

Father Simonetti Takes Up New Duties At St. Anthony's

The Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, new administrator of St. Anthony's Parish, in the absence of Chaplain Bernard C. Hanna, pastor, arrived on Friday, Dec. 11, to take up his duties in the parish.

His first act as administrator was to greet the children in St. Anthony's School on Friday afternoon. On the following Sunday he preached his first sermon to his parishioners asking their cooperation and prayers in the new undertaking.

Father Simonetti, whose appointment was officially announced on Dec. 5, the Saturday before Father Hanna left to begin training at the Norfolk Naval Training Station, Va. was educated at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries in Rochester. For a year he studied at the Collegio Leoniano at Anagni south of Rome. His ordination took place on Holy Saturday, 1935, in St. John Lateran's Church at Rome, with Cardinal Marchetti-Selvagiani officiating.

In August of the same year, he returned to America. For two years he served as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Rochester and was then transferred to St. Francis Xavier Church in the same city.

It is told of a certain clergyman that, hearing reports of "liberalism" creeping into his parish, he remarked "I hope it will show itself in the collection box."



Rev. Albert L. Simonetti

ST. ANTHONY'S (Elmira)

MIDNIGHT MASS PROGRAM

The Junior Girls Choir of St. Anthony's Parish will sing the Mass at Midnight with Christmas Carols before the start of services. The Program of the Mass will be as follows:

- Introit "Dominus Dixit"
Gregorian
Kyrie "Mass of the Child Jesus"
Schehl
Gloria Gregorian Mass 9
Credo 3 Gregorian
Offertory "Lactetur Coeli"
Gregorian
Supplementary Offertory
"Adeste Fidelis" Traditional
Sanctus Schehl
Benedictus Schehl
Agnus Dei Schehl
Communio Gregorian
Recessional "Jesu Bambino"
Pietro Yon

Schedule of other Masses is as follows: 7, 8, 9-15, and 10-30, which is a High Mass, sung by the Children's Choir.

Sacred Heart Elect

Election to officers took place on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2:30 P. M. at a meeting of the Sacred Heart men. The full slate of last year's officers were reelected. They are: President Adolph Cirulli, Vice-President Pasquale Lamonecilli, Corresponding Secretary, Rocco D'Abbracci, Financial Secretary, Nicholas Destefano, Treasurer, Peter Palang, Trustees, Create Battisti and Anthony Pispelli.

Sodality Meeting

The sodality of the Blessed Virgin held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 17, to discuss plans for a gift of money to the Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, now absent on duty in the U. S. Navy.

Says Mass in 'Unusual' Places In Iceland

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — A priest who "never thought I would have to say Mass under such unusual circumstances," has described a year of hardships in carrying on his work with the Army in Iceland. In a letter to the Very Rev. Maurice Walsh, of St. Philip's Church here the Rev. Harold O. Prudell writes:

"A year ago today we set foot on foreign soil. In a certain sense, it has been a long year putting up with certain discomforts, absence of homefolks. In a certain sense, it has been rather short, for the days have been busy ones.

"I thought when I started out for an unknown destination that I had just about seen all I could in the way of strange and unusual places, to say Mass. I had strange experiences while on maneuvers in Tennessee. I said Mass most frequently on the rear of a command car where the candles would seldom stay lighted and heard confessions in the seating compartment. Once I was rained out right at the Gospel and started again 15 minutes later. It was rather fatiguing at times, when saying three Masses, especially on hot days.

"But this duty here surpasses all this in surprises. Hearing confessions in sections of the hut where the wind, cold and rain blew in, saying Mass in places where it was so cold that you could hardly extend your hands, having to shout above the elements in order to be heard, and finally cutting the sermon shorter than usual because the competition was too great; at other times perspiring profusely as a stove would suddenly 'take off' and nothing could be done to

Hornell Nurse Wed In Army Chapel

Miss Audrey Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Wright, of Hornell, became the bride of Pvt. Eldon F. Shaut, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shaut of Campbell in a military service in the Catholic Chapel, Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., at 9 A. M., Nov. 26, 1942.

Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Murray Walls, Sr., uncle and aunt of the bride. A small reception at the Lowry Field Service Club was followed by a wedding breakfast given by Mr. and Mrs. Walls, Jr. at their home in Denver. The couple will live at 1781 S. Franklin St., Denver.

Mrs. Shaut is a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Training School. She was a nurse at Veterans Hospital in Bath and assistant night superintendent at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell. Her husband is a graduate of Penn State College, 1942. He is a member of the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Noted Convert Dies

VATICAN CITY. — Amory Matthews, whose death has been reported from Montreux, Switzerland, was for the last ten years the only American Private Chamberlain of the Pope and Sword resident in Rome and in regular attendance on the Holy Father. He was the son of Nathan Matthews, son of 'Uncle Sam' Matthews, a convert to Catholicism.

check it. Oftentimes we said Mass with only candlelight, in barns, theaters, huts, mess halls, and even chapels!

LADIES OF CHARITY-- Jottings Here and There

The wrapping of Christmas gifts for patients in all the wards of St. Joseph's Hospital was undertaken by the St. Anne de Bonaparte Committee at a meeting held Monday, Dec. 14 in the Federation Building at 8 P. M. Plans were also completed for a Christmas tree in each ward. The committee is headed by Mrs. Ivan P. Brady.

A picnic supper was held by St. John Bosco Committee on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 8:30 at the home of Mrs. Henry Gruber, 215 W. Hudson St. Cards were played, with defense stamps as prizes at the tables. Plans were also made for supplying Christmas cards and postage for every boy in Elmira Reformatory.

Presents made for their parents by the members of the CYO craft class, which is under the supervision of the Recreation Committee of the Ladies of Charity, include plaster of Paris plaques of the Blessed Lady and the Last Supper, wooden scrapbooks, and wash cloth flower pots. Plans for a magazine to be published by and for CYO groups were discussed at a meeting Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7 P. M. in the Federation Bldg., under the supervision of Miss Rita Rickey.

The December meeting of the Central executive council took place at 8 P. M. in the Federation Bldg. On the same evening at 7

P. M. in the Charles room, the Roman Registry Commission, headed by Miss Marion Kelly, held its regular monthly meeting. The Misses Committee, with co-chairwomen Marie C. Dea and Rose Kingston, met; and the spiritual meeting of the Infant of Prague Committee took place, with Miss Florence Kane directing.

The Red Cross Committee, with Chairman E. J. ... met at the ... for its weekly meeting ... at 8 P. M. ... day, Dec. 18. Also at the ... of ... Mrs. ... met with her Sewing Committee at 7 P. M.

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