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Pleasant place. The Rt. Rev. Mar Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the Cathedral of America, was tendered a banquet last night by the Laymen's Woodland Terrace League.
It was announced that plans are being made for a new dormitory at St. Joseph's in the hills in honor of Monsignor Corrigan.

New Priest Sings The Jubilee Mass

Twenty-three Men Met To Organize Parish in 1859; Progress of Church Traced Through the Seventy-Five Years

A solemn High Mass, preceded by a parade through parish streets and followed by a dress parade review and exhibition drill will mark the seventy-fifth jubilee celebration of St. Boniface Church in Gregory Street Sunday morning.

The High Mass which will start at 10:30 a. m. also will be the first Mass celebrated by the Rev. Gerald Amann, a boy of the parish who will be ordained to the priesthood in St. Patrick's Cathedral Saturday morning.

The diamond jubilee marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the first St. Boniface Church on June 9, 1861.

The Rev. George M. Kalb, librarian at St. Bernard's Seminary, a St. Boniface boy, will act as deacon of the jubilee Mass with the Rev. Mr. Raymond Wahl, a student at St. Bernard's acting as subdeacon.

Mgr. Boppel To Assist

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor John F. Boppel, pastor of St. Boniface Church for twenty-seven years, will act as assistant priest.

The Rev. George J. Schmitt, pastor of St. Ann's Church and assistant at St. Boniface for more than fifteen years, will preach the sermon. It is expected that Father Schmitt's sermon will deal not only with the church's jubilee but with the ordination of Father Amann.

The Rev. Joseph Vogt, assistant at St. Boniface, and the Rev. Eugene Goldberg, assistant at the church and chaplain at the county institution, will act as masters of ceremonies at the Mass.

Special Musical Program

Philip Kreckel, organist and choramaster at St. Boniface since 1909 has arranged a special musical program for the jubilee Mass.

Headed by the Knights of St. John Band, a parade comprising the Knights of St. John, Conventual No. 25, the drill team of the Ladies' Auxiliary, boy and girl scouts and representatives of other church societies, will leave the school hall in Whalen Street.

The parade will march from Whalen Street to Averill Avenue to South Avenue to Caroline Street to Mt. Vernon Avenue to Cavuga Street to Meigs Street to Linden Street where Father Amann will be met at his home and escorted to the church by way of South Goodman Street, Clinton Avenue and South Gregory Street.

Following the Mass, the Knights of St. John and the Ladies' Auxiliary will have a parade review outside the church for a parade review and exhibition drill under the supervision of Captain Wendell A. Magier.

Alton Schaefer will be in charge of Fraxidan Troop No. 28 of Little Boy Scouts while Eva Schreyer will supervise sixty girl scouts in the line of march.

The parade promises to be one of the most colorful in the history of the parish. It is expected that the streets will be crowded to capacity for the jubilee Mass.

These events substitute the usual observance of the jubilee in the form of a parade according to a program worked out this week by Monsignor Boppel.

Here's Line of March For Jubilee Parade

It is the line of march of the jubilee parade which will be held on Sunday morning, June 7, at 10:30 a. m. in Gregory Street.

The parade will start at the school hall in Whalen Street and will march to the church by way of South Goodman Street, Clinton Avenue and South Gregory Street.

Joseph Scott Speaker At Retreats' Dinner

Chicago Joseph Scott, promoter of the Laymen's Woodland Terrace League, will be the speaker at a banquet session on June 28 at the home of Mrs. J. J. Scott, 1215 S. 12th St.

The dinner will be given in honor of the League's 10th anniversary.

Boundary Lines of Church Not Changed

Boundary lines of St. Boniface Church when it was first organized have never been changed.

On the east and north the parish is bounded by Monroe Avenue and Whalen Street. On the west it is bounded by the Geneva Railroad and on the south there is no boundary line. In former years St. Boniface's territory included the present territory of St. Joseph's and St. Peter's.

ST. BONIFACE PASTORS

A list of the pastors of St. Boniface Church and the years of their incumbency follows:

Rev. John Klein 1861-1867
Rev. John P. Payer 1867-1875
Rev. Herman Ranker 1875-1894
Rev. Frederick Bauer 1894-1909
Rev. John F. Boppel 1909-

Saint Boniface Church



Shown above is a sketch of St. Boniface Church in Gregory Street. Inset on the left shows the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John F. Boppel, pastor of St. Boniface for twenty-seven years.

Organist Kreckel Has Won Renown In Church Music

Philip G. Kreckel, organist at St. Boniface Church and widely known in church music circles throughout the country, came to the church in 1909.

Mr. Kreckel was appointed in January, 1909, and Monsignor Boppel was named to his post on August 1 of the same year.

Mr. Kreckel is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory, Munich, Germany, where he studied four years. Many compositions have come from his pen including ten masses, hymns and offertories, and a set of three organ books entitled "Missa Triplex." These have become popular throughout the country.

Mr. Kreckel succeeded Frank Kreckel, his father, the first organist of the present church. The St. Boniface church organ was designed by John Singenberger and has fine tonal qualities with a total of 1275 pipes.

Musical Program For Jubilee Mass

Here is the musical program for the jubilee Mass as arranged by Philip G. Kreckel, organist at St. Boniface:

Organ Prelude — Alleluia
Mass: Kyrie — Gregorian
Asperges Me and Proper of Mass
Supplementary Offertory, Jubilate Deo — Frank Witt
Missa Festiva — Vincent Gallor
Postlude, St. Ann's Fugue — J. S. Bach

10 Priests Ordained From St. Boniface

Ten priests of the Rochester diocese were members of St. Boniface Church and received their early training in St. Boniface school.

Besides Father Amann, who is to be ordained Saturday, the list includes the Rev. Benedict Rhmann, now studying church music in New York; the Rev. George M. Kalb, librarian at St. Bernard's Seminary; the Rev. Father Doser; the Rev. Charles Lighthow; the Rev. Joseph Rhy; the Rev. William Frank; the Rev. Arthur Kreckel; the Rev. Bernard LeFrais; and the Rev. Eugene Giel.

When tribulations, afflictions and contradictions come we must not run away in a fright but vanquish them like men.

Brilliant Chapters In Church History

Parade To Precede Church Services and Drill Exhibit on to Follow. Father Schmitt Will Preach The Jubilee Sermon

The start of the Civil War was more than a year away when twenty-three men met on the night of December 30, 1859.

These men—either native born Germans or of Germanic descent—were living in the southeast section of Rochester. To them had fallen the lot of blazing a trail of Catholicism in this sparsely settled area.

The nearest Catholic church—St. Joseph's—was several miles away. They wanted a church of their own in this neighborhood that had chosen to rear their families and seek their fortunes.

Little was accomplished at that first meeting so a second was called and to that session came 123 men who pledged themselves to the church building project. They asked the Redemptorist fathers of St. Joseph's to organize the parish and take charge.

This were planted the seeds from which St. Boniface Church sprang.

Bishop Gives Consent

Rochester in those days did not constitute a separate diocese but was a part of the diocese of Buffalo under the jurisdiction of Bishop John Timon. From Bishop Timon the Redemptorists secured permission to organize St. Boniface parish.

On May 12, 1860, Father Max Leimgruber, rector of the Redemptorists, purchased the site for the first St. Boniface Church. It was a parcel, 84 by 160 feet on Grand Street (now Gregory Street) just opposite Nicholson Street. The purchase was made from William Nicholson for \$1,000.

Then started the work of building the first church on that site which is just west of the present church. A little more than a year later—June 9, 1861—just as the battle drums of the Civil War thundered their message of bullets and blood over a nation divided on the slavery issue, Bishop Timon dedicated the first St. Boniface Church.

Church School Opened

The structure was of brick with three tiers of windows. Besides the church proper the building also contained the pastor's quarters in the front and the school in the rear. The people of St. Boniface attached such importance to the Catholic schooling of their children that the first pupils were received several months after the opening of the church.

Mr. Charles Koesterer was the first teacher in the school. He also acted as church organist.

St. Boniface Church obtained its first resident pastor in the person of Father John Klein who came with the opening of the church and continued to administer to the people throughout the trying period of the Civil War. In 1865 he was succeeded by the Rev. John Florian Payer.

Sisters of Notre Dame came to St. Boniface in 1867 after Father Payer's death.

The Rev. William F. Gieseler, pastor of St. Boniface from 1867 to 1874, was the first to build a frame house about 1867. This was the first church building erected on the site. It was a simple structure of 80 by 100 feet.

The first convent was located in the frame house about 1867. It was a simple structure of 80 by 100 feet. After the death of the first pastor, the Rev. Payer resigned to become pastor of the mother house of the Sisters of Notre Dame at Mount St. Ursula.

St. Boniface Feast Observed Friday

The feast of St. Boniface was observed on Friday, June 5, at St. Boniface Church.

St. Boniface Church Societies

St. Boniface Benevolent Society
St. Boniface Club
Catholic Boy Scouts
Catholic Girl Scouts
St. Herman's Benevolent Society
Knights of St. John, St. Boniface Commandery No. 17
Ladies' Auxiliary No. 17
St. Joseph's Benevolent Society
Sacred Heart League
Sacred Heart Society
Society of Our Lady
Rosary Society
Footlight Club

Bells Moved Into Tower

Then came the task of moving the bells into the tower. These bells, which were cast in 1861, were moved into the tower in 1867. The bells were cast in 1861 and were moved into the tower in 1867.

The present convent at the extreme west end of the property was built in 1900. In 1920, an addition to the convent was built. At present there are fifteen Sisters of Notre Dame in charge of the school. The present home of the United German-American Societies in Gregory Street opposite the church was the original St. Boniface Hall. It was built in 1900. With the opening of quarters in the new school building was sold to its present owners.

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