

HOLY FAMILY, Auburn

"Don't forget the St. Patrick's Day Party" Committees are complete and plans for a shamrock-studded program of music, round and square dances with music by Leo Kroker's orchestra promises an evening of real enjoyment.

The Decoration Committee under the direction of Mrs. Francis Gormley has already trimmed the school auditorium in keeping with the event. The chairman of the door committee is Jerry Graney, the Check Room, Joseph Hawelka, and the refreshment committee is in charge of Mrs. Harry Cunningham.

An interesting entertainment consisting of several dramatic and comedy acts under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Hester and Mrs. William Butler will highlight the evening's festivities. Rev. Francis Harding and General Chairman Michael Fogarty announce that everything is in readiness for the social event of the year.

SELL \$500 IN STAMPS

Rev. John Healy reported that the children of the Holy Family Grammar School sold \$322.00 in Defense Stamps during the month of February, a record of which he may be proud.

ST. MARY'S, Auburn

MISSION OPENS MARCH 15

By MARYROSE BARRON
The Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen announced this week that all plans have been completed for the Mission which begins Sunday, March 15. Rev. T. Francis Curry and Rev. Timothy B. Wholey of the Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate will be in charge.

The first week will be for the women and the second for the men. The Mission Masses will be at 8 and 9 o'clock for the first week. There will also be Masses every day at 7, 8 and 12-10 o'clock. The opening service will be held on Sunday evening at 7:45.

Father Curry will reach Auburn Saturday evening and will explain the program of the Mission at all the Masses on Sunday.

The Mission for the Parochial School Children will commence on Tuesday, March 17. The children will attend the 8 o'clock Mass each morning and will have their instruction immediately afterward. The closing of the Children's Mission will take place on Saturday morning with Corporate Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass followed by the Pontifical Blessing. The High School Students will have their Mission during the second week.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS

Beginning Sunday, March 15 the exercises of the Novena of the Miraculous Medal will be held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock instead of the usual hour, 7:30. This arrangement will hold for the two weeks of the Mission. The Mission exercises commence at 7:45.

SODALITY MEETING

The March Meeting of the Senior Sodality of Mary was opened with a meditation given by Miss Margaret Ryan, the subject of the meditation being the "Annunciation."

Miss Gertrude Cora announced that the Sodality of St. Mary's offered a spiritual banquet in honor of the Silver Jubilee of Pope Pius XII, consisting of 800 Masses, Holy Communions, Rosaries and Stations of the Cross. She also said that the Junior and Senior Sodalities would unite for the Sodality Holy Hour which will be held on Holy Thursday evening from 9 until 10 o'clock.

Miss Helen O'Rourke spoke briefly of the Feast of the Annunciation and told the sodalists that a plenary indulgence could be gained on that Feast by following the usual conditions. The Sodality voted to have a Banquet in April. This will be in the form of a reunion and plans have been made to invite the former sodalists and the young women of the parish who are not affiliated with a Church Society. Miss Sarah Hynes was appointed chairman. Rev. Dennis Hickey gave a brief resume of the life of Pope Pius XII. He said, "The Pope is a true diplomat and that fact can be proven by his miraculous escapes from death. You must pray for him because he is the one person in the world who can not show favoritism. He must be perfectly impartial to both sides for he has children in all countries in the world. He also has to think of the future of his Missions, and during these trying times when the world is so uneasy and his children are being scourged, the smallest prayer, the least thought will bring joy and consolation to him who is the first sodalist in the world." Following the meeting, Father Hickey gave an illustrated lecture of the Mass.

HOLY NAME BANQUET

The Holy Name Society held their March meeting on Tuesday evening. George Train, president, announced that Martin H. Welch had been appointed chairman of the Annual Holy Name Banquet which will be held on April 10. Chairman Welch will be assisted by a large committee.

ST. ALPHONSUS, Auburn

PRIEST'S FIRST MASS

Arrangements are completed for the First Solemn Mass to be sung by the Rev. Anthony V. Gamble, C.P.P.S., a boy of St. Alphonsus parish in St. Alphonsus Church, Sunday, March 15 at 11 a. m. (Details of Father Gamble's ordination appear on Page 1, this issue.)

Beginning next Sunday, March 15, the Mass at 12:15 will be discontinued. The Masses on Sunday are at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock. During Lent Masses are offered each day at 8, 7:45 and 8:15 o'clock and the Lenten Devotions are held on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6:30 o'clock.

Next Sunday is the Communion Sunday of the members of the Rosary Society and all the members are urged to receive Corporate Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass.

The regular March meeting of the Holy Name Society was held in the Parish House on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. After the business meeting new and interesting movies were shown.

REV. GERARD JOSEPH GEFELL

In June 1941 the glad news of Father Gefell's appointment to St. Alphonsus was received. Only eight months have passed and that glad news is turned to sadness for Father Gefell has been transferred to Immaculate Conception Church at Ithaca, N. Y. The priests and parishioners of St. Alphonsus deeply regret that they have come to know him well and to ap-

preciate his true worth. They wish him success and the blessing of God in his new work.

Best of luck to Lieutenant Eimer Heindl, our former assistant and moderator of the Sodality of Mary. May God's blessing follow you always and crown your work with the greatest success.

The instructor at the training session for air raid wardens held in the parish recreation building in Water Street was Assistant Chief Warden Rev. Walter Fischer. Father Fischer discussed "Gas Bombs."

Bishop Pays Tribute To Slain Seamen

OTTAWA.—Tribute to the memory of the 57 officers and men lost on the Spikenard, Canadian corvette sunk by a torpedo while protecting a convoy, was paid by the Most Rev. Charles L. Neilligan, Principal Catholic Chaplain of the Canadian Armed Forces, at a Requiem High Mass in St. Brigid's Church.

The Mass was for Ordinary Seaman C. C. Regulbato of this parish, and was chanted by the Very Rev. Canon George O'Toole. Bishop Neilligan said it was a consolation for the relatives and friends of these heroic men to know that they died in the service of their country defending things more precious than life itself.

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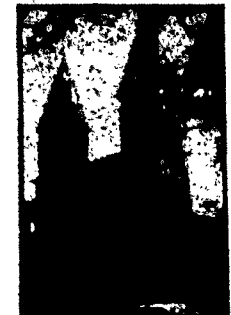
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