

# Celebrate Holy Mass For Servicemen Wherever Duty Calls

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**WAR TIME DEDICATION** of new St. Mary's Hospital on Jan. 14 brought together His Excellency, Bishop Kearney who officiated; Sister M. Martin, hospital superintendent; and First Lieut. Frances A. Dolan assigned to West Point and Second Lieut. Ross A. Tram, from Fort Ontario, U. S. Army nurses and graduates of St. Mary's School of Nursing.

## Bishop Lists Mass For Servicemen's Mothers on Jan. 29

Holy Mass which His Excellency, Bishop Kearney offers at certain intervals for mothers of men and women in the armed forces, will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St., on Friday morning, Jan. 29 at 9:30 a. m.

Mothers of those in the service, especially, and all relatives of members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Air Forces are invited to assist at the Mass offered for their intentions.

The Bishop will be assisted in the Holy Sacrifice by Redemptorist Fathers in charge of St. Joseph's Church.

## Donate Dormant Account Of \$1835 To Elmira Church

A welcome addition to parish funds for Our Lady of Lourdes Church, West Elmira, was made when the sum of \$1835.09, general fund of the former Catholic Mutual Benevolent Association was turned over to the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor.

The money had lain dormant in the Chemung Canal Trust Co. over a period of years, ever since the society, a sort of insurance institution for Catholic men had ceased to function, it had been designated for office expenses, being exclusive of the beneficiary fund.

In 1940 James Murphy, Winzor Ave., received a communication from the bank through the office of John E. Sullivan, Atty., as one of the surviving members, asking him to attend a meeting on Aug. 9, 1940, to appoint a new trustee and to determine concerning the disposal of the money. Since there was no possibility of dividing the money among surviving members and making a fair adjustment between them and the heirs of deceased members, the members present voted to use it as a charitable contribution to a worthy cause; they chose the newly projected church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Members present for voting were William J. Donahue, Joseph Sullivan, Edward Mack, Richard Reidy, James Murphy and James Brady.

During the ensuing time, all surviving members had to be contacted and the usual settlement

reached. On Dec. 28, 1942, Judge E. W. Personius, Justice of the Supreme Court issued the order that the money be returned to Father Schwab. The sum amounted to \$1835.09, when court expenses and law office fees were paid. No decision as to his own disposal of the money has yet been made, Father Schwab says; it will probably be applied on the church debt.

## Captaincy Attained By Chaplain O'Brien

AUBURN—Chaplain William J. O'Brien, son of Police Captain and Mrs. John L. O'Brien of 45 Bradford Street has been promoted to the rank of captain, according to word received by his parents. Captain O'Brien is with the troops somewhere on the British Isles.

Father O'Brien is an Auburnian, a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School, Auburn, and of St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester. He was ordained with the Class of 1935 of St. Bernard's Seminary. He was an assistant pastor at Corpus Christi Church at the time of his enlistment.

## Two More Priests Join Services As Chaplains

### Army Nurse Gets High Post, Diocesan War Contribution Grows

The Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Catholic Chaplain at Cornell University, is joining the U. S. Army as Chaplain, and the Rev. Francis J. Pegnam, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, the U. S. Navy, it is announced today at the CHANCERY.

The CATHOLIC COURIER learns also that First Lieut. Frances H. Dolan, U. S. Army Nurse, has been given the important appointment of nurse in charge at the West Point Hospital.

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Thus grows the contribution of the Diocese of Rochester to the Armed Forces. There are now 20 priests of the Diocese who have donned the uniforms of the Chaplains' Service, the number of young men and women in the armed forces, being compiled, run into the thousands.

Rochester Diocese has the sixth largest representation of Chaplains in the Service of any diocese in the country.

Father Cleary, who has become nationally known for his work at Cornell University and is the National Chaplain of the Newman Club Federation, is a qualified aviator and was Deputy Squadron Commander, Civil Air Patrol in Ithaca. He becomes a First Lieutenant and will report at Harvard Chaplains' School on Feb. 1. Commissioned in Navy

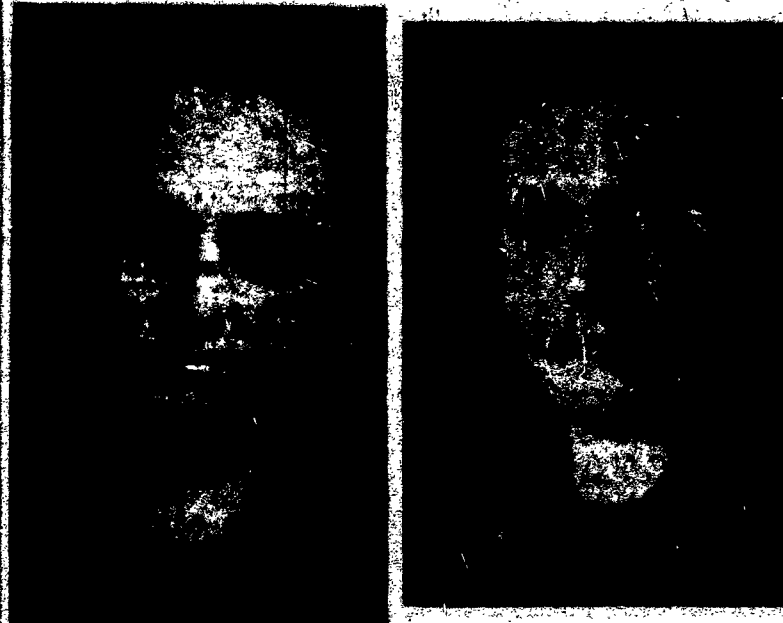
Commissioned as Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in Buffalo on Monday, Jan. 18, Father Pegnam goes to the Norfolk Chaplains Training School for an eight weeks' course.

Both priests conferred this week with their Bishop, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, before leaving for their posts.

Father Cleary, who is being succeeded at Cornell University by his namesake, the Rev. Patrick Cleary, M.M., formerly Korean

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### Answer Country's Call



First Lieut. Donald M. Cleary, formerly Catholic Chaplain at Cornell University (left) and Lieut. (J. G.) Francis J. Pegnam, (right) former Assistant Pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, join the ranks of the growing number of Rochester Diocese priests in the Armed Forces.

## Holy Family High All Out For War Program

AUBURN—Full cooperation is being given by the Rev. William E. Davie, principal of Holy Family High School to federal and state authorities in the war effort program.

Father Davie has not only adjusted the classes in social studies, English, Science, mathematics and mechanical drawing, but has arranged for the introduction of many new courses for the second semester to meet the suggestions of the military programs.

### Other New Classes

During the next semester special emphasis will be given to the teaching of math and physics in which all senior boys have been encouraged to participate. Juniors and seniors who will become 18 by next September are included in the

pre-induction group and have already registered in one or many of the several courses in connection with the new victory program which will include the following classes:

Fundamental principles of Radio and Morse Code, one-half unit.  
Nutrition Class, one-half unit.  
Home Nursing Class, one-half unit.

First-aid for boys and First-aid for girls.

Refresher Course in Fundamentals of Math for Basic Aeronautical training.

Mechanical drawing, one unit.  
Trigonometry — according to more recent syllabus, one-half unit.  
N Seamanship, one-half unit.  
Business Management, one-half unit.

Pre-induction class in fundamentals of machines.  
Pre-induction class in fundamentals of pre-flight training.

Although Holy Family High is a small school, its activities as part of the victory program, are many and varied. The school is justly proud of the honor roll hanging in the corridor bearing the names of 42 alumni members now in active service.

### Prayer Crusade

Each student is a member of the victory crusade of prayer and has pledged himself to receive Holy Communion each week and daily recitation of the rosary for victory.

The pupils have been most generous in buying War Stamps and Bonds which are sold twice a week by a faculty member, and have also participated in the Victory Bond drive.

All students are members of the Red Cross and many generous student contributions have been made. Religious Articles

In response to the request of Diocesan authorities, the students collected religious articles for those in service; scrap was also collected as a community contribution. As suggested, the making of model airplanes has been undertaken.

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## Chaplain Woloch Describes Pearl Harbor Services

By Maryrose Barron

AUBURN—Chaplain John F. Woloch, one of the heroes of the battle of Midway, wrote to his mother during the past week telling her of his many experiences since he left Auburn.

Lieutenant Woloch, Catholic Chaplain at Pearl Harbor, writes of the Pontifical Mass of Requiem marking the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack on Dec. 7. Chaplain Woloch assisted the Bishop at the Mass which was broadcast in English to the mainland and was attended by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet and other high ranking Army, Navy and Marine officers.

The Mass was sung in Latin by the large male choir of the U. S. Naval Hospital at Pearl Harbor. The Choir is composed of twenty-three members and only three of these are Catholics and two of the singers are sons of a Methodist minister.

The chaplain also tells of the attendance at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, the first midnight Mass ever celebrated at Pearl Harbor. He told of how he alone gave 200 Communion at the midnight Mass. During both of these Masses, he stated there was ever present the grim reminder of war

as American warplanes and bombers kept coming and going and giving out the signal "Secure." He was especially appreciative of the candy sent him by his relatives and friends as it is difficult to buy any at the Harbor.

Lieutenant Woloch was born in Auburn and was graduated from St. Hyacinth's Parochial School and from Auburn High School. He graduated from St. Andrew's Seminary and completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary. He celebrated his first Solemn High Mass at St. Hyacinth's Church. The young priest has been in the service since December, 1941, and prior to entering the service he was an assistant pastor in Elmira.

When pictures of the Battle of Midway were shown in Auburn, Lieutenant Woloch could be seen ministering to the men right in the thick of the battle. The chaplain also has a brother in the service, Pfc Adolph Woloch, who is stationed at an army air base in Mississippi.