

St. Mary's (Watkins) CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

WATKINS GLEN - No one can deny the good, either socially, spiritually or morally that a well organized group, under a competent head can accomplish particularly in these times, these days when our fortitude, our faith, our moral are being put to a terrific test.

They met at St. Mary's Convent, Watkins Glen, at the appointed hour. Each expressed her pleasure and desire to belong to such an organization. As yet no set plans have been decided upon, but suggestions were made for the reception of Holy Communion by all the members in a body on Mother's Day followed by a communion breakfast.

Those present were delighted by the appearance of their pastor, Rev. Thomas Carroll who gave an inspiring talk in which he urged them to put their hearts into this undertaking and to give full cooperation to the Sister Superior, in whom he expressed sincere confidence.

Everyone approved of the title "The Christian Mothers" also of having their communion day every third Sunday of the month.

The first formal meeting will be held Friday, May 1, at the Convent. Officers will be elected at this reunion.

All who have received cards from the Sisters, although not present last Wednesday, April 22 are kindly requested to attend May 1 at 7:30 P. M.

ST. PATRICK'S, Owego

Parish 100th Anniversary Commemoration Planned

By MARY C. BROSAN
OWEGO - St. Patrick's Parish will, this year, observe the 100th anniversary of the formation of the parish. On August 17, 1842 Charles Pumpelly, one of the old settlers of this vicinity, gave as a gift to Bishop John Hughes, of the Buffalo diocese, a deed to one-half acre of land situated on East Ave. and north of Erie St. A church was to be built upon this tract of land but there is no record of any building being erected. It was later used as a cemetery. The first recorded services were held in the residence of David Connelly on Paige St. where the Rev. James Hourigan, the first missionary to come through this section would say Mass. This building was badly damaged by fire about a year ago.

The land upon which the present church now stands on Main St. was sold under contract to the Rev. John Sheridan, the first resident pastor, by Thomas Farrington in 1844. A small wooden church was built on this piece of land and was later followed by the large brick church.

A program commemorating the occasion is being planned by the Rev. Michael L. Hynes, pastor. During the summer months the church will be redecorated and refinished throughout and it is also planned to make some necessary repairs to the Convent.

REGISTER WOMEN
Los Angeles - Among the defense activities of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is the registration of volunteer workers for defense. Data obtained in this registration include such matter as time available, special qualifications, present service, work completed, and availability of passenger automobile.

First Communion

A class of instruction for the children who are planning to receive their first Holy Communion has already been started. It is expected that these children will be ready to receive the Sacrament the latter part of next month.

Chicago Groups Aid Polish Relief Program

CHICAGO. - Through parishes, clubs and various societies more than 10,000 active women members are participating in Polish civilian war relief in Chicago area under the special direction of the Rt. Rev. Magr. Thomas P. Bonn, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, and the American Red Cross.

The Polish Civilian War Relief Unit was organized Sept. 2, 1939, following the invasion of Poland by the German army. To date \$50,000 has been raised and 80,000 garments have been sent to Polish refugees. At the suggestion of American Red Cross officials food packages also were sent to Poland. The Junior unit has rolled more than 700,000 bandages.

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ST. ANTHONY'S (Elmira)

'PRAYER FRONT' BEGINS

A new Novena, known as the Prayer Front, will begin at St. Anthony's Church Friday, May 1, with services at 12:15 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The Novena will be dedicated to the help of the men of the parish in the armed services, for the guidance of our country through the emergency and for a just and honorable peace.

The services will consist of Litany, Novena hymns, Victory hymn and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The 12:15 service will be held for the benefit of night shift workers in the local defense plants who find it impossible to attend evening services.

The altar of the Blessed Virgin will be decorated with flags and will hold the Honor Roll, containing the names of all men in the service, during the period of the Novena.

The members of the two societies will receive Holy Communion at a Solemn High Mass, to be celebrated at 8 a. m. The breakfast will be served following the Mass in the church hall. The Rev. James F. Powers, diocesan director of charities of the Erie, Pa., Diocese will be the principal speaker at the breakfast. Dr. Joseph Valicenti will be toastmaster.

Adolph Cirulli and Lucy Dandrea are co-chairmen in charge of the affair, assisted by the following committees:
Sodality - Angelina DiNofrio, Frances Fusare, Josephine Sarcone, Mary Bonsignore, Amelia Mofte, Mary Scaringe.

Holy Name Anthony Dandrea, Nicholas Leach, Thomas Emanuel, Daniel Ponzio, Alexander Rossi, Anthony Masone, Samuel LeMark, Edward Sophia.

The men of the Sacred Heart Society will hold their regular meeting Sunday, May 3, at 2:30 p. m. in the church hall.

The weekly benefit party will be held Wednesday evening, May 6. The committee in charge follows: Amelia Cantella, Mary Quatrano, Anna Brenzo, Rose Sabbatini, Louise Giancristoforo, Anna Dandrea, Anna Gacciotti and Aldine Malone.

Communion Breakfast

The Holy Name Society and the Sodality are completing plans for their annual joint Communion and Communion Breakfast on Mother's Day, May 10.

Holland Catholics Reported As Standing Firm Against Nazis

NEW YORK - The Nazi invaders of Holland lately have been giving "disquieting attention" to Catholic activities in that occupied country, it is stated in the current issue of "Netherlands News," fortnightly bulletin published here by the Netherlands Information Bureau.

Nazi newspapers, the bulletin says, accuse the Catholic clergy of Holland of advising their congregations openly to reject the Nazi philosophy, both political and religious. They further charge, the bulletin states, that Catholics have "steadfastly refused to cooperate in the Winter Relief campaign." One of these newspapers, De Waag, is quoted as having stated that Catholics have gradually grown more antagonistic toward the "New Order" and have repeatedly disregarded "well-meant warnings."

Netherlands refuse to bow down to Nazi influences. When the chief inspector of schools in two southern provinces - which are mainly Catholic in their make-up - discussed with 17 of his inspectors the possibility "demanding complete cooperation in training for the New Order instead of flabby neutrality, passive resistance and sabotage," he was supported by only one inspector. The remaining 16 voiced their opinion through a spokesman who said: "We are confirmed Catholics. We have taken an oath on the constitution to which we shall adhere. We shall never do anything contrary to our convictions as Catholics."

SEW FOR THE RED CROSS
St. Louis - Instead of making apparel for their own use, as in the past, the 20 freshmen in the clothing class of the Home Economics Department at Fontbonne College are devoting their Friday garments for the Red Cross.

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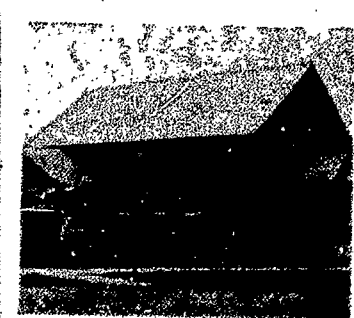
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