

### 500 Navy Recruits Get Public Blessing

BOSTON. In the first public ceremony in Boston involving this war's naval recruits, more than 500 received a blessing in Post Office Square while thousands looked on in approval. The blessing was bestowed upon them by Father Joseph C. Conry, Navy chaplain formerly connected with St. John's Church, Allsbury, Mass., who said: "May God speed the completion of the righteous task that lies before you."

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### Getting On In The World

**THEY WILL TO IT**  
Chances are whatever you are doing toward the war effort is not done without a twitch somewhere inside you. You wouldn't be human unless such were the case. Old habits are too deeply ingrained to be altered, even at the impetus of patriotism and the threat of defeat.

It being requires self-sacrifice where sacrifice hurts. Legs sugar makes many dishes, cups and foods taste unpalatable. Yet less sugar is the order, the inexorable order of the day. Less meat, at least, less of the choicer cuts of meat, may cause hard words, temper and turned up noses. Eat it, brother, eat it. You'd better be thankful you've got that much to eat.

Taxes, bond buying—ah, these truly are going to hurt. No more nights out, wholesale. No more glad hand spending. No more spree. Nothing but the drear monotony of nights at home, reading, or dreaming, or grousing, or playing cards with some stuffy neighbors who bore you stiff. Yes, this war and its strictures certainly has all the elements of opportunity in it. Opportunity for self-denial, for patience, humility, cheerfulness, ingenuity and good humor in distress.

The bulk of people will not be asked to suffer anything horrendous, anything outrageously heroic. But they will face the day to day curtailment that can be much more irksome than a single big thing. And this daily burden can be of immense good for them. It can build character. Goodness knows, the national character needs rebuilding, refinement in the fire of suffering, and tempering in trials of warfare.

### SS. Peter & Paul's (Elmira)

#### JUNIOR C. D. A. MEET

The Junior Catholic Daughters of America met Thursday evening, Nov. 5, in SS. Peter and Paul's Church for the monthly Holy Hour. It was the first meeting in this church since the Rev. Leslie Whalen, assistant pastor at SS. Peter and Paul's, was appointed the court chaplain.

After Benediction a meeting was held in the school hall. Final plans were announced for a "Spook Dance" on Friday, Nov. 13, in the Federation Building.

#### Honor Roll Listed

The current Honor Roll of SS. Peter and Paul's Parochial School has been announced as follows:

- Second Grade — Joanne Chalk, Patricia Murrata, Jean Gallagher, Jacqueline Haw, Arthur Howe, Barbara Lee, Joseph McGinn, Barbara Mills, Sally Ann Randall.
- Third Grade — Patricia Lorgan, John McNulty, Ruth Glessey, Shirley Harreck, Mary Stratton, Joan Sheehan, Robert Vertoske.
- Fourth Grade — Jean Bacon, Richard Bacon, Barbara MacDonnell, Charlotte Owen, Julian Scarpl.
- Fifth Grade — Mary Ann Lee, Rita McNulty, Mary Piggot, Gerald Schrage.
- Sixth Grade — Peter Fennell, Teresa Richards, Jean Sheehan.
- Seventh Grade — Nancy Kent, Mary Ellen McDermott.
- Eighth Grade — William Bennett, Kathleen Bennett.

### St. Charles Borromeo (El. Hts.)

#### FORTY HOURS OPENS SUNDAY

The Forty Hours Devotion will open Sunday, Nov. 15, at the 11 o'clock Mass. The sermons will be given by the Rev. Edwin Fowler, OFM Cap. Father Fowler is a graduate of Oxford University, England, and enjoys a reputation as an outstanding preacher.

Father Fowler's services have been engaged for more than two years in advance for missions, retreats and other church activities. The date of the Forty Hours at Elmira Heights was the only open period in his schedule.

#### Rosary, Altar Society

The Rosary and Altar Society held its monthly meeting Tuesday

evening, Nov. 10, in the church hall. The hostesses for the picnic supper were Mrs. Howard Luten, Mrs. Cortez Keefe, Mrs. Martha Flanagan and Miss Mary O'Leary.

#### For God and Country

A candle will burn for the duration of the war before the Roll of Honor of service men recently placed beside the altar of the Blessed Virgin in the church. The Roll of Honor now includes 44 names.

#### New Vestment Case

During the past week a much-needed improvement in church equipment was made in the form of a vestment case. It has been installed in the vestry.

#### Remove Oil Burner

Acting in accordance with recommendations of the federal government, the oil burner has been removed from the basement of the church and a coal stoker substituted.

### WAR BRINGS PERMISSION FOR LITURGICAL USE OF MINERAL OILS IN QUEBEC

MONTREAL — Because of war conditions, reserves of olive oil and other vegetable oils proper for the lighting of sanctuary lamps are becoming exhausted in Canada.

Under these circumstances, it is announced that the Archbishops and Bishops of Quebec have authorized for this purpose the use of mineral oils or their extracts, such as paraffin.

For similar reasons, the scarcity of beeswax has brought authority for the use of candles which have following proportion of beeswax, 51 per cent for Mass altar candles and the Paschal candle, and 25 per cent for the other liturgical candles.

### St. John the Baptist (Elmira)

#### THANKSGIVING SOCIAL

By MARGARET KENNEDY  
Plans are being completed for the Thanksgiving social to be held in the church hall Saturday evening, Nov. 21. The Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth is general chairman and the committee members are Mrs. Paul Affeldt, Mrs. Eleanor VanKuren, Mrs. Charles Kasper, Mrs. Joseph Kelly, Mrs. Anthony Kinley, Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Agnes Zaback, Joseph Fischer, Louis Lutz, Leonard Desjar-

#### Communion Sunday

Members of the Sodality and Altar Society will receive Holy Communion Sunday at the eight thirty o'clock Mass. Members of both societies are requested to meet in the church hall before Mass.

#### Turkey Supper Set

The Sodality will hold a turkey supper Monday evening, Nov. 23. Members of the committee held a meeting Monday evening to discuss plans for the supper. Mrs. Eleanor VanKuren and Mrs. Daniel Ryan are co-chairmen. Other committee members are Mrs. Jacob Rohde, Mrs. C. F. Ruhmel, Mrs. Joseph Schiefen, Mrs. John Ruhmel Jr., Mrs. Rose Raub, Mrs. Henry Budnick, Mrs. Paul Affeldt, Mrs. A. M. Schiefen, Mrs. Barney Rutake, Mrs. James Ryan and Miss Clara Schwartz.

#### Fr. Barrett In Army

New York. — Father Alfred J. Barrett, S.J., author of "Mint by Night," a book of poems, and Associate Editor of The Messenger of the Sacred Heart has been appointed an Army chaplain and is now on duty at Camp Wallace, Tex. One of six in a Flushing, L. I. family of nine children in religious life. Father Barrett is chaplain of the Catholic Poetry Society of America.

#### Chaplain Promoted

Camp Shelby, Miss. — The Rev. James McMahon, former assistant at St. Catherine's Church, Indianapolis, who entered the Army Chaplains Corps in 1937, has been promoted to a majority, following the completion of the course at the Chaplain's School at Harvard. He is assistant divisional chaplain at the Thirty-eighth Division headquarters here.

### Chaplains Permitted To Use Antimensium As Altar Stone

LONDON—Permission has been granted to military chaplains serving at the front to offer Mass without an altar stone, using instead an antimensium, owing to the difficulties of transporting even a portable altar. A Vatican Radio broadcast heard here stated.

(An antimensium is a consecrated corporal of a kind used in the Greek Rite, answering substantially to the portable altar of the Roman Rite. The Catholic Encyclopedia says it consists of a strip of linen or silk, about 10 inches wide and about 24 inches long, ornamented with the instruments of the Passion, or with a representation of Our Lord in the Sepulchre. It contains relics of the saints sewn into it. It is required to be

placed on the altar stone in churches of the Greek Rite just as an altar stone is required in churches of the Latin Rite. Originally the antimensium was intended for missionaries travelling in places where there was no consecrated altar, or where there was no Bishop available to consecrate an altar.)

The Vatican broadcast emphasized that the privilege has been granted only for the duration of the war and only to priests actually at the front.

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