

**New Organ Heard For First Time At Midnight Mass**

**Parish Couple's Gift Enhances Rites At SS. Peter and Paul's**

Midnight Mass at SS. Peter and Paul's Church will be long remembered, for it marked the first public use of the newly installed organ. The organ was made possible through a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dillon, a gift which will continue to render honor to God as long as SS. Peter and Paul's Church stands.

The Mass was preceded by 15 minutes of organ music played by Mrs. Irene Cherry Lutz. The selections included "Jesu Bambino" by Pietro Yon and "Holy Babe" by Phillip Kreckel. The voices of the men's choir blended in the singing of "Holy Night."

The Solemn High Mass was sung by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, who preached the sermon. The Mass which was sung by the choir was written by Francis T. Burke in honor of the Little Flower with the Proper of the Mass by Tozer. During the Offertory the men of the choir sang Adeste Fideles.

At the end of the Mass the hymn "Holy God" was sung by the entire choir and the congregation. Mrs. Lutz played a selection of Christmas hymns as the recessional music.

The parish choir includes: Basses—Henry Crowley, George Schrage, Arnold Schrage, Bernard Schrage, Stanley Olzoway, Tenors—Armin Schrage, Henry Willman, J. F. Foley, William Murphy, Sopranos—Mrs. Nellie Ryan, Mrs. Edward Silney, Mrs. Thomas Dunn, Mrs. Vita Orr, Mrs. Margaret Amacher. Altos—Mrs. James McGinn.

**Father Graham To Broadcast**

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is stated, will clarify the relation of the Church and Churchmen to the present world crisis. It is asked that all will listen to Father Graham, a renowned, forceful speaker of the Dominican Order.

Plans for the observance are being made under the guidance of the Diocesan Holy Name Union spiritual director, the Rev. F. William Stauder, and assistant director, the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, and in the deaneries under the guidance of these spiritual directors, the Rev. John J. Healy, Auburn deanery; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. J. Lee, V.F., Elmira deanery; the Rev. William J. O'Brien, Geneva deanery, and the Rev. John J. Smith, Corning deanery.

As a fitting climax to the observance the "Candle Light Ceremony" will be held in four Rochester district churches. Plans have been made to accommodate members from all city and outlying parish Holy Name societies in these four churches:

St. Michael's Church, Clinton Avenue North, in the Northeast district;

Holy Resary Church, Lexington Ave. in the Northwest district;

St. Augustine's Church, Chili Avenue, Southwest district;

Blessed Sacrament Church, Oxford St., Southeast District.

Special services have been arranged to take place simultaneously in each district church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

During Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament all lights will be extinguished and each man will hold a lighted candle while standing and join in the singing of the "O Salutaris" and the "Tantum Ergo," and will recite after the priest, the Holy Name Pledge.

Preceding the Special Benediction there will be the recitation of the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, appropriate hymns and a sermon. The service will close with the singing of Holy God.

Each man is asked to bring a candle used in the home or candles used at any former Holy Name Rally. Candles will be available at the district churches for those who are not provided with one. It is expected that capacity crowds will attend each district church and that an unusual and impres-



**GOLDEN JUBILARIANS** are Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. McCarthy of 359 Fulton St. who fittingly celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding in St. Mary's Church, Dec. 21.

**Couple Marks 50th Wedding Anniversary At St. Mary's**

Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. McCarthy of 359 Fulton St., Elmira, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 21. The Jubilarians renewed their marriage vows at the 10 o'clock Mass at St. Mary's Church in the presence of their five sons, two daughters, five daughters-in-law and 15 grandchildren. The Rev. J. Edward McKay celebrated the Mass.

Their attendants at the Nuptial Mass, Dec. 21, 1911, Thomas Fitzgerald, brother of the bride, and Mrs. Mary McDermott, sister of

**K. of C. Plays Host To 'Aussie' Aviators**

The World War spirit of the Knights of Columbus—Everybody Welcome—Everything Free—was re-exemplified by Elmira Council Dec. 21 when it played impromptu host to 25 members of the Australian Air Corps who stopped briefly in this city.

The group, 24 non-commissioned officers commanded by Lieut. G. R. Bes, was en route to New York from Jarvis, Ont., on a 10-day furlough. Their bus stopped in front of Columbus Center to permit them to have lunch. It was spotted by James L. Tunney, Elmira Knight, who invited the delegation to visit the clubrooms.

Several of the pilots expressed wonder at the bowling alleys, never having known that the sport existed. They were supplied with cigars and cigarettes by Knights.

**N. D. U. Loyalty**

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.**—Following the declaration by Congress of a State of War with Japan on December 8, the Very Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, sent a wire to President Roosevelt, pledging the university's "unswerving loyalty and devotion" to the Chief Executive, "our President and Commander-in-Chief."

A reception at the family home was held during the afternoon. The jubilarians were the recipients of flowers and many personal gifts. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy enjoy good health.

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**Christmas Eve In Prison**

It was Christmas Eve and Father Lane's "boys" knelt in adoration before the Manger, surrounded by the silence that can be found only in the House of God at Christmas time. To a disinterested observer they made a striking picture, dressed in their white shirts, gray trousers and black ties, but to a sympathetic friend, they were men gathered in the only place that showers them with peace and comfort.

This was really a first Christmas for some of them, because they were too busy in other years struggling against broken homes, sordid friends and all the other factors that joined in a final successful assault that herded them into the Elmira Reformatory.

**AWED BY BEAUTY**

They fled into their Chapel quietly and orderly; awed by the heart clutching beauty of the Altar. Few prayers were said before Mass by the more than nine hundred inmates, because of their eagerness to drink deep of the beautiful decorations that adorned their church. The Altar was a symphony composed of flowers, plants, ferns and candles and the huge evergreens with their solid blue lights was a sight that can be seen at no other time of the year. Woven laurel was hung over the Altar and the ceiling lights with their pale blue bulbs peeped out from under the artistically hung holly. To add to the beauty of the display, soft, warm, red and blue floodlights bathed the Chapel in color.

The infant's first home was cut in the base of a miniature mountain that had been erected on the left side of the Sanctuary. From the pinnacle of this man-made mountain shone the Star of Bethlehem. Once again, its bright glow warmed the hearts of men and gave promise of the peace that is to come to these warped lives shut away from their loved ones during this Christmas season. It is under this star that we find our Manger constructed according to every known detail. What folly it would be to attempt a description of this, the most beautiful scene in the world's history. There is nothing we can say, except that it is here at the Manger that the men of this institution find the comfort and peace that cannot be found in any other place, save that of the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Just as midnight struck, the Chapel lights dimmed and the words of "Silent Night" were softly sung by the twenty-two voices of the choir. In a moment there was a stir and every eye was attracted to the spotlight that revealed four little "angels," one of whom bore the image of the Christ-child in her little arms. As these tiny daughters of the officers of the institution slowly walked down the center aisle, the real feeling of the men became known. Eyelids fluttered, lips trembled, but there was no stopping the burning tears that proclaimed to the world that there are no "bad boys." "Is there a more beautiful tribute to a thing of beauty than a tear in a man's eye?"

**A MAN'S TRIBUTE**

When the image of the infant Jesus had been placed in the Manger, Father John Gerard, a Passionist Missionary, began the fourth consecutive Midnight Mass in the Saint Don Bosco Chapel. The responses of the choir and their rendition of Silent Night and all the other hymns gave testimony of the long hours of willing rehearsals.

When memories begin to fade and the men look back to this Christmas, the sight of more than three thousand men gathered at the Altar Hall to present their Christmas gift to the Prince of Peace, will always be regarded as one of the most beautiful things of life. Like little children they were with hands clasped and eyes cast down they returned to their seats safe in the embrace of the Grace of God.

That was Christmas for these men; and behind it all stood the man who has been working tirelessly for twenty years among the boys of the Reformatory. There's a real Christmas here, but there wouldn't be without their friend and Chaplain, the Rev. Francis J. Lane.

**Ladies of Charity**

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small mounted picture of our Blessed Lady. This project was under the supervision of Miss Theresa Cameron of the Recreation Committee assisted by a large group from the various committees of the organization.

Christmas was also identified with the Ladies of Charity in the minds of many others. The Catholic patients at the Chemung County Tuberculosis Sanitarium each received several gifts from the members of the Personal Service Committee. Among these gifts was a statue and novena book of the Infant of Prague for each patient. The members of the Friendly Visiting Committee called on 25 lonely men and women on the day before Christmas. Each one was presented with a personal gift and a small amount of money which had been donated by the Associate members of the Ladies of Charity of whom Mrs. Catherine Myers is chairman.

Mrs. Meyers, assisted by Mrs. Daniel E. Collins, Sr., and Miss Grace Miller, planned the refreshments and decorations for the Catholic Youth Organization party held in Columbus Center Tuesday, Dec. 23. About 250 children attended this gala event. Dancing was enjoyed, prizes awarded and gifts exchanged. Regular dancing classes will be resumed on Friday, Jan. 2.

Plans have been completed for the Camp Villa Maria reunion which was held at Columbus Center on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Invitations to attend were issued to all of the campers of the 1941 season, members of the camp advisory

**Priest Who Attended N. Y. Seminary Hero Of Fire In England**

**LONDON (NY)**—The Rev. Patrick Reeves, who began his seminary training in New York, is the hero of a factory fire which took 47 lives in Huddersfield, Yorkshire. When a clothing factory was ablaze, Father Reeves climbed a ladder to the second floor to give conditional absolution to trapped workers, mostly women.

The floors above had already collapsed and flames threatened the priest as onlookers stood spellbound. Walls collapsed as the priest returned to the ground. In the building he saw many bodies. They were huddled in groups as though the workers had been trying to escape through windows.

Father Reeves was born in Limerick. He worked in the United States as a decorator before entering the New York seminary. His studies were completed in his hometown and at Waterford, where he was ordained in 1925. He joined the Leeds Diocese in this country six years ago and is now assistant priest at St. Patrick's, Huddersfield.

**STEP CLUB DEDICATED**

**Petersburg, Va.**—The sixty-ninth USO club operated by the National Catholic Community Service was dedicated here with ceremonies which included a 45-minute broadcast over Stations WFID, Petersburg, and WRNL of Richmond.

committees, and to the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities. Each Villa Maria camper was given the privilege of bringing a guest who is interested in the camp for the 1942 season.