

The Churches

celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the church.

The Most Rev. James E. Kearney blessed the bells. In his address on that occasion he eulogized the exemplary life of Cardinal Hayes, and linked the tolling of the new bells with the passing of the beloved Cardinal of Charity.

The Rev. Edward Waters and the Rev. Robert Fennerty are assistant pastors of St. Augustine's. Masses are at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock in winter and in summer there is an additional Mass at 6 o'clock.

ST. BONIFACE

Under the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Messrs. John F. Boppel, St. Boniface Church in Gregory Street continues its steady advance.

This church was founded in 1860 with the Rev. John P. Klein as its first pastor. It was started by Redemptorist fathers — the Rev. Max Leininger and the Rev. Albert Schaeffler. The Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid dedicated the first church on June 9, 1861.

Father Klein was appointed the first resident pastor, and in the fall of that year opened the school with one lay teacher. In July, 1865, he was succeeded as pastor by the Rev. Florian John Payer, at whose invitation the School Sisters of Notre Dame took charge of the school Sept. 2, 1866.

At that time there were 80 boys and 64 girls in the school. When Father Payer resigned as pastor, Bishop McQuaid appointed the Rev. Herman Renker as his successor, and his pastorate was continued until the present church building was erected and dedicated by Bishop McQuaid Dec. 18, 1887.

Father Renker died April 17, 1893, and he was succeeded by the Rev. Frederick R. Rauber, former assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Danville, N. Y. During his pastorate a convent for the school teachers and a parish hall were erected.

Because of ill health, Father Rauber resigned in 1909. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey appointed Father Boppel pastor August 1, 1909. Construction of the present school building was begun in the fall of 1922. Bishop Hickey dedicated it October 12, 1924.

Assistant pastors of St. Boniface are the Rev. Eugene N. Goldberg, the Rev. Frederick L. Walz, and the Rev. Frank J. Taylor. Masses are at 6, 7:30, 9 and 10:30 o'clock in summer and winter.

ST. BRIDGET'S

Through all the changes which have come in its neighborhood, St. Bridget's Church at 37 Gorham Street, has been functioning since it was founded there in 1854.

The parish school, located at 54 Hand Street, provides for 217 pupils who are in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph.

The Rev. Gerald T. Brennan, Ph.D., is pastor, and the Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald is assistant pastor.

Masses are at 7:30, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock during all seasons.

ST. CHARLES BORRONEO

When Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey was in Italy he called on the Archbishop of Milan and also visited many historic places associated with the life of St. Charles Borromeo, Cardinal Archbishop of Milan from 1560 to 1584.

Much impressed with what he saw, Archbishop Hickey said that he would name a church of his diocese in honor of the great St. Charles upon his return.

The Archbishop of Milan, much honored because of this honor, presented Archbishop Hickey a very beautiful stole which was blessed by a bull when St.

Charles was shot, but not killed by his enemies.

That relic is now in the Church of St. Charles Borromeo, 3003 Dewey Avenue Boulevard, which is the church which was founded in 1925, shortly after the return of Archbishop Hickey to Rochester.

About the same time St. Charles School was established.

The Rev. John M. Sellinger was transferred from Sodus to become its first pastor. He was succeeded by the Rev. William Doran in 1929, who was transferred to St. Anne's at Palmyra after 10 years of devoted service.

The Rev. Robert A. Keleher is the present pastor, with the Rev. Earl M. Tobin assistant pastor.

If the Church continues to grow — as there is every reason to believe that it will — it is proposed to erect a church at Dewey Avenue and Maiden Lane.

The school has increased from 175 to 400 pupils. On April 14, 1938, a disastrous fire destroyed the whole interior of the school. But it was rebuilt and the rebuilt school was dedicated by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney in September, 1938.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Although St. Francis De Sales Chapel for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is a chapel of St. Joseph's Church in Franklin Street, it is considered as distinct from that church.

It was founded in 1930 for the purpose indicated in its title. Attendance of those for whom its services are intended shows how much it is appreciated.

The Rev. William A. Doherty, C.S.S.R., is chaplain, and the Rev. Gerald J. Kuhn, C.S.S.R., is assistant.

Masses are at 9 o'clock throughout the year.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Francis of Assisi Italian Church, located at 83 Whitney Street, was founded in 1929 — one of a number of churches brought into existence in this diocese at that time.

Its pastor is the Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, Ph.D., with the Rev. John M. Merklinger assistant pastor.

Masses are at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock in winter and at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10:30 in summer.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

St. Francis Xavier Church, Bay and Teresa Streets, was the fourteenth church erected by the Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid in the advance of the Catholic Church in Rochester.

The Rev. Matthias Hargrather was the first pastor. The first church — a combination church and school — was built in 1888. The school and hall were built in 1890, and the convent was constructed in 1902.

The new church, which is the present structure, was erected in 1914 by the Rev. Michael Kriscel.

St. Francis Xavier's celebrated its Golden Jubilee during the week of Oct. 28, 1938, with the Rev. Theodore Winterroth, first boy of the parish to be ordained, celebrating Solemn Jubilee Mass.

The Rev. Patrick Moffatt is now pastor and the assistant pastors are the Rev. Albert Simonetti and the Rev. David Singerhoff.

Following is the list of former pastors: The Rev. Matthias Hargrather, the Rev. Joseph Netael, the Rev. Michael Kriscel, the Rev. Francis Kunz and the Rev. George Weinmann.

Masses are at 7:30, 8:30, 9:15, 10:15 and 11 o'clock in winter and at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:15, 10:15 and 11 o'clock in summer.

ST. GEORGE'S LITHUANIAN

Support for organization of St. George's Lithuanian Church, 537 Hudson Avenue, Rochester, was pledged at a meeting of 140 Lith-

uanians at Holy Redeemer Hall, October 17, 1906.

A committee composed of Walter Stanley, Joseph Ricki, Anthony Stucka, Adam Norwich and Adam Butrim was named to collect funds.

With funds that were pledged, they purchased various lots, then visited the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, who approved all that had been accomplished and blessed their endeavors.

The Rev. Vincent Vizgirda was appointed the first pastor in January, 1908. He remained only three months and was succeeded by the Rev. Joseph Krasnickas, who stayed for a similar period.

Holy Redeemer Hall was rented for services. Much aid and encouragement was given by Father Staub, Lithuanian priests came from different sections, hearing confessions twice yearly.

The Rev. J. F. Goggin of St. Bernard's Seminary was accustomed to celebrate Mass for the Lithuanians. This type of Catholic life lasted until May, 1910, when the Rev. Joseph Kasakaitis was appointed pastor.

Enthusiasm was revived, and during the first year he constructed a combination building consisting of church, school and basement used for a hall. He built the rectory in 1925.

After many years of priestly labor and sacrifices he died on April 25, 1930.

The present pastor, the Rev. John M. Baskys, came from Hartford, Conn., as his successor. Since there was no school, although the building was equipped for a school, he invited the Franciscan Sisters of Pittsburgh to come and teach, then built a convent for them. In 1934 he built a new church on Hudson Avenue at Weeger Street.

The Rev. Francis Valukevicius is assistant pastor.

Masses are at 8, 9:30 and 10:30 in winter and at 7, 8, 9:30 and 10:30 in summer.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

When a permanent rectory and convent are erected on the three-acre site of St. John the Evangelist's Church, in Humboldt Street, its physical properties will be complete.

These improvements are planned for a future date on the three-acre site owned by the church.

St. John's, of which the Rev. John Bernard Sullivan is pastor, was founded on June 28, 1914. In October, 1925, construction of a new church building was started to take the place of the combination church and school building which had served the needs of the church since the beginning.

Immediately the church auditorium of the combination building was divided into four separate classrooms, giving the entire school building to school purposes. Two additions were built on the school — one in 1925 and the other in 1927, increasing the capacity to twelve rooms.

The new church, with its temporary sanctuary, was dedicated June 18, 1927. A Boston flat, which was purchased in August, 1922, has been used as a convent since.

The Rev. Joseph T. Maloney and the Rev. John J. Leary are assistant pastors of St. John's. Masses are at 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock during the winter and at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock in summer.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Founding of St. Joseph's Church in Rochester more than a hundred years ago was due to a break in the old Erie Canal.

Father Prost, C.S.S.R., was traveling on the canal on his way to Green Bay, Wisconsin, when the break occurred and there was a long delay in Rochester. Hearing that a large number of German Catholics were here, he visited them and learned they were without a church.

He preached to them, and they begged him to stay. But that was impossible because he was superior of all the Redemptorists in the United States. He did promise that he would do all in his power to have a priest and pastor sent to them — and kept his word.

After being relieved of his duties as superior of the Redemptorists of the country, Father Prost returned to Rochester, organized the congregation and became the first pastor.

In those old days there were numerous controversies between priests and trustees — under an old system — and this church had its share. But they were all cleared away, and in 1843 the cornerstone of the present church was laid.

Since then Redemptorist Fathers have served the people of this church with marked success. From St. Joseph's in the course of the years, 28 Redemptorist Fathers have come, and twelve priests of various religious orders and the secular clergy. There have been 14 religious brothers and 132 religious sisters.

St. Joseph's has a thriving and well equipped commercial school in addition to the parish school, both conducted by Sisters of Notre Dame.

The former St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum has now been merged with St. Mary's and St. Patrick's asylums. The Fathers of St. Joseph care for the deaf mutes of Rochester in St. Francis De Sales Chapel.

This church is today the center of devotion of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Favours innumerable attest that it is near and dear to her Motherly Heart.

John Nepomucene Neuman C.S.S.R., fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, labored here. He is well on his way to becoming a canonized saint of the Church, having been declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XV in 1921.

The Very Rev. Stephen Aulbach, C.S.S.R., is pastor. The assistant pastors are the Rev. Joseph Winiacki, C.S.S.R.; the Rev. John Lynch, C.S.S.R.; the Rev. Michael Kleemann, C.S.S.R.; the Rev. William Doherty, C.S.S.R.; the Rev. John Healy, C.S.S.R.; the Rev. John Brennan, C.S.S.R.; the Rev. Matthew Weber, C.S.S.R., and the Rev. Gerard Kuhn, C.S.S.R.

Masses are at 4:30, 5:30, 6, 7:30, 9 and 11 o'clock. The Mass at 9 o'clock is for deaf mutes.

ST. LUCY'S

St. Lucy's Italian Church, located at 253 Troup Street, Rochester, was founded in 1913, with the Rev. Dr. Mario Catalano as the first pastor.

Its Silver Jubilee was celebrated in December, 1938.

The Rev. Benedict Maselli is the present pastor.

Masses are at 7:30, 8:45 and 10:45 throughout all seasons of the year.

ST. MARGARET MARY

When much construction was in progress in Irondequoit in 1929, St. Margaret Mary Church was built. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey established the parish. Its tenth anniversary was this year.

Bishop John Francis O'Hern named the Rev. Charles J. Bruton Ph.D., M.R., as its first pastor and the work of organizing the activities of the parish were shortly under way — with construction of the church and a separate school building among the first of them.

Immediately large congregations — for a community of this size — began to worship at the new Church. The Men's Club and Altar Society are active organizations, carrying on many activities to promote the welfare of the Church.

Father Bruton continues as pastor, with the Rev. William D. Bolger assistant pastor.

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