

Newark, Rushville and Shortsville. He died January 12, 1895. The Rev. Felix O'Hanlon was his successor, building the present church and rectory.

CHURCHES

The name of the church was changed from St. Agnes to St. Felix. Father O'Hanlon died in May 24, 1922. His successor was the Rev. John O'Donoghue, who died March 24, 1924.

He was succeeded by the present pastor, the Rev. James M. O'Brien. Masses are at 7:30 and 10 o'clock on Sundays in all seasons.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Founded in 1852, St. John the Evangelist Church at Clyde, N. Y., occupies the fine church structure which was built in 1860. The Rev. J. F. O'Connell was long pastor of the church, which grew notably during his pastorate.

The Rev. Joseph V. Curtin is the present pastor, with the Rev. Ralph J. Meyer assistant pastor. Masses are at 7, 8:30 and 10:30 o'clock in winter and at 8:30 and 10:30 in summer.

ST. PIUS

Over an extended period, St. Pius' Church at Cohocton has been meeting the spiritual needs of the people of that community and the surrounding territory.

The Rev. William F. Frank is now its pastor, conducting Masses at 8 and 9 o'clock in winter and at the same time in summer. Religious instruction is given to 55 Catholic children attending public schools.

ST. MARY'S

After ninety years, St. Mary's Mother of Mercy Church at West First and State Streets, Corning, carries on the work of the ancient faith with growing success.

This church was founded on July 24, 1849, with the Rev. Thomas Cunningham as the first pastor. One of the sensations of these early times occurred on the night of Sept. 22, 1855, when a chalice and candlesticks were stolen from the church. Only the latter were recovered.

The first mission was on March 18, 1857, conducted by Francis can Fathers.

Father Colgan was the first permanent rector, with his appointment announced by the Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo on March 27, 1862.

Work on the present church was started on June 10, 1866, and the building was completed June 12, 1870. It was dedicated by Bishop Ryan on October 8, 1872, and on that occasion Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid of Rochester preached on "Rome and Her Church."

The present school was built in 1882.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Griffin is now pastor of St. Mary's Mother of Mercy Church. Masses are at 7, 8:30 and 10:30 throughout the year, on Sundays and at 6, 7, 9 and 12:15 on Holy Days.

ST. PATRICK'S

The story of St. Patrick's Church at Corning extends far into the past, but the exact date of its founding is uncertain.

Located at 274 Denison Parkway, Corning, it has a good church property consisting of church and school which has 209 pupils.

The Rev. Edward A. Rawlinson is pastor, with the Rev. Bernard Newcomb assistant pastor. Masses on Sundays are at 7, 8:30 and 10:30 during all seasons.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S

St. Vincent De Paul's Church at 100 E. Ellicott Street, Corning, was founded in 1913.

It is the Rev. Michael [Name] is the pastor. Masses are at 8:30 and 10:30 in winter and at 8 and 9:30 in summer. The pastor is in charge of a school with 37 pupils.

When Danville was young, it is believed the Rev. P. Post, a Redemptorist father from Rochester, was the first priest to visit the Catholic residents of that locality.

ST. MARY'S

Another who went there and occasionally celebrated Mass in private homes was the Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, who was Bishop of Hartford, Conn., at the time of his death many years later.

The Rev. Edward O'Connor of Canandaigua, who attended missions at East Bloomfield and Rushville, also went to Danville at intervals. In 1845 St. Mary's Church was erected by German residents, assisted by a few Irish families.

The Rev. Edward O'Flaherty was its first pastor, continuing in that capacity until Irish members of the congregation decided to have a church of their own. Then he became pastor of St. Patrick's, the name chosen for the new congregation.

The Rev. Andrew Sweiger was named pastor of St. Mary's, and the church has been growing and expanding its activities through the years. A long succession of devout pastors contributed toward the record of accomplishments which is prized as a heritage.

A parochial school has been built, which now has more than 175 pupils in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The Rev. Edward M. Scheid is pastor, with the Rev. Joseph G. Merkel assistant pastor. Masses are at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 in winter and at 6:30, 8 and 10 in summer.

ST. PATRICK'S

Upon a portion of "Church Square," which Col. Nathaniel Rochester—founder of the City of Rochester—had given to Danville, St. Patrick's Church was erected in 1850.

Its members, most of whom were Irish, had been worshipping at services which had been conducted in a school building, also used as a church by German residents.

The Rev. Edward O'Flaherty was its pastor. Finally it was agreed that the Irish parishioners should have a church of their own. Accordingly, they built on the site which had been allotted to them.

Father O'Flaherty left in 1850. The Rev. Charles Tierney, who was his successor, attended Bath, Mt. Morris and Portage. After a successful pastorate in which many improvements were made in the church property, he was transferred to Portage.

Other pastors who administered to the spiritual needs of the people of Danville were Father Donnelly, the Rev. Richard Story, Father Moore, Father McLaughlin, Father McKenna, the Rev. Terrence Keenan, the Rev. Alloysius Somogel, the Rev. Daniel Dolan, the Rev. Michael Casey, the Rev. Michael Steger, Father Marshal, the Rev. Chrysotom Wagner, the Rev. Sergius de Slichouepkoop, noted Russian priest, the Rev. Joseph Albrigis, the Rev. Michael Bigger and the Rev. Simon Fitz Simons.

Then came the Rev. James H. Day, the Rev. James Dougherty and the Rev. William T. Dunn. The Rev. John A. Smith is now pastor. The parish school has more than 80 pupils. Masses are at 8 and 10:30 throughout the year.

ST. BRIDGET'S

For eighty-nine years, St. Bridget's Church at East Bloomfield has been the place of worship of the faithful of that community. It was founded in 1850.

The Rev. George Walter Doud is the pastor. Masses are at 8:30 and 10:30 in winter and at 8 and 9:30 in summer. The pastor is in charge of a school with 37 pupils.

ST. ANTHONY'S

St. Anthony's Italian Church, Washington and North Main Streets, Elmira, has progressed steadily since it was founded—in spite of a disastrous fire which caused \$15,000 damage.

Its beginning was in 1907, with the Rev. Ernest Ziegman as the first pastor. A site was purchased that year, and the house moved to the back of the lot and remodeled. During the first year the people worshipped at St. James Hall.

Father Ziegman was succeeded by Father Frezza, who bought the church site. In 1908, when the Rev. Adolph L. Gabbani became pastor, the work of building the church was begun. It was completed and dedicated in 1910.

It is a combination church, school and auditorium. An annex was built in 1921. In 1933 the fire occurred. When repairs were made the sanctuary and vestries were enlarged.

The Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, S.T.L., is now pastor, with the Rev. Francis L. Vogt, assistant pastor.

Others who have served as pastor are Father Gabbani, Father Naab, the Rev. Anthony Richard, the Rev. Charles Azzi and the Rev. Anthony Pece.

Masses in all seasons are at 7, 8, 9:15 and 10:30 o'clock.

ST. CASIMIR'S

Growth of St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, keeps pace with development of that city and needs of its Polish Catholic residents.

This church was founded in 1889—the year in which the Catholic Courier was born—by the late Rev. John Pitass of Buffalo. Up to that time the spiritual needs of Polish families in Elmira had been provided for by the pastor of the German Catholic Church in that city.

A small frame church was erected in 1890 on property at Davis Street and Roe Avenue, which the congregation purchased. At that time Elmira was under the jurisdiction of Bishop Ryan of Buffalo. Its pastors have included the Rev. B. Swinko, the Rev. Theopolis Machnikowski, the Rev. V. Zaleski and the Rev. Anthony Plucinski.

The Rev. John Gulez, who is still active in parish work in Wilmington, Del., was the first permanent pastor, named in March, 1894. He was succeeded by the Rev. Ignatius J. Klejna, who was pastor for fourteen years. He was transferred to St. Stanislaus parish, Rochester, in 1910.

With the late Rev. S. P. M. Rodzai as pastor, the present church was built. When he died in 1918, he was succeeded by the Rev. Joseph A. Balcerak. During his pastorate many improvements and additions were made. More property was bought, playgrounds laid out for the children. A beautiful convent for the Sisters was built in 1923. Six years later a modern school was built.

Father Balcerak was transferred to St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, in 1933. He was succeeded by the Rev. Ladislaus J. Szezepanski, who had been appointed pastor in June, 1925. The present assistant pastor is the Rev. John J. Civalinski.

Masses at St. Casimir's are at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 summer and winter.

ST. CECILIA'S

Families of many nationalities attend St. Cecilia's Church, 954 Lake Street, Elmira—and to their loyal co-operation its spiritual and financial success is attributed.

Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid established the parish and appointed the Rev. Jeremiah A. Maley pastor on May 5, 1904. Property of Lake Street was purchased and the building of a combination Church and school was begun. The cornerstone was laid Au-

gust 28, 1904, and the building was completed, and dedicated by Bishop McQuaid May 7, 1905. The new school was opened for the first time September 1, 1906, with Sisters of St. Joseph supervising, and Sister M. Rosalia in charge. There were 210 pupils.

Properties were later purchased for a convent and rectory. September 1, 1917, operation of the school was placed under supervision of the Sisters of Mercy.

During the pastorate of Father Maley his assistants were the Rev. J. Disselt, the Rev. George Eisler, the Rev. J. Dunn, the Rev. Maynard Connell, the Rev. R. Myers and the Rev. Charles Mahoney.

In 1928 a beautiful pipe organ was erected in the church. Father Maley was transferred to St. Ann's parish at Hornell in 1932, and the Rev. Arthur C. Smith became pastor of St. Cecilia's.

Assisting the pastor, the Rev. Thomas J. Toole, the Rev. Francis Harding, the Rev. Armond Benoit, the Rev. John J. Tressy have been assigned to this parish at intervals. The Rev. John Wheaton is now assistant pastor.

Masses are at 6:15, 8, 9:15 and 11 o'clock.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

St. John Bosco Chapel is located at Elmira Reformatory. The Rev. Francis J. Lane is its chaplain. Masses are at 8 and 9 o'clock through all seasons.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST

Members of the congregation of St. John the Baptist Church in Elmira look forward to celebration of the golden anniversary of its pastor, the Rev. John B. Stemmler, in December, 1940.

It is generally called "Father Stemmler's Church"—known as well by that name as by its legal title. He has been its beloved leader for more than 36 years, and a wealth of good deeds has endeared him to the people of Elmira.

German Catholics have been served by this church for more than 70 years.

As early as 1857 a German priest visited Elmira occasionally and urged German Catholics to organize a congregation. They bought property on Dickinson Street, the cornerstone of a church was laid in 1866 and the church was consecrated in 1868.

Eight pastors have succeeded him.

Because of growth of the congregation, expansion was necessary, and the cornerstone of the present church was laid on the site of Lake and Second Streets in 1891 and the church was consecrated by Bishop Ryan in 1892.

Located in a central location, St. John the Baptist Church serves a great number of downtown worshippers, who praise its devotional atmosphere, due in part to the beautiful statuary, Innsbruck windows and other appointments.

The St. John Benevolent Association is said to be the oldest church society in Elmira. Other church societies are also active.

The Rev. Raymond G. Heisel is assistant pastor of St. John the Baptist Church. Masses are at 7, 8:30 and 10 o'clock in winter and summer.

ST. MARY'S

During sixty-seven years of existence, St. Mary's Church at Elmira has had only three pastors. But each made a distinguished contribution to its development.

Back in 1872 the Rev. James McManus was pastor when it was founded, first building the old church in Fulton Street, the present church and the parochial residence.

Succeeded by the Rev. Michael O'Dwyer in 1880, he built the present school and convent.

Then, in 1907, the present pastor, the Rev. J. J. Moriarty, came

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