

The Churches

Masses are at 7:30, 9 and 11 o'clock throughout the year. St. CHARLES BORROMEO. St. Charles Borromeo Church at Elmira Heights was first made a part of the lives of its people in 1895. The Rev. Thomas J. Toole, Ph.D., M.A., is the pastor. Masses are at 8:30 and 10:30 in winter and at 7:30 and 9:30 in summer. ST. MARY'S. Catholics of Genesee, proud of their heritage, look back upon a past Allied with sacrifice. Before 1854, when St. Mary's Church was founded, they worshipped at homes of different members of the faith when a priest from Lima, Avon or Mount Morris came to say Mass or administer Sacraments. For a time they held services in the Court House, or "Session House" as it was called. Always a staunch friend was General James S. Wadsworth, who sent his carriage to meet the saintly Bishop John Timon whenever he came to Genesee to administer Confirmation. But there were also many enemies. During the absence of Gen. Wadsworth on a visit to Europe, the use of the Court House was denied Catholics. When he returned, saw a group of Catholics on their knees praying in front of a house, he learned the facts, then called on the priest and presented the Church with a lot on which to build a church, also donating \$500 for that purpose. Father McGuire was the priest who built this church, also erecting churches in Mount Morris and Lima. A long succession of pastors since has included the Rev. John Ryan, the Rev. Bernard McCool, the Rev. John Vahery, the Rev. Richard J. Storey, the Rev. Edward McGowan, the Rev. David O'Brien, the Rev. Michael McMeagher, the Rev. Matthias Musmasher, the Rev. J. A. Hickey, and the Rev. A. A. Hughes. The Rev. Henry J. Doerbecker is now pastor. He followed pastorates in recent years of the Rev. Ward Baier and the Rev. Stephen Byrne. George J. Jones, the Rev. J. Ed. The present church was completed in 1880. Father Musmasher built mission churches - All Saints in Escalerville and the Church of St. Raphael at Piffard. Masses in winter are at 8 and 10 o'clock; in summer at 7:30 and 9 o'clock. ST. FRANCIS DE SALES. St. Francis De Sales Church at Geneva advances into its second century—strong and progressive. This church was founded in 1835 and was identified with many of the early events in Geneva. The Rev. Francis O'Donoghue was its first pastor. During the pastoral charge of the Rev. James T. McManus from 1838 to 1890 the present church, school and rectory were built. He was succeeded by the Rev. William A. McDonald in 1890. In 1913, under the direction of Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, he founded the Frances de Sales High School with a charter from the Regents of the State of New York. It was the first parish high school outside of the city of Rochester. Father McDonald was succeeded by Msgr. Joseph Hendrick in 1917, who served with great devotion and zeal for nine years. The Rev. Walter J. Lee, V. L. D., was appointed pastor in 1927. The following year, in 1928, with the Rev. William J. Jones, pastor of St. Stephen's

Church, a new de Sales High School was built. It is conducted jointly by both parishes, and has an enrollment of 335 students. In 1935, when the Centennial of St. Francis de Sales parish was celebrated, the church was remodeled and redecorated, with replacement of all windows. The Rev. William J. O'Brien and the Rev. Ralph Nangle are assistant pastors. Masses in winter and summer are at 6, 7, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:45 o'clock. ST. STEPHEN'S. St. Stephen's Church was established at Geneva in 1904, meeting well the requirements for another Catholic Church in that growing city. It is located at 48 Pultney Street, and has an excellent school which provides for 338 pupils. The Rev. William H. McPadden is pastor, with the Rev. Raymond Nolan and the Rev. Daniel Fraher assistant pastors. Masses throughout the year are at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 o'clock. ST. ANTHONY'S. When financial conditions improve, St. Anthony's Church at Groton, Tompkins County, is going to build a small hall to care for the social needs of parishioners and to serve as a meeting place for the societies and religious education classes. In the beginning, priests went from Ithaca to care for the spiritual needs of Catholics of Groton. The Rev. James Toohey said the first Mass in the home of John Casey. Father Gilbert bought a lot of one acre for a new church, work on which was started in 1873 and finished in 1874 under Father Lynch. Father Moran was the first resident pastor, succeeded in turn by the Rev. John Kenney, the Rev. Frederick Rauber, the Rev. P. M. McManus, the Rev. T. F. Hickey, the Rev. J. J. McGrath, the Rev. John B. Doran, the Rev. Hugh Crowley, the Rev. T. M. O'Connor. The Rev. John M. Sellinger is the present pastor. During the pastorate of Father McManus, the rectory was built and a cemetery provided. Masses are at 8:30 and 10:30 summer and winter. ST. GABRIEL'S. When the Most Rev. James E. Kearney made his first visit to St. Gabriel's Church, Hammondsport—the occasion was Confirmation—he was called upon to dedicate a new hall that had just been finished at a cost of \$1,200. That was on April 23, 1939. Alterations which had prepared the basement of the church for usefulness in coming years was another manifestation of the progress of this church since it was founded in 1880. The Rev. J. Mullen was the first pastor. The Rev. William M. Cannan is the present pastor. During the pastorate of the Rev. G. W. Agler, which extended from 1883 to 1886, a frame church was erected at a cost of \$4,600. But that building burned to the ground while the Rev. James Kennedy was pastor. Immediate steps were taken by him toward rebuilding, and the present stone church in Sheather Street was completed by him in 1909. Mrs. Jules Masson presented the church a pipe organ which cost \$2,000 and was given as a memorial to her husband. V. E. Masson gave the sanctuary carpet, while electric light globes were the gift of L. J. Masson. Masses are at 9 and 11 o'clock on alternating Sundays during the winter and in July and August they are at 9 and 11 o'clock. ST. ANN'S. Through the vicissitudes of 97 years the people of the present

parish of St. Ann's Church in Hornellsville have had the regular administrations of a priest. This church was founded in 1849. But the Rev. Benedict Bayer began going to the home of Thomas Doorley at Webb's Crossing, about three miles north of Hornell, in 1843, and subsequently said Mass in the old school house where the present high school stands. In 1849 a little brick church was built at Buffalo and Cass Streets, with the Rev. Michael O'Brien as the first resident rector. The site of the parish church was changed to its present location when the second church was erected by the Rev. Michael Creedon, whose remains are interred under its high altar. During the pastorate the parochial school was housed in a four-room building on the present site, with Sisters of Mercy from Batavia taking charge. The church was enlarged to its present size in 1888. Under leadership of the Rev. Jeremiah A. Maley, M. R., as pastor, before he was taken ill, the church was enlarged to its present size. The church was remodeled and renovated in 1934 and its interior is now one of the most beautiful of any in the diocese. Plans are now being made to beautify the exterior. These are being made under the direction of the Rev. Andrew T. Dissett, Administrator. The Rev. John C. Newcomb, M. A., Ph. L. and the Rev. John P. O'Malley are assistant pastors. Masses are at 6, 7, 8:30, 10 and 11 o'clock throughout the year. ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA. One of the newest churches in the Diocese of Rochester which is progressing in varied activities is St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, founded at Hornell in 1931. Located at Grand and West Pine Streets, it is the church home of a growing number of parishioners. The Rev. Ignatius X. Cameron is the pastor, with the Rev. Francis E. Hester assistant pastor. Masses are at 8:30 and 10 o'clock in winter and at 7, 8:30 and 10 o'clock in summer. ST. MARY'S. For many years prior to 1866, when the first Catholic Church, now St. Mary's, was built at Horseheads, N. Y., that community had been served by an outside mission of SS. Peter and Paul Church at Elmira. It was a frame structure with a seating capacity of 250. The Rev. Martin Kavanaugh was pastor. In 1869 the Rev. James McManus was appointed to the Watkins mission and the mission at Horseheads was given to him as a part of the parish. The Rev. Henry Leddy was his assistant. Subsequently the Rev. Thomas Herrick was made pastor at Horseheads, serving from 1879, when its status was changed from mission to church, until 1881. His successors have been the Rev. Lawrence W. Murphy, the Rev. James Griffin, the Rev. Thomas A. Murray, the Rev. William T. Dunn, the Rev. James J. Gibbons, the Rev. Michael C. Wall, the Rev. James F. Winters and the Rev. Michael B. Groden. The latter assumed charge of the parish in 1930, remaining until 1936, when he was succeeded by the Rev. James J. Reilly, the present pastor. The parish at one time consisted of missions at Millport, Breeseport and Spencer. At the Breeseport Mission Mass was said once every three months. At these outside missions Masses were said in private homes or a hall. During the pastorate of Father Dunn a mission was established at Elmira Heights, and the present church at Elmira Heights was built under the pastorates of Father Gibbons and Father Wall. The present church at Horseheads was built in 1901.

Masses are at 8:30 and 10 o'clock. ST. FRANCIS SOLANO. St. Francis Solano Church at Interlaken was founded in 1873 and has an extended record of spiritual achievements. The Rev. G. Stuart Hogan is its pastor. Masses are at 8 and 10 o'clock on alternate Sundays. Father Hogan is also pastor of St. James the Apostle Church at Trumansburg, which is its mission church. Masses are at 8 and 10 o'clock on alternate Sundays. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Immaculate Conception Church at 115 North Geneva Street, Ithaca, has been a gathering place for worship by the faithful for more than ninety years. It was founded in 1818, although this was not the beginning, for the first Mass for people of the neighborhood in which it was erected was held in 1837. The first pastor was the Rev. Fr. Gilbride, and the first church was dedicated Dec. 7, 1851. Nine years later—in 1860—it was replaced by a larger church. Dedication of the first school building was in 1884. There are two cemeteries—Mt. Olivet, which is the old one, and Calvary, the new one. Growth of the congregation and the city resulted in demands for a larger church, and the present church was dedicated Sept. 11, 1898. The Rev. William Byrne, Ph.D., M.R., is pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, and the assistant pastors are the Rev. Paul J. Cuddy, and the Rev. Robert H. Kress. Masses throughout all seasons are at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock. (Continued on Page 92)

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