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Bishop To Bless Two Bells For St. Patrick's

Rite Sunday In Memory Of Deceased

Two new bells will soon swing from the towers of St. Patrick's Church, announcing to the faithful of the parish the hours of church services.

On Sunday evening, Dec 8, at 8 P. M. His Excellency, the Most Rev James E Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, will consecrate for use two bells one dedicated to the deceased priests and nuns who labored at St Patrick's, and the other, to the deceased laity of the parish. Rev Gerald T Brennan, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, and Mr James P B. Duffy will be sponsors for the bells.

From the most primitive times bells have played their part in the drama of life. Down through the ages "las campanas" have called their songs, from the oldest civilization to the present machine age.

Bells have been used in every walk of life and it was by the different methods of bell-ringing that people have known what events were taking place. Births and marriages have they rung in, deaths and victories have they rung out.

Appeal to Imagination

To deprive a town of its bells was formerly considered a sign of degradation. When Charles V subdued the warlike town of Ghent, Belgium he unslung the famous Roland bell which the natives loved in order to humble his captives. When Cromwell appeared before the gates of Cork, he ordered the bells of the town to be taken down and converted into artillery field pieces.

Bells appeal to the imagination. When there have been bells there have always been legends and traditions connected with them. Down through the years, legends and stories of bells—deeds of charity and love, romantic deeds, deeds of blood and terror—have been rung in and out by the voice of the bells.

The first three centuries of the Christian era there is no historical evidence of bells being used for church services. Of necessity the early Christians were obliged to keep their meeting place a secret because Christianity was an outlawed and persecuted religion. After the conversion of Constantine, the first Christian emperor, bells were introduced into church services.

One of Sacramentals

By Roman Catholics, bells are considered one of the sacramentals of the Church which among others include the sign of the Cross, holy oils, candles incense, holy water. A sacramental is any object set apart and blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts, to increase devotion. The Church teaches that sacramentals, if used in accordance with the mind of the Church, are the means of receiving grace to do good and avoid evil, of protection of soul, and body and the remission of venial sin. It must be understood, however, that the effects of sacramentals are entirely dependent on the mercy of God who regards the prayer of the Church and the dispositions of those who use them. The Church for centuries has used outward signs and material objects to signify spiritual truths and processes.

In the blessing ceremony each bell receives a name, popularly called the "baptism of bells" but never formally recognized by the Church as a baptismal ceremony.

Ritual Outlined

The ceremony begins with the Bishop and the assistant priests reciting five psalms to ask divine aid. The Bishop then mixes salt with water, reciting prayers of exorcism in reference to phantoms and storms which threaten the peace of those who come to church to worship.

The bell is then washed inside and out, with prepared water and dried with towels to the recitation of six psalms. After the washing the bell is anointed with holy oils and is assigned to a patron saint with the prayer, "May this bell be hallowed and consecrated in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. In honor of Saint (here is mentioned the name of the bell) peace be to thee."

Finally the thurible with incense is placed under the bell, that smoke may fill the concavity, and the ceremony is concluded with the reading of a portion of the Gospel according to St. Luke. In all essentials this ritual coincides with that used in Carolvingian times dating probably from the days of Egbert of York, 750.

The following inscription will appear on the new bells:

Vivos. Voco
Mortuos. Plango
Fulgura. Frango
Canora. Aeris. Voce.
Quod. Immaculatae. Virgini. Mariae
Solemni. Ritu. Dedicavit
Antistes. Iacobus. E. Kearney
Die. VIII. Dec. A. D. MCMXL

Translated the inscription reads: **I call the living, I lament the dead, I break the lightning bolts by my singing voice of bronze which Bishop James E. Kearney dedicated in solemn rite to the Immaculate Virgin Mary on the 8th day of December, 1940 A. D.**

Priest-Educator Wins World Fair Photo Contest

NEW YORK.—The Rev. Anthony W. Kieffer, C.N., Dean of St. John's College of Arts and Sciences, Brooklyn, has been chosen the winner of the World's Fair Snapshot Contest from among 38,000 entries.

Father Kieffer's winning snapshot was a view of the United States Steel Exhibit at the Fair.

HONOR NEW K. C. DISTRICT HEAD

CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo

JOINING IN RECEPTION to the newly-appointed Master of the Fifth District, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney (right) and Monsignor William M. Hart V.G. congratulate Cyril J. Stitt in his new responsibility as leader of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in the diocese.

Bishop To Witness K. of St. J. Degree

Nearly 100 newly initiated members of the Rochester regiment Knights of St John, will be inducted in the 2nd and 3rd degrees of the order next Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, at Sacred Heart School Hall, Flower City Park.

Bishop Kearney, for whom the class has been named and spiritual directors of the various commanderies, will witness the ceremonies.

The Rochester Degree Team will exemplify the degrees. Louis J Kuhn is president and Frank Popham, team manager. Secretary-treasurer is Al Bossert.

A large crowd of members who have already taken the degrees will attend.

The regular quarterly meeting of the First District Commandery of New York will be held Friday evening, Dec. 6. Col Frederick J Wegman, commanding Rochester Regiment, will preside. Field and staff officers and delegates from local commanderies will elect officers for the next five years.

Patronal Mass Set By Verein

Announcement was made last Sunday at the Masses by Rev Arthur F Florack pastor of St Michael's Church, that the celebration of the Patronal Feast of the Catholic Central Verein of America and the National Catholic Women's Union will take place next Sunday by the Rochester Branches of those organizations attending Mass in a body at St. Michael's Church.

Members of both organizations will meet in the parish hall basement not later than 10:30 o'clock whence they will march in a body to the Church for the 11:00 o'clock Mass.

Arrangements have been made by the Knights of St George Commandery to escort the delegates to the Church.

Both organizations have for many years followed the custom of celebrating the Feast of The Immaculate Conception by attending Mass in a body at one of the churches of the city.

The national organization has celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception every year since the dogma was defined by the Church. The Catholic Central Verein of America was conceived in the same year that the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was made a matter of faith.

Dominican Preaches Forty Hour Devotions

The Rev R. B. Johanssen, O.P. of New York will preach the Forty Hour devotion at Old St. Mary's Church, Washington Park, opening Sunday Dec 8.

Evening services will be at 8 P M. Morning Masses at 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30 and 8 A. M.

Fourth Degree Urged To Back New Leader

A call to revive interest in the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus came from His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, principal speaker at a dinner honoring Cyril J Stitt the new Master of the Fifth District, Fourth Degree, at Odenbach's Banquet Room, Thursday night of last week.

"Times call for strengthening of the right forces in this country devoted to a patriotism based on moral values." His Excellency said. "The Knights of Columbus is an organization has a record for patriotism of which it is proud and the Fourth Degree has dedicated itself to the propagation of this phase of K of C work."

During the depression the tendency was to sacrifice tradition and cheapen literature, music, social gatherings, architecture and education. Utilitarians were allowed to take charge of everything. Things of the spirit were sacrificed.

"Measuring things in their utilitarian value isn't the best philosophy," the Bishop declared.

With their devotion to God the Fourth Degree Knights are now in a position to revive interest in patriotism with a spiritual background. The Bishop called upon members throughout the diocese to get behind the new Master in reviving interest in the patriotic degree.

The Rt Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, VG termed the new Master who was a former schoolmate of his at S. Bridget's School, "an exemplary Catholic layman." Another tribute came from the Rev Joseph E Vogt faithful friar of Rochester Assembly.

Mr Stitt who succeeds Frederick J. Mason as head of the district expressed his thanks for the honor shown him. He urged members to co-operate in staging an exemplification of the Fourth Degree early next year.

Presiding at the dinner was Norman A O'Brien, faithful admiral who was presented with a handsome plaque by Faithful Navigator Herbert L Trimby in recognition of his services as presiding officer of the Assembly during the past year.

Original Master in this territory, William T Connor and Mrs. Connor were honored, the occasion being Mr Connor's 80th birthday.

Telegrams were received from State Deputy Hugh A. Doyle, New Rochelle Edward P. Snell, Waverly, Daniel Driscoll, Geneva, John T. Nugent, Elmira, and Frank A Sutz, Corning.

Members of the Assembly wearing sword and baldric attended a Memorial Mass for deceased Sir Knights on Sunday morning at Holy Cross Church. The Mass was celebrated by Father Vogt who spoke to the Sir Knights on the true meaning of knighthood.

New Priests in Bohemia

Prague.—One hundred and thirty-one new priests have been ordained in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia this year.

Holy Name Men Back Service Bureau Plan

Responding to a plea from the Rev. Thomas F Carey, O.P., Associate Editor of the Holy Name Journal who came here to explain operation of the newly organized Service Bureau and Parish plan, Rochester Deanery Section of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union launched a campaign at its meeting Monday night in support of the Service Bureau.

Father Carey announced that the Holy Name Society is being extended to "all camps and naval bases in the country" and that the Holy Name medallion and prayer-book is being distributed to all Catholics in camp and the Holy Name Journal will be circulated among the men in the camp.

The meeting was opened with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Redeemer Church with the Rev A J Schneider, spiritual director of the Holy Name Society of Holy Redeemer Church officiating assisted by the Rev. F William Stauder pastor and Diocesan Spiritual Director.

Going to Holy Redeemer Hall, the men were welcomed by Father Stauder who recited a short history of the parish.

Explains Bureau

Father Carey, who is one of the founders of the Blackfriars Guild, was introduced by President Frank E Wolfe. The necessity for centralizing activity of the Holy Name Society throughout the country in the Service Bureau and the value of the Holy Name Journal in bringing nation-wide information to all Holy name members in the United States was emphasized by the noted Dominican priest.

To finance this Service Bureau he urged that circulation of the Holy Name Journal be built up at this time. The Service Bureau, he said, will publish monthly bulletins for distribution to spiritual directors and officers of Holy Name Societies, both parochial and diocesan. This will provide a means of suggesting programs, both spiritual and social, as well as corporal works of mercy to the societies and will keep societies informed of what is taking place in other dioceses of the country.

Direct Campaign

Heading the campaign in the Rochester Diocese is H. Edward Shlesinger with Lewis A Schur as co-chairman. The campaign, Mr Shlesinger announced, will be conducted among members of the Holy Name Society from Dec 3 to Dec. 21.

Question of the government making provision in permanent army camps for chapel facilities for men being called under the Selective Service Act of 1940 was brought before the meeting by Walter Maxwell of Corpus Christi Holy Name Society. The meeting voted that the Executive Committee should draft a letter to Representative Joseph O'Brien requesting that this matter be given consideration, as vast sums are being appropriated for building up morale and it was felt that the matter of religion should be given primary consideration.

Society To Honor Father Wheaton

Rev. John K. Wheaton, new spiritual director of St. Patrick's Rosary Society, will be honored at a Christmas Party to be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, at 8:30 P. M. in the parish hall, Plymouth Ave. North at Brown St.

Mrs. Myron F Murphy, president, will preside at the business meeting to precede the party.

Other guests of the evening will be the officers of the Young Women's Guard of Honor Club of St Lucy's Parish, and the officers of St. Patrick's Young Ladies' Sodality.

Miss Adeline Cennamo is chairman of the affair, and will be assisted by Miss Rose Bontempo, Miss Mary Cocuzzi, Miss Josephine Nino, Miss Helen Riggs, Miss Lucy Serafine, Miss Julia Sullivan, Miss Marion Tantalo, Miss Rosaria Maurizio, Mrs. Bernard Tantalo and Mrs. Angelo Morella, Mrs. James Foglia.

Holy Name Society Plans Card Party

A card party is being sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St Charles' Church at the Church Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 8:00 o'clock. An entertainment will start the evening. This will be followed by cards and a luncheon. There will be table prizes. Admission will be 25 cents.

A gala evening has been planned by the officers and committee in charge of the affair. Tickets are available from any of the following: Charles Gilbert, chairman, Dr Swagler, president, John Degus, Charles Elphic, George Riviere, Roland LeBlanc, Tony Rauner, Francis Miller, Charles Finbout, Albert Castelline and Ray Wenzel. Everybody is welcome to help make this party a success.

Portrait Jubilee Gift To Cathedral

DUBLIN.—The priests of the Archdiocese of Armagh have arranged to make a presentation to His Eminence Joseph Cardinal MacRory Primate of All Ireland, in honor of the silver jubilee of his episcopate. It is to take the form of a portrait of His Eminence painted by the distinguished Irish artist, Leo Whelan.

IN ONE EAR

By ART KELLY

Son of Author Praises Radio Sherlock Holmes

Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce might well have been the models from which the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle moulded the great fiction detective, Sherlock Holmes, and Dr Watson, the equally famous aide whose name through the years has become synonymous with faithful friendship and service.

This, in effect, was the opinion expressed by Denis Conan Doyle, son of Sir Arthur, after he paid his first visit recently to NBC's Hollywood Radio City and watched Basil Rathbone and rotund Bruce portray for radio listeners (WHAM — Sunday, 8:30 P.M.) the characters so beloved by his father.

"Bruce and Rathbone," Doyle said, "resemble almost to perfection my father's conception of the characters. Nigel Bruce is Watson personified, and I repeat, Rathbone is absolutely admirable as Holmes.

"I only wish my father could have seen this program (by the way, it was 'The Problem of Thor Bridge'). I know he would have enjoyed it tremendously. My congratulations to Edith Meiser, too, for her excellent radio adaptation of the story, and to Tom McKnight for his direction."

Even this oral orchid from Conan Doyle's son, however, failed to relieve Basil Rathbone's biggest worry on the Sherlock Holmes series—whether he is doing Sherlock Holmes justice.

"I am humbly grateful for your praise," he said to Conan Doyle, "but I'm afraid I shall carry on with my worries. You see, I would hate ever to think I had attained perfection. It would be dreadfully dull, wouldn't it?"

Boxing Parade Hits New High Over NBC

A new high in the history of boxing broadcasts will be reached this month when the NBC-Blue Network and WHAM carry descriptions of two major bouts in the space of eight days. Bill Stern and Sam Taub, scheduled to cover each event, expect to be a little "punchy" themselves after following so much concentrated and flying leather.

First on the Adam Hats parade will be the match between Ken Overlin, current holder of the middleweight championship, and Steve Belloise, rising young Bronx battler, in a 15-round return engagement for the title in Madison Square Garden, Friday, Dec. 13, at 10:00 P. M., EST. Belloise lost a close decision to Overlin in their first bout.

Principals in the second contest have not been named but the action will be in New York's Madison Square Garden, Friday, Dec 20 with a broadcast at 10:00 P. M. EST.

Loyal To One Role

Arthur Hughes, who plays Bill Davidson in the WHAM program "Just Plain Bill," scoffs at the idea of some actors that playing the same role year after year is hazardous. In the same part continuously since 1932, Hughes is still as keen on it as ever and during the past two seasons turned down three promising Broadway parts because their out-of-town tours would have made his playing of Bill impossible.

"A stage play can become outmoded in two seasons," he explains. Political opinion change, economics put a different slant on the dialogue, wars make certain vehicles inept, and others which had failed previously, newborn hits. Radio is different in that the lines and action are not set and there is more flexibility for the writer and director. They can alter the serials with the changing world, and that's very important."

"WINGS OF DESTINY"
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ON WHAM — 10:00 P. M.

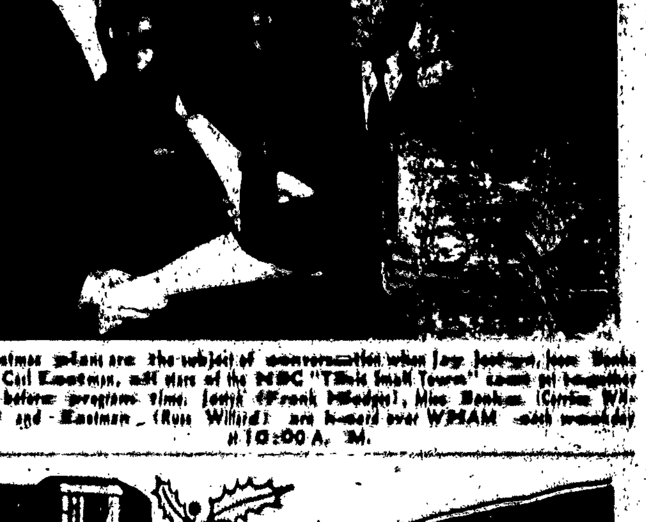
E. Schnepp Moves His Law Office

Emmett J. Schnepp, attorney and active in Catholic lay circles, has moved his law offices to 25 Exchange St. in the Monroe Building from 41 Exchange St., Genesee Valley Trust Building.

An active member of the Knights of Columbus and Order of the Alhambra as well as the Holy Name Society of Holy Rosary Church, he is a graduate of the University of Rochester, 1932 class, and Albany Law School, 1936. He was admitted to the bar in 1936.

Look for the next School of Cookery date.

RADIO STARS TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS



Christmas plans are the subject of conversation when Jay Jostyn, Joan Banks and Carl Eastman, all stars of the NBC "This Small Town" come together just before program time. Jostyn (Frank Hodge), Miss Banks (Corrine Willard) and Eastman (Russ Willard) are heard over WHAM each weekday at 10:00 A. M.

Requiescant In Pace

ATCHINSON, Mildred, died Nov 23, Funeral Nov 26 at Corpus Christi Church.
BIBBY, Roy, husband of Evelyn died Dec 1 Funeral Dec 5 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church.
BUSH, Frank husband of Ellen died Nov 27 Funeral Nov 29 at St Joseph's Church.
BUTLER, Mrs. Frances died Nov 27 Funeral Nov 30 at St Augustine's Church, West Bloomfield.
BYRNES, Leah, husband of Joanna, died Nov 26 Funeral Nov 29 at Holy Trinity Church.
CAFFERY, Winifred, died Nov 25 Funeral Nov 28 at Church of Assumption Fairport.
COLLINS, Edward, died Nov 29 Funeral Dec 2 at St Paul's Church.
DEISINROTH, Barbara, wife of ... died Nov 28 Funeral Nov 30 at Holy Redeemer Church.
DEPEW, Jennie, died Nov 30 Funeral Dec 2 at St Helen's Church.
DE TAMBLE, Immanuel, died Nov 23 Funeral Nov 27 at SS. Peter and Paul's Church.
DIETZ, Philip husband of June died Nov 24 Funeral Dec 2 at St John the Evangelist Church.
DI MOR, Edith, died Nov 28 Funeral Nov 30 at Holy Apostles Church.
DORSCHEED, Anna, died Dec 1 Funeral Dec 4 at Blessed Sacrament Church.
FOX, Edward, husband of Lillian died Dec 2 Funeral Dec 6 at St Augustine's Church.
GAESSER, Katherine, wife of Jacob died Nov 25 Funeral Nov 28 at St. Joseph's Church.
GRECO, Ursula, wife of James, died Nov 27, Funeral Nov 29 at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church.
GRUTTADAURIA, Michael, died Nov 28 Funeral Dec 2 at St Francis of Assisi Church.
HOEFIN, Rose, died Nov 30 Funeral Dec 2 at St Michael's Church.
HOYE, Albert, husband of Kate died Nov 26 Funeral Nov 29 at Corpus Christi Church.
HUSSEY, Walter, died Dec 2 Funeral Dec 5 at St Boniface Church.
IPPOLITO, Maria, died Nov 30 Funeral Dec 4 at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church.
KILLIP, George, husband of Mary died Nov 25 Funeral Nov 27 at Blessed Sacrament Church.
KLEINHANS, Rose, died Nov 29 Funeral Dec 2 at Holy Rosary Church.
LACAGNINA, Michael, died Nov 30 Funeral Dec 3 at St Francis Xavier Church.
LURZ, Bertha, died Dec 1 Funeral Dec 4 at St Boniface Church.
MALLO, Concetta, wife of Angelo died Nov 27 Funeral Nov 30 at St Francis Xavier Church.
MORONEY, Mrs. Margaret, wife of Thomas, died Nov 28 Funeral Dec 30 at St John the Evangelist Church.
MURRAY, Mary Agnes, died Dec 1 Funeral Dec 4 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.
McCARTHY, Peter, husband of Margaret died Nov 24 Funeral Nov 27 at St Ambrose Church.
McNAMARA, Paul, husband of Alma died Nov 24 Funeral Nov 27 at St Thomas Church.
NOLAN, Margaret died Nov 29 Funeral Dec 2 at Corpus Christi Church.
ROBERT, George, husband of Mary died Nov 24 Funeral Nov 27 at St Monica's Church.
ROMMEL, Mrs. Margaret, died Nov 24 Funeral Nov 27 at SS Peter and Paul Church.
SARACINO, Santa, wife of James died Nov 24 Funeral Nov 27 at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church.
SCHREINER, Margaret, died Nov 30 Funeral Dec 3 at St. Boniface Church.
SMITH, Mrs. W. C. died Nov 24 Funeral Nov 27 at St. Leo's Church, Hilton.
SUCHLARNYK, Frank husband of Sophie, died Dec 2 Funeral Dec 5 at St Josaphat's Church.
TERSO, Angelina, died Nov 29 Funeral Dec 3 at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church.
TIERNAN, Anna, died Nov 25 Funeral Nov 29 at Holy Cross Church.
ZINKEL, John, died Nov 27 Funeral Nov 30 at SS Peter and Paul's Church.

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ROBERT CUMMINGS
SPRING PARADE
Wayne Morris—Virginia Dale
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