.D., professor of philosophy at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, a native of Penn Yan and a son of Martin Crough of this village; master of ceremonies, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew B. Mehan, of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, assistant master; Rev. John M. Duffy, diocesan superintendent of schools of Rochester.

Assisting in the sanctuary were: Deacons of honor, Rev. John Lee of Elmira, Very Rev. Walter Lee of Geneva, Rev. Charles Reynolds, Michael Guider of Rochester, book bearer, and Gilbert Marchionda of Penn Yan, page.

Visiting members of the clergy were: Rev. John J. O'Keefe of Newark, Rev. William McFadden of Geneva, Rev. Joseph Disset of Stanley, director for the propagation of faith, Rochester.

A number of Sisters were present, including Sister M. Irene, preceptress of Mercy Academy, Buffalo, a sister of Father Killen, and Sister M. Eulalia of Wellsville, Sisters of Mercy; Rev. Mother M. Sylvester of Rochester, superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Diocese; Sister M. Benedict, who taught in St. Michael's School for many years; Sister M. Loyola and Sister M. Catherine Charlotte Hyland, natives of Penn Yan, and Sister M. Raymond, a member of the faculty of the DeSales Institute, Geneva.

Many former parishioners came from many places to be present at the service, and there were numerous non-Catholics in the congregation. The sermon was preached by Bishop O'Hern, and it was a fine tribute to the people of Penn Yan, and to the present and former pastors. There was an exceptionally fine musical program, and the church, beautifully decorated for the occasion, presented a most inviting and inspiring appearance.

GENEVA

Geneva, July 31-Miss Norma Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly of 324 South Main Street, Geneva, and John J. Pascoe, son of Street George Pascoe of Waterloo, were married Thursday morning last week in St. Stephen's Church rectory, Geneva. The bride was attended by Miss Frances Purcell, sister of the groom, Herbert Kroff of Waterloo, and the best man, following the wedding breakfast at La Fayette Inn, the couple left on a motor trip to Minnowbrook in the Adirondack Mountains. They will have the best wishes of their numerous friends for a happy married life.

To give to the little ones, the best that can be provided for their religious, moral and intellectual training: "I wish therefore to congratulate and thank the Pastor and thank you, people, for that which was such an undertaking on the arrival here of the new Pastor. I have visited the school and have seen its appointments and I must say that it measures up to all that could be desired."

The Temple of God

"No sooner had the school been cared for than your good Pastor turned his thoughts to the Church, the House of God, the central figure or heart of every parish, and why? This is indeed the Temple of the Living God for it is here that all the Tabernacle night and day is our Saviour, our Father, our Friend. The same splendid ideal which had manifested themselves in the churches where Father Killen was Pastor at Elmira, were brought into action here and the eyes of the people see on all sides today. The beautiful stone altar, this sanctuary, these side walls and aisles, the side chapels and the organ, everything tells us that a veritable transformation has taken place in St. Michael's Church, and so we have assembled here to re-dedicate it and, as it were, to celebrate with joyful hearts the completion of the work."

"At the same time a splendid parish hall has been provided for you at a normal cost of expense and with that you have everything that is necessary for a complete church plant. To be sure, nothing has been done to the rectory and your good Pastor has left that part of all, with no thought of his own comfort or his own ease. To my mind, nothing speaks more highly of a priest and his priestly spirit than the fact that he thinks last of his own needs, God and God's glory; the little ones, the chosen ones of the flock, the brides of Christ, our sisters (teaching in the school)—these are all placed before him in the church in what it is to do work after work for parochial activities in the way of financial support. The record reads like the story of a great city parish with hundreds of people and hundreds of families—whereas, we know that you are limited in your numbers and in your resources."

Praise for Work

"This only justified what I said to Father Killen when he was appointed here: 'I shall be glad to go to the best people in the Diocese of Rochester, and I know that you will realize it yourself very soon after you have become acquainted.' Today, then, Bishop, Priests and people assemble to take part in this joyous and festive occasion. We thank God for what has been done here to furnish you with such a splendid House of Worship when you come to adore and pay to and worship the Almighty."

"May I say a word of congratulation to the architect, Mr. Sicker, for his part in the program. He has learned and had known of his work long before he came to Penn Yan and had seen evidences of his splendid ideas, of grace of line, of beauty of architecture and of richness of finish. All this is manifest to the world today and to anyone who enters St. Michael's Church. It is the first work that he has done in the Diocese but we feel sure that it will not be the last. We thank him and congratulate him and assure him of our great pleasure in having him in Elmira today and to hear the words of commendation offered in your name by the Bishop of the Diocese."

For Father Killen

"Dear Father Killen—you have accomplished just what the Bishop expected you would do. He has not forgotten the zeal and devotion with which you worked in the City of Rochester among the poor foreign born in real missionary work, while a Professor at St. Andrew's Seminary. That zeal and devotion you carried into the parishes of your first appointment and you served the people there with an unselfishness and a spending of yourself that will never be forgotten by them. When your successor was appointed I said to him: 'These people like to hear the words of commendation offered in your name by the Bishop of the Diocese. May God bless you in your work with health and strength for many many years. May you and your people enjoy the beauty of the blessings and the happiness that will come to you through what has been done here for the honor and glory of God, for Catholic education and for the benefit of religion.'

The Bishop's Talk

"First of all, let me offer my warmest congratulations to the Pastor and people of St. Michael's Church on this splendid occasion of the re-dedication of your parish church by reason of the magnificent improvements which have beautified this House of God. It is always a pleasure to see our churches made more beautiful and more worthy of divine worship and surely this has been accomplished in St. Michael's in no ordinary manner. A veritable transformation has taken place here through the skill and good taste of the Pastor, the application and the plans placed in their hands. It is now perhaps the finest building in your beautiful city and will be a welcome and inviting spot for you and your friends to come on Sundays and holidays to worship the Living God, to lift up your minds and hearts in prayer to our Father in Heaven."

"And the remarkable thing about it all is that it has been accomplished during the few months since Father Killen has come into your midst and has not only commended your conduct and affection and love, but has fired your souls with zeal and devotion towards God in the support of religion and Catholic education."

Former Pastors

"It has been my pleasure and privilege to know all the Pastors of St. Michael's Church from the good and saintly Father Angelo down to your beloved Pastor, Father Killen, who has been a fellow student and a lifelong fellow priest and friend of the Bishop. Those who laid their hands on him here and who built the church since he came here last month, have long since passed away. Like the life of most of our parishioners, there was no doubt in the beginning difficult, struggling and meant to raise this Temple of God high. It provides a parish school, to furnish the children with teaching sisters, and last, but not least, a residence for your priest. May the Lord be good to Father Angelo, to Father Martin Heideck, to whose zeal we owe the present structure and it has stood here for all these years, and to the lamented Father Gomeglinger, who did prominently and thus relinquished the work which he had undertaken here."

Praises Father Crowley

"At present there are only two of the Pastors of St. Michael's Church who survive,—Reverend Hugh Crowley and your present Pastor, Father Killen. Father Crowley was raised and educated under the immediate guidance of Archbishop Healy, and by him was appointed to his first pastorate at St. Anthony's Church, Groton, where he did splendid work and served the congregation faithfully. Coming to Penn Yan he found a large debt and through his zeal and administrative ability he was able to remove the debt entirely, which amounted to \$7,000. Hence this accomplishment must be forever credited to him. These improvements which have been made in your Church property in the past few months were only possible by reason of what Father Crowley did during his several years of pastorate. Hence it is to him we give our praise and wish you and him to know that the Bishop appreciated fully what he had done here at St. Michael's when he promoted him to the splendid parish of St. Ann's at Palmyra."

"Penn Yan has been a great center of business activity, of civic and social as well as religious life for all of these years and today, even with the economic depression striking through the land, I firmly believe you are as prosperous in this beautiful valley of Keuka as in any part of our State or Nation."

A Loyal People

"The Catholic people of Penn Yan have always stood out as loyal and devoted people, loving their Church, loving their school and supporting both to the best of their extent. This has been the constant story of the years, but as we look over the records of today, I firmly believe there was never the spirit of loyalty, generosity and devotion to the leadership of the Pastor as is now being manifested by the people of this congregation. No sooner had Father Killen come here than he set about to enlarge and remodel the parish school so that it might be in keeping with the latest and best needs of education, as we know them today. Children and teachers must be housed properly and must be given the facilities to carry on the all important work of training for their future religious, civic and industrial or agricultural lives. Standards of our Empire State are high and the standards of the Church are high and here, as in all our other schools, you are trying to meet the standard and

COLDWATER

Decorating of Church Under Way

Coldwater, July 31—Thursday of this week's work of decorating and restoring the Church of the Holy Ghost was commenced, and in five or six weeks parishioners and friends will be delighted with the transformation that will be made. The work is being done by Alvin Schaeffer, graduate of the Munich School of Art and an expert in the work of restoring churches. The altar and statues will be decorated as well as the walls of the church. The Rev. Peter Brax, pastor of the Church, has been planning for this work a long time, and is glad to have it under way. Mr. Schaeffer recently completed the re-decoration of St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan, an exceptional

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