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**MIDNIGHT MASS**

Plans for the observance of the great Feast of Christmas are being made. Midnight Mass will usher in the day with other Masses at 7:30, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock.

The Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at midnight. It is expected to have the organ ready by Christmas, but the details of completing the choir loft and redecoration will not be finished for a few weeks.

The children's party will be held on Friday afternoon in the school hall. Games will be played and refreshments will be served to insure a good time for the kiddies.

The usual parish party will be suspended until Jan. 7 because of the holidays.

**St. Casimir's (Elmira)**  
**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Midnight Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve to mark fittingly this great Feast of the Church. Other Masses will be said on Christmas day at 7:30, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, the vigil of Christmas is a day of fast and abstinence. All are asked to keep this in mind.

A party for the school children will be held on Friday, Dec. 19, in the school hall. Games will be played and various favors will be awarded as well as tasty refreshments.

**St. James (Waverly)**  
**GDA HONOR BRIDES**

By EILEEN T. FALSEY  
Waverly Court Joan of Arc, No. 235 Catholic Daughters of America, entertained at an annual Brides' Party, Thursday, Dec. 11. Mrs. Josephine Kane Griffin, Mrs. Jane Salton Wrench, Mrs. Rita Hogan Houtz and Mrs. Pauline Alamo McKenra were the brides honored. A picnic supper was served at 7 o'clock after which games and a social evening were enjoyed.

**OFFICERS NAMED**  
Annual election of officers for St. James' Rosary and Altar Society was held Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. The new officers will be: Chaplain, Rev. James B. Keenan, President, Mrs. Frank Hogan, Vice-President, Mrs. John Santo, Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph McCarthy, Secretary, Miss Ellen T. Falsey. Routine business was transacted. New officers will take office in January.

Ladies of the parish will attend an afternoon and evening sewing meeting in the C. D. of A. rooms Tuesday to work for the Red Cross.

Rev. Edward J. Lyons and a group of mothers of the class entertained the boys and girls of the Wednesday evening instruction class at a supper Wednesday evening.

**Self-Denial**

The first lesson in Christ's school is self-denial. "If any man will follow Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." St. Mark 8:34

General Robert E. Lee whose noble, unselfish spirit endeared him to our whole nation, became in his last years a kind of oracle and his home a sort of shrine to which parents brought their children to be blessed. One day a mother brought to General Lee her baby to receive his blessing. As the aged leader handed the infant back to her arms, he said, "Teach him to deny himself." Out of long years of service, Robert E. Lee had learned the truth taught by his Master. And we are only half-cured until we, too, learn that our greatest satisfaction comes not from seeking what we want from Him, but in doing what He wants of us.

"Pure self-denial is our good Angel's hand barring the gates of sin."

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