

New Holy Family School Will Open For Inspection

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the old building which has been renovated and remodeled in conformity with the new structure. The teaching staff of the school.

Parish One of Long Standing
Holy Family parish was founded in 1862, as a parish in the Buffalo diocese before the Rochester diocese was established. From the beginning it has enjoyed a remarkable growth. Prior to its identity as a separate unit, Holy Family parish was a part of St. Peter and Paul parish. It became a parish when the temporary church was erected in 1863. When in 1864 a new church was built, the temporary church was used as the rectory. Rev. Nicholas Sura was the first pastor.

Father Sorg succeeded by Rev. Charles Wagner. During the pastorate of Rev. Leopold Schneider in 1882, the present church edifice was erected. Simultaneously with the erection of the church the parish school was built. In 1884, Rev. Dietrich Lammens became the pastor of Holy Family parish. In 1888 he erected a new rectory, and in 1889 an addition to the school. In 1891 a new convent to replace a temporary frame structure housing the nuns was built. Fr. Gerell Planned for Building
Father Gerell succeeded Father Lammens in 1924. Upon taking charge, Father Gerell saw the need

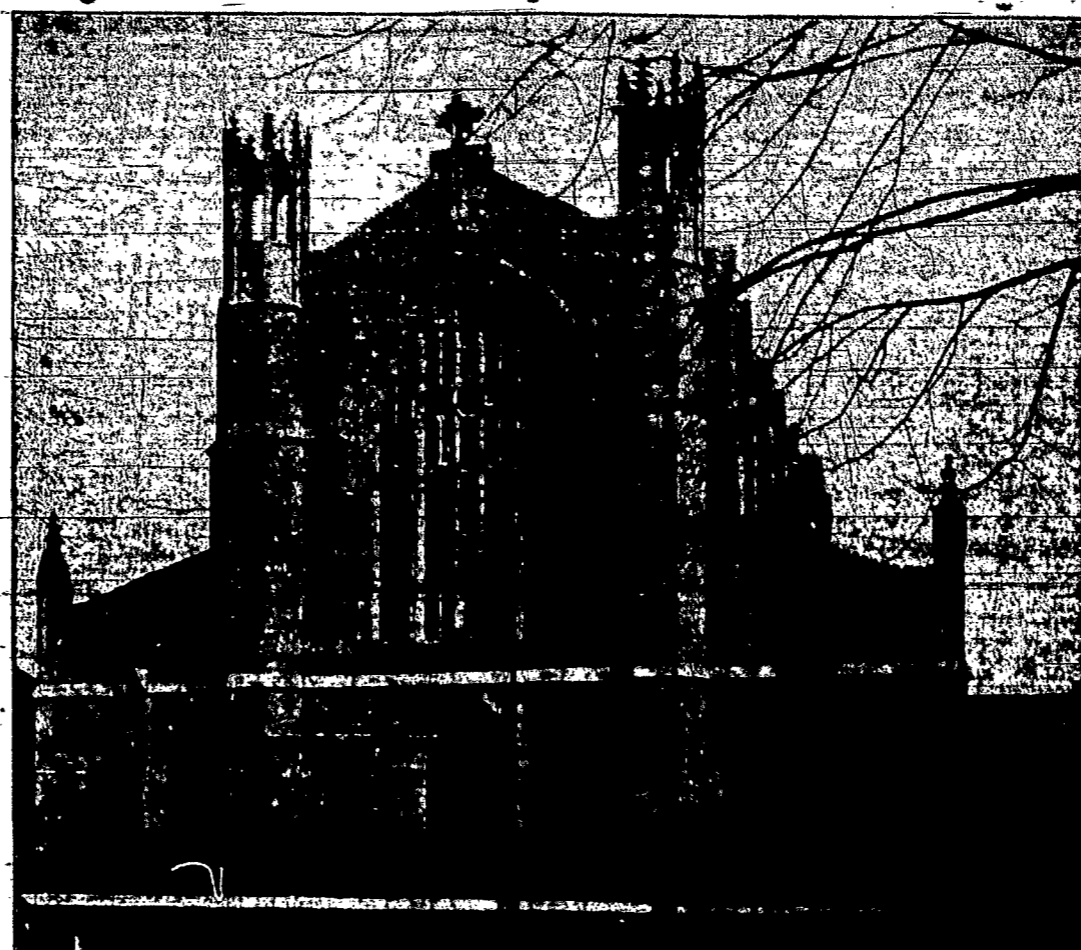
for larger accommodations for the pupils of the school. He had planned the present structure to be adequate for the needs of the parish for years to come, but after plans had been drawn and estimates furnished, he found the cost would at that time prove insurmountable.

It was not until last year that conditions seemed propitious for building. Work on the present structure was started in June when Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., broke ground for the project. Father Gerell estimated that he had saved \$100,000 by deferring the work.

The first affair to take place in the new Auditorium will be a three act comedy, "Meet Uncle Sally," to be presented by the Sacred Heart League of Holy Family Church, under the direction of Raymond W. Nelson, on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 24th, 25th, and 26th. J. Foster Warner, architect designed the new school with Leo Gibson of his office associated in the work.

John B. Jike and a co. Inc. were on the outside and a number of other contractors were International Time Recording Co., 300 East Avenue, Gordon H. White, sales agent, The Saratoga Tile and Marble Company, Inc., W. Edward Wirley, 37 Durnan St., Rochester. Scenic Studio, owned and operated by J. G. Hill, 20 Country Club Road, Superior Cleaning and Waterproofing Company, 16 Main Street West.

Father Connors' Church Edifice on Oxford Street



Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Thomas F. Connors, pastor, during the beautiful edifice erected by Rev. the thirty years of his pastorate and the parish's existence and the central unit in the parish building group.

one of the most attractive church edifices in the Diocese, and its dedication was a red-letter day in the history of the parish, great crowds of priests and people attending the services. Love, affection, pride, joy—these were evidenced in many ways on this memorable day, and generosity beyond expectation.

Growth With the Years
A bazaar in 1915 netted \$5,500 for the Church. Motion pictures of the parishioners were taken in 1918, Palm Sunday, at all the Masses. They are of great historic value now. In 1924 the parish raised \$50,000 for the new Aquinas Institute, a splendid accomplishment. In 1928 the fine property of Mrs. Edward A. Mater of 514 Oxford Street was purchased for future use. In 1927 a new rectory was bought on Oxford Street and the old rectory razed to make way for the new school. Two houses on Rutger Street were bought for a convent in 1927. The total cost of these properties was \$46,000.
In February, 1917, three houses on Monroe Avenue were bought for a site for the new school for \$25,000. On March 29, 1928, a fine new organ, costing \$10,000, was used for the first time, and on April 14th it was dedicated.

Wirley Handled Electrical Work
William Edward Wirley of 313 Durnan Street, one of Rochester's best known electricians, had complete charge of the electrical installation.

Saratoga Firm Contract Experts

When people visit the new Holy Family School and Auditorium on next Sunday their particular attention is called to the terrace, which was done by the Saratoga Marble and Tile Co. Inc., at 183 Saratoga Avenue.

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Committee Gets Tom Heflin Case

Washington, April 15. Tom Heflin of Alabama is still trying to get back in the U. S. Senate so he can keep the Pope out of America and the Irish out of the White House. The Heflin-Bankhead contest was referred back to a sub-committee Saturday in order to give Heflin an opportunity to present more evidence that Senator Bankhead stole the election from him. Democratic members of the sub-committee immediately resigned saying that they did not care to serve longer and predicting that the contest would last indefinitely.

The motion to send the contest back carried, 9 to 4, after former Senator Heflin, who is contesting the election of Senator Bankhead, Democrat of Alabama, contended that he had not been treated fairly and allowed to present all the evidence he wanted.

Before the vote was taken Senator George of Georgia warned Chairman Shortridge that he would not serve on the sub-committee any longer and asked that someone be put in his place.

Senator Bratton of New Mexico, the other Democratic member, made the same request, saying that if the investigation were reopened the Senate should prepare to appropriate a quarter of a million dollars to carry

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to overflowing, for already the love of the people for their new parish was blossoming, fragrant and beautiful.

A Country Settlement
Thirty years do not seem long in the life of a city, nor yet in the lives of people. But 30 years ago the Blessed Sacrament Church stood out like a church does in a country village. The houses around it were few and scattered. They could have been counted easily. There were spacious yards between them, vacant fields, plenty of places for the boys to play ball. Many streets now in that section of the city had never been laid out then. They had never been heard of. Culver Road had only a few houses. Park Avenue

had not been treated fairly. Senator King, ranking Democratic member of the full committee, predicting that the contest would not be settled until next December or January, said:

"Don't name a single Democrat without consulting with us. We don't know whether we want any Democrats to serve or not."
In making the motion, Senator Buttkie, Democrat of Ohio, said that he did not think the committee should take more than a few days to decide on further procedure and that he merely wanted the sub-committee to determine whether Mr. Heflin had been treated fairly.

Senators George and Bratton contended that the sub-committee had completed its work and that Mr. Heflin had been fairly treated.

Conformed OLD Building to NEW

Work of changing the outer appearance of the old school building which was remodeled as a part of the new Holy Family School structure was done by the Superior Cleaning and Waterproofing Company of 16 Main Street West.

This firm with its modern equipment and skilled workmanship did the cleaning, scaling and painting of the outside walls giving them the effect of an entirely new building.

Recording Company Install Time System

The orally supervised electric time system in the new Holy Family School building was installed by the International Time Recording Company, Gordon H. White, sales agent, 300 East Avenue. A master clock actuates the clocks in the classrooms.

At the head of the International Time Recording Company is Thomas J. Watson, president, a native Rochesterian and a prominent member of the Society of the Genesee. He was recently selected by Charles R. Flint, as one of the ten greatest business men in the country.

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looked like a country village. There were no beautiful homes in Brighton. The Catholic people of this section were nearly all Irish. They had the faith and the spirit of the faith. Most of them had been accustomed to attending St. Mary's Church. It did not seem far away for them. They thought nothing of getting up in the morning to walk five or six miles to Mass every Sunday, and many of them every weekday.

Father Connors tells in his booklet that he has reason to remember all the good people of Brighton of 30 years ago, for he attended them when they were dying and officiated at their funerals. He was their friend, as well as their pastor. He rode a bicycle to and from their homes, and felt happy and proud of the fact that he was a good rider.

Later on, as he grew slowly into a feeling of physical strength, he ventured at times to get a horse and buggy, an extravagance, he was careful not to indulge in too frequently. The bicycle was not quite too lordly, but it was safe and it was economical, as well as speedy.

The First Parish School
Building a church in one year was not enough for the zealous new pastor of the new parish. The church, as we have said, was opened in April, in September, 1902, Father Connors opened his first school. The size of its classes indicated that love of children, as well as love of God, dominated the homes of his parishioners.

For there were 220 children registered the first week. Five teachers of the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph taught them. The principal was Sister M. Columba, and the others were Sisters Eleanor, Brendon, Dennis, and Clara Marie.

The first Holy Communion class received the body and blood of our Divine Lord on May 10, 1902. There were 62 boys and girls in the class, and Father Connors has their names recorded in his history of the parish. Every name is a rose to him in memory—a beautiful flower of the first fruits of his priestly labors, blossoming, each and all in the select garden of God.

The First Confirmation
The first Confirmation Class received the Sacrament on June 7, 1903. There were 126 boys and girls in the class—a splendid showing for a new parish; wonderful to a new pastor. A large number of converts were in this class, for Father Connors had long ago learned to imitate our Divine Lord and look for the lost sheep.

The first graduating exercises were held in the new school on June 28, 1903. There were 13 boys and girls in the class. Father O'Neill of the Immaculate Conception Church gave the address to them. They were a fine lot of looking boys and girls. They made their pastor's heart glad, as well as the hearts of their parents.

Twelve altar boys made up the first group in the Blessed Sacrament Church. Eleven are alive to-day. One, Bernard Donnelly, has been called to God. All were faithful, loyal, and helpful to their new pastor. One of them, William F. Murray, was recently elected Mayor of Alameda, California.

The first trustees, the first auditors, the first ushers, the first sextons, the first marriage, Baptism and deaths, the first lawn social, the first bazaar, the first mission—all these things are faithfully recorded in the history of the parish. It is interesting to know that Richard T. Ford and Charles S. Rauber were the first ushers and collectors, and that later Judge Benjamin E. Cunningham joined them in this work. All four are still loyal members of the parish.

The first couples married were Arthur J. O'Neill and Mary Keefe, Dr. James T. McGovern and Theresa Lennon. Mary Grace Herbert was the first baby baptized in the new church, and Theresa Anna Sura, now deceased, the second. Josephine M. Appleby was the first person buried from the church.
Making Progress
It takes money to run a parish. So the first lawn social, held in September, 1901, netted between seven and

eight-hundred-dollars. The first bazaar, held early in 1902, netted between five and six thousand dollars. Mrs. Joseph P. Doyle and Mrs. Hugh J. Dolan had charge of it. Father Connors was ill at the time, and could not attend. But it is no exaggeration to say that the wonderful results of the bazaar were sufficient to hasten his recovery and make him feel that he had a good and generous people.

Fathers McGinley and Donovan, Jesuit priests, gave the first mission in the church, in 1903. Both are dead now, gone to their heavenly reward. But the memories of their labors in the new parish, have not died.

Sunday collections were not so suggestive of modern wealth and progress. In two Sundays in June, 1902, they were \$25.38, \$20.86, \$18.56, \$23.84, \$16.25. Twenty-five years later, in 1927, just before the erection of the splendid new parish school, the Sunday collections frequently reached the sum of \$1,300 per Sunday.

Buying More Property
The property for the first rectory was bought in 1904, and for the convent in 1905. There might have been a lot of grass on the vacant lots in that section of the city those years, but none of it was under the feet of the pastor. He was forging ahead, doing things, looking to the future, buying, building, praying, working and having at all times a firm faith in the generosity of his people, and in the help of God.

In 1908 two valuable sites were bought on Oxford Street—for already there was ample evidence that a bigger and larger church was needed. The cost of this property was \$12,000.

Three years later, in 1911, ground was broken for the present Church. Gordon & Madden drew the plans. The cornerstone was laid on September 19, the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., second Bishop of Rochester, officiating. It was a wonderful day in the parish, new no longer, and growing now like a giant. Several hundred Holy Name men helped to erect the Bishop to the site, and he preached a splendidly inspiring sermon on this occasion to a great concourse of people.

There was some delay in getting the stone for the building, and it was December 22, 1912, before the Church was ready for dedication. The cost of the church was approximately \$175,000—a sum that would have seemed far beyond his reach if the new pastor had looked ahead towards it 10 years previously. It is

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