

# St. John the Baptist (Elmira)

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC Sodality Party

**By MARGARET C. KENNEDY**  
The celebration of Christmas at St. John's began with the Solemn High Mass at midnight, preceded by the traditional half hour of music by the organ and choir.  
At the stroke of twelve the celebrants of the Mass, together with four altar boys, crossed the sanctuary to the crib, where the four boys sang "Silent Night," accompanied by Mrs. John Bacon, church organist. The Mass, celebrated by Father Winterroth, followed immediately. Father Winterroth, a member of the Passionist order, was Deacon and Brother Servatius, of the Brothers of Mercy, was sub-deacon.  
The proper of the Mass, arranged by the Rev. Carlo Rossini, was sung, as well as the Mass in honor of St. Ambrose by Nicola A. Montani. Supplementary offertory was "Tollite Hostias," by Saint Saena.

### Outdoor Crib

Once more, the crib of the new born Saviour, is attracting many people to the yard adjoining St. John's rectory.  
The manger, built of rough logs, is surmounted by a bright, white star and is surrounded on three sides by evergreens. The scene is bathed in soft colors from flood lights and a device under the crib plays Christmas music.  
The crib has been placed on the lawn for the past three years and for two successive years won a prize in the annual Christmas lighting contest.

Monday evening about sixty members of the Sodality, gathered for their annual Christmas party. The business meeting was held first and was followed by a program of entertainment and group singing. Later in the evening Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts to the assembled sodalists. Refreshments were served by the committee of which Mrs. Theodore Smith was chairman.  
The Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, former assistant pastor of St. John's, now of Rochester, was a guest of the Sodality.

### Boys In Service

Joseph Dombrowski, son of Mrs. Martha Dombrowski of East Church Street is stationed at Camp Claiborne, Arkansas.  
Richard Konkolowski, Robert Kohde and John Kruckew were among those in uniform, who spent the holidays at their homes and were greeting their friends at midnight Mass Christmas.

### Our Lady of Lourdes

#### Elmira

### HOLY NAME ELECTIONS

Election of officers for the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church will take place Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 8 P. M. The nominating committee will consist of the Rev. Leo Schwab, pastor, Cressy Mowry, Lawrence Hastings and Albert Coughlin. Chairman for the program of entertainment is Charles Kromer.

### New Year Masses

Masses on New Year's Day will be celebrated at 7, 9, 10:30 and 12:15.

### Death Roll of Week in Southern Tier

Mrs. Emmett Carroll, 42 Pearl Street, Hornell, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1942. She is survived by a daughter, Mary Frances of Buffalo, and sons, Edward of Hornell and Cpl. Robert Carroll of New Orleans, La. The funeral was held Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 9 A. M. at St. Ann's Church, Hornell. Burial in St. Ann's Cemetery.

James W. Clark of 503 E. Church Street, died Monday, Dec. 21, 1942. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul's Church. He is survived by a sister, Alice M. of Elmira; three brothers, John T. of Elmira, William J. of New York City, Frederick H. of Philadelphia.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee celebrated the Solemn High Mass of Requiem, assisted by the Rev. Leslie Whalen and the Rev. Edward J. Tolster, at 9 A. M. on Thursday, Dec. 24, at St. Peter and Paul's Church. Bearers were Robert O'Neil, John Gaugh, Patrick Honon, Daniel O'Brien, Frank McNulty, Daniel Sullivan, St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

Mrs. Helen McCauley Conroy, wife of John Conroy of Montour Falls, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Conroy formerly lived on Mt. Zear Street, Elmira. Surviving are her husband; two sisters, Mrs. G. M. Schuyler and Mrs. Julia Parsons of Elmira; two brothers, Frank McCauley of Watkins Glen and John B. of Ithaca.

The funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 A. M. Monday, Dec. 28 at St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen. Burial in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery, Elmira.

James F. Johnson, 270 1/2 Walnut Street, Hornell, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1942. Survivors: his wife, Alice Garrigan; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Graham of New York City, Mrs. Margaret Collins, Ogdensburg. Funeral was held Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 9:30 A. M. in St. Ann's Church, St. Ann's Cemetery.

William T. Donnelly, Hornell, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1942. Surviving are sisters, Elizabeth, Alice, Mary and Ann; and a brother, Leo of Hornell. Funeral Monday, Dec. 28 at St. Ann's Church at 9 A. M. Burial in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Patrick H. McElligott, 81, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1942. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. William M. Murphy, 322 Fayette Street; three sons, John and Francis of Rochester and Charles of Chicago; sister, Mrs. William Phelan, Rochester; brother, Thomas of Geneva. The funeral was held Monday, Dec. 28 at 9 A. M.

# YANKS GIVE THANKS OVER THERE



In this picture, just received from London, Catholic American soldiers are shown at a High Mass celebrated by Cardinal Hinsley (inset) in Westminster Cathedral, on Thanksgiving Day. Following the services they marched to the American Red Cross where they enjoyed an All-American feast. Similar observances of the day were held by American servicemen of other denominations. Wide World photo. (N.C.W.C.)

### Navy Chaplain

PHILADELPHIA — The Rev. Anthony J. Conroy, assistant at St. Hugh's Church, is now a chaplain in the Navy.

# ST. CECELIA'S (Elmira)

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Unusually large crowds attended the Christmas Masses at St. Cecilia's to enjoy the beautiful rendition of the musical program for Midnight Mass by the children's choir. The same program of music will be given at Mass on New Year's Day.

### Arrives Safely

News of the safe arrival in North Africa of their son PFC

Lawrence was received on the day after Christmas by Mr. and Mrs. Gustavo Brusco, 755 Linden Place. Lawrence entered the service in June, 1942. In August another son, Robert entered the Army Air Corps at Scott Field, Ill., while Harold entered the same branch of the service in November. He is stationed at St. Petersburg, Fla.

### School Reopens

St. Cecilia's School will reopen on Monday, Jan. 4, 1943.

# ST. ANTHONY'S (Elmira)

### SACRED HEART LADIES ELECT

Election of officers for the Sacred Heart Ladies Society at St. Anthony's was held on Sunday, Dec. 27, at a Christmas party. The new slate is as follows: President, Mrs. Concetta Lisi, Vice-President, Mrs. Stella D'Alolola, Financial Secretary, Mrs. Cella Lisi, Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Josephine Rocchi, Treasurer, Mrs. Teresa Sandore, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary Bousignore, Trustees, Mrs. Mary Rossi and Mrs. Frances Lucy. Honorary President, Mrs. Mary Rossi.

### Communion for Servicemen

An offering of their Communion for the men of the parish in the service of their country will be made by the Sacred Heart Ladies when they attend Mass in a body at 8 o'clock on New Year's Day.

### URGES INCLUSION OF POPE IN PEACE DELIBERATIONS

ORCHARD LAKE, Mich. — A pamphlet entitled "Peace and the Church, America and Poland," by the Rev. Walerly J. Jasinski, professor of Dogmatic Theology at the SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary here, has just been published.

The booklet rejects the false concepts of peace, such as totalitarian peace, secularistic peace, and peace of exploitation, and proposes the Catholic doctrine of peace based upon St. Thomas Aquinas and the Papal Encyclicals. It stresses the significance of the program of Pope Pius XII and the principles of the Pact of the United Nations. It maintains that the Pope should have an influence on the peace commensurate with his high moral authority. It also gives a summary of the Holy Father's activities on behalf of the Poles and Poland.

### Communion Breakfast

A Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Jan. 10, 1943, by the Holy Name Society of the parish following the 8 o'clock Mass. A smoker will take place on the afternoon and evening of the same day in the church hall.

### Honor Catholic Editor On Paper's Jubilee

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Joseph Matt, editor and publisher of Der Wanderer, Catholic weekly newspaper, was honored at a testimonial reception on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of the publication.

The celebration was sponsored by the St. Peter and St. Clement Benevolent Society. The Most Rev. John Gregory Murray, Archbishop of St. Paul, was the principal speaker.

His Excellency criticized those present-day publications which "show no recognition of responsibility to God, the people, or to morals."

"The money consideration is primary," the Archbishop said. "The revolt against God and decency in Hollywood commands a page in nearly every daily newspaper because of the power of advertising."

### GAS WARFARE COURSE

Brooklyn — The College of Pharmacy, St. John's University, is giving a ten-week free course in chemical warfare protection and advanced first aid. Dr. John L. Dandreaux, Dean, announces.

### OPENS ALASKA HIGHWAY

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. — The Rev. Charles Hamel, O.M.I., pastor of the Sacred Heart Church at Whitehorse, was chosen to read the invocation at the dedication and opening of the Alaskan Highway from the United States to Alaska.

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