

# ST. MARY'S, Auburn

## CORPORATE COMMUNION

**By MARYKATH BARON**  
 Next Sunday will be the Communion Day of the Rosary and Scapular Society of St. Mary's Parish. The members will receive Corporate Communion at the 7:30 o'clock Mass and will occupy the places reserved for them in the center aisle of the Church. The officers of the Rosary and Scapular Society are: President, Mrs. Michael Mansfield; Vice President, Mrs. Frances Foster; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lovell; Financial Secretary, Mrs. William Gandy; and Treasurer, Mrs. John P. Doyle. Rev. Dr. William E. Co-wen, pastor of St. Mary's, is moderator of the society. The following members of the Rosary Society are distributing tickets for the "Sheen Lecture" to be held on May 24 in East High School Auditorium: Mrs. Michael Mansfield, Mrs. Leslie D. Reed, Mrs. Francis Callahan and Mrs. John Foster.

## JUNIOR SODALITY

The Junior Sodality held their May meeting on Monday evening in Lyceum Hall. Plans were formulated for the Annual Communion Breakfast which is to be held at Springside Inn on June 7. This Communion Breakfast is a

joint affair of both the Junior and Senior Sodality. The Juniors have appointed Miss Louise Clapp, chairman of the Eucharistic Committee as their chairmen for the breakfast. The "Penny Bazaar" was a great financial success and assured the Sodality members that they would have a representative at the Sodality's Summer School of Catholic Action which will be held in New York City in August.

## HIGH SCHOOL

The religious instruction for the students of the High School came to an end on Wednesday afternoon when the test for the year's work was given. St. Mary's has 100 students registered for time out for religious instruction. The students were divided into three classes, namely, West High School, East High School and Central High School and were taught by Rev. Edwin, O.M.C., Rev. Joseph McNamara and Rev. Dennis Hickey, respectively. The results of the test will be published in the Parish Weekly.

The High School Students were given cards to be signed by their parents signifying their desire to have their children released for religious instruction during 1942-43. These cards are to be returned to the rectory during the coming week so that they may be given to the principals of the High

Schools in order to arrange their classes for the coming year.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Communion will be given in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, May 24, at the 8:30 o'clock Mass. There will be a retreat for the First Communicants on Thursday and Friday preceding First Holy Communion. The annual reception of the Sodality of Mary will be held in St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening, May 31, at 8:15 o'clock. The speaker for the reception will be Rev. John Nacca of St. Francis d'Assisi Church.

## MAY DEVOTIONS

May Devotions are held every evening in St. Mary's Church at 7:30. They consist of special prayers to Our Lady and prayers for the men in the Armed Forces, a short sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

## Congregation Repairs Bomb-damaged Church

LONDON—A year after it was badly damaged by Nazi raiders' bombs, the Church of St. Vincent de Paul Sheffield, was re-opened on Easter Sunday, after having been repaired and refurbished.

Men and boys of the congregation helped to salvage material which could be used in the work of reconstruction, and at the end 50 women of the parish gave the building a thorough cleaning.

# ST. ALPHONSUS, Auburn

## ACTION LEAGUE BANQUET

The Catholic Action League of St. Alphonsus Parish have completed plans for their Annual Banquet which will be held on Wednesday evening, May 20, at Spring-side Inn, West Lake Road, Miss Rita Walsh, president of the Society, will preside at the program and Banquet and the guest speaker will be Rev. Gerard Amann, assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church. The moderator of the League is Rev. Walter Fletcher.

Mrs. Joseph DeLoe, Mrs. Joseph Hyland and Mrs. Toohy are in charge of the Entertainment Committee and have arranged an interesting program. Two of the features of the evening's program will be a group of humorous monologues given by Vivian Ann Dynca, popular young reader and impersonator, and the well known girl trio, "The Challengers," comprising Gertrude Dixon, Clara Montrose and Ruby Ward will present a musical program.

Caroline Ratigan and Athaleen Reid are co-chairmen of the Banquet Committee and they are being assisted by the following committees: Music, Mrs. William Muddon, Mrs. Robert Nelson, Myrtle Ward and Agnes Nolan; Tickets, Winifred Ryan, Beulah Mayhall and Jane Fontaine, and Entertainment, Mrs. Joseph De Loreano, Mrs. Joseph Hyland and Marie Toohy.

## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

The Columbian Squires Circle No. 118 of St. Alphonsus Church is proud of its Library of 1,164 volumes. The Library is located at the recreational center in Water Street, formerly the rectory of St. Alphonsus Church. Father Straub started the Library in 1932 with a donation of a few books by friends of the boys and the purchase of a few additional books. During the ten years the library has been increased by a systematic purchase of books until the number has reached 1,164 volumes actually kept in bookcases at the center. Besides having this number of books on hand for lending purposes, the circle also owns 600 more books that the children of St. Alphonsus School are using at the present time. They will be returned to the center when school closes.

Father Straub explained that he is a member of ten different book clubs. His membership in these clubs brings to him books of fictional and historical value and thus the Library obtains the latest issues of books of the better type and kind while they are still best sellers. Under this plan about 400 books are added to the library yearly as older issues are eliminated.

The boys, largely pupils regularly attending school, not only do considerable reading in the comfortable rooms of the center but also take books home under the free lending arrangement. An estimated 15 books are taken out each week and they are always returned

on time or suffer a penalty. They are usually returned on time without the penalty.

The Recreational center is a great help to St. Alphonsus Parish. While a certain number of boys make use of the gymnasium and basketball court, another group seat themselves around tables in reading rooms of the library and peruse books of a type designed to broaden their vision and increase knowledge.

Father Straub was the founder of the Columbian Squires Circle and many of the former members are now graduated from College and others are holding positions in the City of Auburn. Two of his former members are students in St. Bernard's Seminary.

## MOTHER'S CLUB

The Mother's Club of St. Alphonsus Parish held a Banquet on Tuesday evening at Springside Inn for all the mothers of the parish. Rev. Walter Fletcher was toastmaster for the occasion and the guest speaker was Rev. Emmett Dougherty of Moravia.

## St. Bernard's (Scipio)

### MISSION AT 2 CHURCHES

SCIPIO—A mission was held in St. Bernard's Church, Scipio, during the past week, under the direction of the Rev. William West of New York, a Paulist Father and the Rev. John L. Maxwell, pastor of the church. A children's Mission was also held during the week and came to a close on Friday morning. The Mission for the men and women of St. Bernard's came to a close on Sunday morning at the 9:00 o'clock Mass.

Father Maxwell is also in charge of St. Hilary's Church in Genoa, and the Mission opened there on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock Mass. Rev. John Tarrant of New York, also a Paulist Father is in charge of the Mission which will close next Sunday morning. Services are at 8:15 each evening and the Mass is offered at 8:30 o'clock each morning.

## Geneva Man's Three Sons Enlist in Army Units

GENEVA—Three Geneva young men, sons of Edward P. Murphy of 217 Lewis Street, are now serving their country in the Armed Forces. All three enlisted for service, the third son, Edward J. Murphy, leaving Geneva May 4 for Fort Niagara.

Private First Class J. Paul Murphy is at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and has been in the service for about a year. Another son, Private Francis R. Murphy, is at Harding Field, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he has already seen a month's service.

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# ST. HYACINTH'S, Auburn

## MOTHERS HONORED

St. Theresa's Sodality of St. Hyacinth's Church carried out their annual Mother's Day Banquet most successfully on Sunday evening in Falcon Hall. Miss Helen Gusk, president, welcomed the members of the Sodality and their mothers in whose honor the Banquet was held and presented the speaker, Rev. Jerome Holubowicz, O.M.C., pastor of the Church. Rev. Conrad Miller, O.M.C. is moderator of the Sodality and the guests for the evening's festivities included Father Vincent, O.M.C. of St. Hyacinth's and Father Edwin, O.M.C. of St. Mary's Parish and all former members and their mothers. Miss Helen Shayka was chair-

man of the Banquet and she was assisted by the Misses Frances Dacowski, Joseph Nowak, Agnes Nowak, Rose Noga, Stella Wawro, Vera Kukiela and Josephine Bojcum. The Sodality Members sang "A Song to Mother" and Miss Elizabeth Gusk rendered a solo. A "Truth and Consequence" program was presented by the Misses Frances Dacowski, Jane Kozel, Josephine Bojcum, Stella Wawro, Virginia Tarala and Dorothy Swienchewski. A comedy skit was given by Miss Stephanie Bahars and Miss Helen Sodacki and Miss Helen Rybarczyk contributed a solo. The program closed with a patriotic song by the members of the Sodality entitled "For the Flag, for the Home and for the Family." Professor Frank Ciesla was the accompanist for the evening.

# ST. FRANCIS, Auburn

## MINSTRELS ACCLAIMED

Central High School Auditorium in Graven Street was filled to capacity on Monday and Tuesday evenings for the annual play and minstrel show, sponsored by the Young Ladies' Sodality and the Friars Club of St. Francis d'Assisi Church.

Miss Louise Spence was the general chairman and the cast was made up of more than one hundred parishioners of St. Francis' Church. Miss Mary Day, well known Auburn pianist, was the musical director. Al Malorian was the capable interlocutor and he was supported by six well trained endmen who kept the audience in a lively mood. A one-act play entitled "Henry's Mail Order Wife" was presented by the following cast: Lucy Demarcio, Eddie Fildes, James Fedele, James Navarre, Alfred Colella and Joseph Farnelli. Miss Jean Gebert was the director of the one-act play.