

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

NEW YEAR'S HOLY HOUR

More than ever with the beginning of a new year, Americans should concern themselves with the deepest spiritual zeal for their own welfare as individuals, for their country and the Church, the Rev. William J. Brien, pastor, has pointed out to his congregation.

In previous years the Holy Hour on New Year's Eve offered to the members of St. Patrick's parish the opportunity to spend the last hour of the old year before Our Lord in the blessed Sacrament and to welcome the New Year in a devout spirit of resolution for improvement in their spiritual lives. Also at a time when a large part of the world turned to enjoyment of the fleeting things of time the Holy Hour consecrated to God the prayers of those who thought more of attainment to the things of eternity.

Today, with the lives and the fortunes of Americans dedicated to the cause of preserving our democracy and our Christian civilization, the Holy Hour on New Year's Eve will present a last opportunity in this year for Catholics to fortify their souls with the armament of a crusader for Christ on the threshold of a year that may remould the whole pattern of our social structure.

The Holy Hour this year will be observed at St. Patrick's on Wednesday evening, New Year's Eve, from 7:30 to 8:30 P. M. instead of from 11 to midnight. Confessions in preparation for the reception of Holy Communion on the Feast of the Circumcision will be heard Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 6 and from 7:30 to 9 in the evening.

Friday, Jan. 2 will be the First Friday of the month and those who intend to receive should make their Confession Wednesday afternoon or evening as there will be no regular hours of Confessions on New Year's Day.

Noonday Mass at 12:15 P. M. will be celebrated New Year's Day in addition to the regular holiday Masses at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12:15.

Perpetual Novena

A large congregation attended the first in a new series of the Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Sunday evening, Dec. 21.

The special intentions of this series, as explained by Father Brien, are for a just and lasting peace to descend upon the world as a result of the war and for the Blessing of Almighty God upon our soldiers, sailors and marines serv-

ing their country upon the battlefields, on the high seas and in the air.

Service Men's Names

Parents or relatives of members of St. Patrick's serving in the armed forces are urged to submit the names of their service men to the rectory in order that a complete list may be compiled for the parish.

This record is essential in order that St. Patrick's school children may comply with Bishop Kearney's request for a Crusade of Prayer in which each child adopts spiritually a soldier, sailor or marine and remembers that individual daily in his or her prayers.

The information submitted should include name of the service man, address and camp.

1942 Calendars

Distinctive religious calendars for 1942 were distributed to St. Patrick's parishioners after last Sunday's Masses with the compliments of the pastor, Father Brien.

A beautiful reproduction of a painting of the Madonna and Child adorns each calendar which also lists information as to the time of Masses on Sundays, holidays and weekdays.

A calendar was made available to each family in the parish.

Boys' Choir On Air

Literally the message of "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will" came out of the air over the entire western section of Elmira on Christmas Eve.

However, the voices were not those of the angels who carried the glad tidings, that a Saviour was born, to the shepherds on that first Christmas Day. The voices were those of St. Patrick's Boys' Choir directed by Sister M. Cecilia, and they were broadcast from the amplifying system in the high tower of the church.

The broadcast was made possible through a special microphone placed in the choir loft connecting to the loud speaker system which ordinarily ring out the chimes. Provision for such a broadcast was made at the time the chimes, a gift to the parish by its pastor, Father Brien, were installed more than a year ago. The chimes also rang out the joyful message of Christmas before and after the Midnight Mass.

Among the hymns broadcast by the boys' choir were "The First Noel," "Sleep, Holy Babe," "Silent Night" and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

St. John the Baptist Parish

OUTDOOR CRIB

Again the lawn in front of the rectory of St. John the Baptist Church on Lake St. is the focus drawing the eyes and the steps of passersby. Not only mere passersby but it is the definite objective of persons from all over the city.

(Photo on Page 1)
The attraction is the beautiful outdoor crib which was first erected last year. The crib was placed in position by the Rev. Raymond

Chaplain Who Stayed Behind At Dunkirk Now Believed Killed

LONDON. (NC) The official casualty list now contains the name of Dom Gregory Gervase Hobson-Mathews, O.S.B., an army chaplain who would not take his place on the boats leaving Dunkirk during the evacuation, preferring to stay behind to minister to the wounded. He sent a letter to his sister to say why he felt he should stay.

The priest's death was presumed by Benedictines here and Requiem Masses were offered several months ago.

School Health Head

Chicago.—Dr. Earl E. Kleinschmidt, chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine, Public Health and Bacteriology at the Loyola University School of Medicine, has been elected president of the American School Health Association for 1942. The election was held at the annual convention held recently in Atlantic City.

Laughter is the sheen on the silver of a smile.

G. Heisel and men of the parish Monday afternoon, Dec. 22, and it was first lighted in the evening.

Both last year and this St. John's crib was drawn many expressions of admiration from Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Located close by the City Hall and the business district it is a beautiful reminder of the supremacy of the Babe of Bethlehem over the things of this world.

The annual Christmas party of St. John's Church Sodality was held Monday evening, Dec. 29, at 8 o'clock in the church hall.

All members of the parish enjoyed themselves and the Santa Claus.

Bishop Keough Heads Defense Bond Group

PROVIDENCE, R. I. The Most Rev. Francis P. Keough, Bishop of Providence, has accepted the State Chairmanship of the Clergy Division for the Sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps.

Facilities for the carrying out of the program have been opened in the Chancery Office and in the business office of The Providence Visitor.

Requiem Mass For Chilean President Sung In Rome

VATICAN CITY.—A Solemn Requiem Mass for Pedro Aguirre Cerda, President of Chile, was sung in the Church of St. Andrew in Rome by the Most Rev. Ettore Fellet, former Papal Nuncio to Chile. The absolution was given by His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State.

Life is not a goblet to be drained, but a measure to be filled.

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