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Midnight Masses To Usher In Christmas

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The Holy Feast of Christmas will be ushered in at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral where His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney will pontificate at the Solemn Midnight Mass and in the other churches of the diocese with Solemn High Masses beginning at midnight.

Joyous Christmas music, especially arranged, will herald the coming of the Divine Babe of Bethlehem in the various churches. Christmas pageants in which the Christmas Crib will be the focal point will be presented to enhance the ceremonies prior to the celebration of the Holy Mass. (Christmas musical programs will be found on Page 7.

At the Pro-Cathedral the Bishop will be assisted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, pastor, as assistant priest; the Very Rev. Edward Lyons, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary, and the Rev. John P. O'Beirne as deacons of honor; students of St. Bernard's Seminary as deacon and subdeacon and the Rev. Earl C. Ritz, assistant pastor at the Pro-Cathedral. Students of St. Andrew's Seminary will fill the minor offices.

The Christmas sermon will be delivered by Bishop Kearney.

A special musical program will be presented by the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral choir under the direction of Frank J. De Marle.

To Sing Carols

Christmas carols will be sung at St. Patrick's Church, Plymouth Avenue North near Brown Street, from 11:30 to 12 o'clock, Christmas Eve, by a special choir with Charles John Sullivan, tenor, as soloist.

Preceding the Midnight Mass there will be a procession to the Crib with characters of the Nativity being represented by children of St. Patrick's parish.

The Solemn High Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Alphonsus Crimmens, assisted by the Rev. James O'Connell and students of St. Bernard's Seminary. Boys of the parish attending St. Andrew's Seminary will be in the minor offices.

The sermon will be preached by Father O'Connell.

The Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor announces that the Mass to be sung will be Von's Missa Melodica with students of St. Andrew's Seminary singing the proper and the Schola Cantorum, the ordinary.

A procession to the Crib will precede the Solemn High Mass at St. Francis Xavier's Church, with boys of St. Francis School and the choir singing the traditional Christmas hymns.

The Solemn Midnight Mass at St Francis Xavier's will be celebrated by the Rev David Singerhoff, with the Rev Albert L. Simonotti, deacon and the Rev. Arthur Ratigan as subdeacon. Father Ratigan will preach the sermon.

Solemn Midnight Mass at St. Andrew's Church on Portland Avenue will be featured again this year with solemn procession and the beautiful Christmas pageant portraying the "Little Angels" and Mary and Joseph. The procession will wind through the aisles of the church to the Crib at Bethlehem where all will pause and adore the new born Saviour of the World. It is regarded as a signal honor to portray the characters of Mary and Joseph in this pageant.

As the procession moves toward the crib a sweet-voiced soprano will softly announce the "Silent Night," caught up in joyful refrain by the large choir.

Hours of the Masses on Christmas Day at St. Andrew's are announced by the Rev. George W Eckl, pastor, as follows: Midnight 6, 7, 8:30, 9:45 and Solemn High at 11 o'clock.

Special musical programs will be heard at St. Monica's and SS. Peter and Paul's Churches, Rochester, and St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, in Elmira, in addition to the other churches in the diocese.

The Christmas Nativity spectacle at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral in which His Excellency, Bishop Kearney takes part, will begin at 7:30 o'clock on Friday evening, Dec. 23. The Rev. George Fisher, C.S.C., will preach the sermon.

Musa Members Set Holiday Meet

Retiring officers of Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra will be honored at the Caravan's "Holiday Party" on Wednesday evening, December 28 at Hotel Sagamore.

Grand Commander Otto A. Shults will present gifts to retiring Master of the Wardrobe Alfred J. Doud, Sentinel of the Tower Joseph Harkins and Sentinel of the Desert George Schroeder.

Entertainment appropriate to the occasion will be presented by Master of the Oasis Anthony F. Furstoss.

Plans for the new year including a membership effort, dinner dance in February and special meetings will be outlined.

Final Rites Held For Joseph Krewer

Funeral services for Joseph S. Krewer, aged 49, who died Dec. 12 were held on Friday morning, Dec. 16 at the family home, 130 Hazelwood Terrace and at Corpus Christi Church.

Mr. Krewer was the father of Miss Florence Krewer of the Columbus Civic Center staff.

Besides his daughter he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Blanche Ulrich Krewer, another daughter, Miss Estelle Krewer; two brothers, John and Raymond and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Solfrank.

WHAM Broadcasts Midnight Mass At St. Patrick's Church

Midnight Mass will be broadcast over Station WHAM from St. Patrick's Church, Plymouth Avenue North at Brown Street beginning at 12 o'clock Christmas Eve and continuing until 1 A. M.

Special Christmas music will be sung by the Schola Cantorum and the St. Andrew's Seminary choir.

Arrangements for the broadcast have been made by the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor of St. Patrick's and managing editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

BISHOP IS PRESENT

As Two Churches Mark Anniversaries

St. Lucy's Church climaxed its silver jubilee celebration Sunday at Solemn High Mass and St. Monica's Church marked its fortieth anniverrary with church services and a "burning of the mortgage" ceremony, Thursday evening of last week.

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney was present at both services.

Stressing the courage and perseverance of those early parishioners who made St. Monica's parish possible, the Bishop lauded the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy saying that "no work had been too severe or no task too large for him to undertake," at the ceremony in St. Monica's hall.

More than 1,000 persons were in attendance. Monsignor Brophy expressed his heartfelt gratitude to his three assistant pastors, to the nuns and to the parishioners who had made possible the burning of the mortgage. He held the document in his hand and Mayor Lester B. Rapp lighted it as the Bishop looked on.

A capacity congregation was present in St. Lucy's Church for the Solemn Jubilee Mass celebrated by the pastor, the Rev. Benedict Maselli assisted by the Rev. Sebastian Contegiacomo, C.PP.S., as deacon and the Rev. Alfredo Morotti as subdeacon.

Bishop Kearney reviewing the history of the parish emphasized the spiritual value it has been to the neighborhood. Pastor and parishioners were highly lauded by His Excellency and he extended his Christmas greetings to all present.

Present in the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev Msgr William M Hart, Vicar General the Rt Rev Msgr. William F Hergan, Chancellor of the diocese and the Rev Lawrence B. Casey, Vice Chancellor

A special musical program was presented by St Lucy's Choir directed by Professor Ferrarese

In charge of the affair at St Monica's Church was William E Caufield with former County Judge Philip H Donnelly as toastmaster

After the Bishop had given Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament assisted by the Rev J. Emil Gefell and the Rev. Edward T. Meagher, the people adjourned to the gaily decorated hall for the mortgage ceremony.

Academy Choir To Sing At Batavia

The Gregorian Choir of Nazareth Academy has accepted the invitation of the Rev. Richard W. Whalen, Catholic Chaplain, to sing the Midnight Mass at the U. S. Veterans' Facility in Batavia.

A chartered bus will transport the choir to and from Batavia on Christmas Eve. The program:

Silent Night — Gruber
Gregorian Choir
Introit, "Dominus dixit" — Gregorian
Kyrie, Gloria — Montani
Graduale, "Tecum principium" — 8th Psalm Tone
Credo (No. 3) — Gregorian
Offertory, "Lactentur Coeli" — Bonvin, S.J.
Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei — Montani
Communion, "In Splendoribus" — Gregorian

Forman Employes Get Christmas Gift

Prospects for a merrier Merry Christmas were realized by more than 300 employees of B. Forman Co. Tuesday night when officials distributed substantial Christmas bonus checks.

90th Anniversary Marked By Livonia Center Church

Deeds and sacrifices of their forefathers in establishing a church for their use and in gaining the ministrations of a priest were recounted for present parishioners of St. Michael's Church, Livonia Center on Sunday evening, Dec. 11 as they gathered to mark the 90th anniversary of the Parish's beginning.

The link between the past and the present and the achievements down through the years were brought out by the Rev. Michael Krieg, now pastor of Church of the Nativity, Brockport and oldest living former pastor of St. Michael's.

The anniversary was marked with Mass in the morning offered for all deceased pastors and parishioners. In the evening, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, vicar general of the Rochester diocese celebrated Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, assisted by two former pastors, the Rev. George McCall of Waterloo and the Rev. John Smith of Dansville.

Former Pastors Attend

Present in the sanctuary were the Rev John Ball who represented St. Rose's Church, Lima, the mother parish of the locality, and the Rev. Emmett Magee, present pastor of St Michael's Church.

In his sermon given at the Benediction services, Father Krieg called the Catholic history of the locality and pointed out that long before the white man had settled the region. French missionaries had celebrated Mass for their Indian converts living at the fort of Hemlock Lake.

Citing the extreme poverty of many of the parish's founders, Father Krieg pointed to their sacrifices both of a monetary nature and of their own willing labor, which he said, had sanctified every stone and timber incorporated in the church. These deeds should be not only a source of pride to the present generation, but an example that they would do well to imitate.

'A Priceless Heritage'

Father Krieg said that the faith and zeal of their forefathers in their little church should be handed on as a priceless heritage by the present to future generations.

Following Benediction, Monsignor Hart congratulatd the parish of Livonia Center on the ninety years of its religious life. He explained that the primary reason for their love and affection for their church was that it was the home standing as it does among their own, of their Eucharistic King.

Again, he said, it is intimately bound up with their daily lives from the cradle to the grave from the sacrament of Baptism to the last prayers of Mother Church chanted over their mortal remains within its hallowed walls.

He likewise explained to them that the name of the patron St Michael meant in the Hebrew tongue "Who is like to God" and that it should be a constant reminder of the greatness of God whom they should zealously love and serve all the days of their lives.

MRS. HOCK NAMED

To Head Nazareth College Guild

At the annual business meeting of the Nazareth College Guild held Friday evening, the officers for 1939 were elected. Mrs. Louis C Hock was elected president, Mrs. Frederick H Lintz, vice-president, Mrs. Frank J G. Connor, secretary, and Mrs. William M Molloy, treasurer.

Serving on the board of directors will be: Mrs. Frank S Burgett, Mrs. Donald A Byrne, Mrs. Edward C Edelman, Mrs. Anthony W. Fromen, Mrs. Henry M Furlong, Mrs. Frank S Gottry, Mrs. James P Jones, Mrs. Joseph J Judge, Mrs. James F Morrow, Mrs. Frank A Norton, Mrs. John H. Odenbach and Mrs. Leonard G Toomey.

The fourth of a series of card parties sponsored by the Guild for the benefit of the Building Fund will take place January 9th at the College in Augustine Street. Mrs. Leonard G Toomey will act as general chairman.

China Institute Opens

Peking: Simple but highly impressive ceremonies marked the opening of the new Clerical Institute here, reports Lumen Service. The Institute is designed to give young Chinese priests, especially those engaged in school and seminary work, an opportunity to specialize in Chinese studies and in the various branches of science.

Parish Reviews Catholic Progress Made in 90 Years

Causes for rejoicing in St Michael's parish, Livonia Center on the occasion of the Church's 90th anniversary is brought out in reviewing the steady progress down through the years, the sacrifices made, and the zeal displayed on the part of past and present pastors and parishioners.

In 1848, John Whalen, B. Colligan, John Meagher, M. Martin, John McGinty and Daniel Whalen went to Livonia as pioneer Catholic families. During the early part of that year they went to Lima to assist at the celebration of mass, in the cooper shop of John Brennan. In the latter part of the same year Father O'Connor made Livonia a mission, and Mass was regularly said in the home of John Whalen until the church was built in 1857.

In September of 1859, the members of the congregation assembled in the store of Wm Ryan and decided that they ought to have a church. With the moneys subscribed by these Catholic pioneer families, Father McGuire purchased a lot from Robert Hoare (where the school house now stands) at Livonia Center and a cozy little structure, 35x40 feet, was erected.

First Resident Pastor

On June 27, 1871, Father Nicholas Bryne became the first resident pastor, and purchased the present rectory from Dr C H Richmond. During the pastorate of Father Seymour (1875-77) the church was moved to its present location and enlarged by twenty feet. Father Seymour also built St William's church at Conesus, with only eleven families to assist him. During the pastorate of Father Murphy, who succeeded Father Seymour, all debts upon the church properties at Livonia Center, Conesus and Honeoye Flats were cancelled and during his time also the cemetery property was purchased.

Father Joseph Hendrick succeeded Father Murphy in 1884 and during the fourteen years of his pastorate he endeared himself to Catholics and non Catholics alike and was affectionately known as "Father Joe."

Father Garvey became pastor in 1898 and during his time property was purchased at Livonia Station for $2,300 and a building fund of $1,900 was accumulated for the erection of St Joseph's church in Livonia. It was during the pastorate of the Rev Michael Krieg (1911-12) that St Joseph's church was erected and was dedicated by the Most Rev Thomas F Hickey on March 24, 1912.

Improvements Made

In 1915, Rev. George McCall went to St. Michael's as pastor and at the same time took care of the spiritual welfare of the Catholics at Honeoye Flats, the Rev Patrick Smith became the first resident pastor of St Joseph's church at Livonia, and had as a mission St. William's church at Conesus. During the pastorate of Father McCall the interior of St. Michael's was completely renovated, new windows installed and electricity was installed in the church and rectory. During the pastorate of Rev. John Smith, who came to St. Michael's in 1929 much needed repairs were made to the rectory and church, which included laying of carpet in the sanctuary and church proper, extensive repairs in the rectory and the beautifying of the church grounds generally. The present pastor Father Emmet Magee succeeded Father Smith in 1935.

Men To Keep Vigil New Year's Eve

While some of the citizens of this so-called Christian nation are celebrating New Year's Eve in the Saturnalian style of the pagans of ancient Rome, the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society will be keeping an all-night vigil before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's Church.

The men will maintain the watch from 10 P. M. until 5 A. M., the following morning, at which time Mass will be said. At each hour the Office of the Blessed Sacrament is recited in unison followed by prayers for the sick or departed members.

New members will be received into the Society by the Rev. Director of the Society Leo C. Mooney, at 9:30 P. M. All Catholic men are invited to be present for any hour at any time throughout the night.

Priests Address Livestock Handlers

CHICAGO. -- Two young Catholic priests addressed a meeting Sunday of the livestock handlers who are participating in the lockout of the livestock handlers in the stockyards.

They were the Rev. John Michael Hayes and the Rev. William Boyd, leaders in Catholic labor activities.

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BAUSCH, Joseph C., died Dec. 16. Funeral, Dec. 19 at St. Patrick's Church.
BROUGH, Mrs. Margaret, wife of William J., died Dec. 17. Funeral, Dec. 21 at Holy Apostles Church.
DOLLARD, Mrs. Mary, wife of William, died Dec. 18. Funeral, Dec. 21 at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport.
DOTY, Ellsworth, husband of Mary, died Dec. 17. Funeral, Dec. 20 at Holy Rosary Church.
FELL, George R., husband of Jennie, died Dec. 13. Funeral, Dec. 16 at the Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Church.
FLEMING, Elizabeth, died Dec. 14. Funeral, Dec. 19 at St. Ann's Chapel.
FOX, Jacob, husband of Abbie, died Dec. 14. Funeral, Dec. 19 at SS. Peter and Paul's Church.
GREEN, Mrs. Frances H., died Dec. 17. Funeral, Dec. 20 at St. Anne's Church.
KECK, Jacob C., husband of Catherine, died Dec. 12. Funeral, Dec. 15 at Holy Family Church.
KENNEY, Mrs. Anna, died Dec. 16. Funeral, Dec. 19 at the Church of the Assumption.
KREWER, Joseph S., husband of Blanche, died Dec. 13. Funeral, Dec. 16 at Corpus Christi Church.
HAMPTON, William M., husband of Dorothy, died Dec. 16. Funeral, Dec. 20 at St. Ambrose Church.
LOOMIS, Mary E., died Dec. 14. Funeral, Dec. 17 at St. Charles Borromeo Church.
MOSCA, Charles, died Dec. 13. Funeral, Dec. 17 at St. Anthony's Church.
MURRAY, Anna, wife of Francis, died Dec. 12. Funeral, Dec. 18 at St. Patrick's Church, Macedon.
MURRAY, Thomas J., husband of Lillian, died Dec. 14. Funeral, Dec. 17 at St. Cyril's Church, Oakland.
NICASTRO, Angela, husband of Jennie, died Dec. 13. Funeral, Dec. 16 at St. Ambrose Church.
PASQUARELLA, Richard, husband of Christine, died Dec 18. Funeral, Dec. 21 at SS. Peter and Paul's Church.
QUITALDI, Agnes, died Dec. 14. Funeral, Dec. 16 at St. Bridget's Church.
RANDALL, Ray E., husband of Rose, died Dec. 8. Funeral, Dec. 12 at St. Monica's Church.
RIGNEY, Catherine, died last week. Funeral, Dec. 19 at St. Basil's Church, Los Angeles.
RYAN Thomas, died Dec 16 Funeral, Dec. 19 at St. Mary's Church, Elmira.
SCHMITT, George A., died Dec. 11. Funeral, Dec. 14 at SS. Peter and Paul's Church.
SHELLY, John, died last week at Livonia. Funeral, Dec. 16 at St. Michael's Church.
SPRINGSTEAD, Ethe, wife of Ward R., died Dec. 14. Funeral, Dec. 17 at St Mary's Church.
VIZZINI, Nicholas, died Dec. 15. Funeral, Dec. 19 at St. Anthony's Church.
WALKER, Mrs. Emma W., died Dec. 18. Funeral, Dec. 21 at Holy Rosary Church.
WEGMAN, Mary Jane, died Dec. 14. Funeral, Dec. 17 at Holy Family Church.
WEIDENBACH, Margaret, wife of William, died Dec. 12. Funeral, Dec. 15 at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

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