

HOLY FAMILY, Auburn

FIRST FRIDAY SERVICES

AUBURN. — Friday will be the first Friday of February. Holy Communion will be distributed at 8:00 o'clock and there will be Masses at 7:00, 7:30 and 8:00 o'clock. There will be Benediction on Friday evening at 7:30. The Sacred Heart League will hold their monthly meeting immediately after benediction.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary Society will receive Holy Communion in a body next Sunday morning at the 8:00 o'clock Mass. The members are asked to assemble in the center aisle. The Rosary members will offer their Holy Communion for the men in the Service. Sunday is also the Communion day for the members of the Sacred Heart League and the Young Ladies' Sodality.

LEAF PARTY

There will be a "45" Party at 8:30 on Friday evening in the Holy Name Rooms.

RELIGION CLASS

There will be religious instruction for the Public Grammar School Pupils at 9:30 on Saturday morning in the school.

ALTAR BOY LIST

Altar Boy appointments for Sunday, Feb. 7th: 8:00 o'clock Mass, E. Holshauer, R. Vail, R. Woods, D. Graney, R. Heffernan, G. Frank; 7:00 o'clock, E. Cullen, R. Wall, M. Dillon, J. Fitzpatrick, J. Cullen, J. Vail; 8:00 o'clock, W. Kenny, G. Frank, J. Mohan, M. Cowan, R. Ringwood, E. Cuddy; 9:00 o'clock, J. Cuddy, J. Moran, R. Bower, D. DiDie, J. Mahan, T. Heffernan; 10:00 o'clock, M. Impaglia, R. Jordan, C. Carmody, Francis McMahon, R. Ryan, E.

The first hearing of the Heart of Jesus, revealing as it did the love of God made man, must have found a response in the heart of His Mother.

Polay, 11:06 o'clock, J. McGinn, P. Luckern, P. McQueeney, R. Wilson, J. Lawler, J. Walker, R. Walton, G. Bate, William Vout, William McMann, 12:00 o'clock, H. Mitchell, J. Pitzer, J. McLean, R. Dunn, B. Cullen and R. Cary

HOLY FAMILY HIGH-LIGHTS

By MARY ELLEN FITZGERALD

Honor Roll for January—Seniors

*Marylyn Barry	50.3
*Jeanne Berry	50.2
*Mary Lou Hayden	50.0
*Theresa Kelly	50.0
*Paul Magill	54.3
*Kathryn Turner	52.3
*Eather Warner	50.0
*Dorothy Woods	56.3
*Kathryn Murphy	52.5

Juniors

Gertrude Burns	53.4
Mary Danovis	50.0
*Mary Ellen Fitzgerald	52.0
*Anne Hennessy	54.0
*Karlina Koeman	57.4
*Dorothy Muldoon	50.3
Jean Scollan	56.3

Sophomores

Nan Cuddy	59.4
Barbara McMahon	56.2
*Ann Taber	52.6

Freshmen

Oiga Casaleglio	52.5
James Cuddy	54.3
Beatrice Giannetti	56.0
Joan Kelley	57.8
William Kenney	53.7
Calvin King	54.2
Theresa McCarthy	57.5
Katherine Randall	53.3
Irene Wise	50.0

*Indicates Albertus Magnus Club.

Life is to be fortified with friendships. To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence.

Navy Man From Geneva Gets 'Boys' Fund' Box

GENEVA. — In a communication to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. DeVaney, of 26 John Street, and his wife, Mrs. John J. DeVaney, John J. DeVaney, Ph.D., U. S. N. R., states that he received a Christmas box from the Our Boys' Fund and that he is very grateful for the gift. He is "come" where in the British Isles" and reports that he is well.

Captain John E. O'Malley, who has been stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is spending a ten-day furlough with his wife and family at his home at 281 Washington Street. He is a captain in the Military Police and at the conclusion of his furlough will go to Fort Custer, Michigan.

Private John L. Dougherty, formerly of Castle Road, has been graduated from the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command School for airplane mechanics at Gulfport Field, Miss. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Dougherty and was formerly mechanic at the Gordon Motors Company.

Corporal Danny Chacchia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Chacchia of 82 Geneva Street, has been transferred from Stony Field, Charleston, S. C., to Camp Blanding, Florida.

Courage, indeed, is the sun of adversity; it generates light, warmth and vigor, and by it the winter of our distress is often made glorious summer.

ST. MARY'S, Auburn

SODALITY COMMUNION

By MARYROSE BARRON
AUBURN. — The Sodality of Mary will receive Holy Communion in a body next Sunday at the 8:00 o'clock Mass. The Senior Sodality will hold their February Meeting on Wednesday evening immediately after the Novena Services and the Junior Sodality will meet on Monday evening at 7:30.

STORY OF LOURDES

The Story of Lourdes is more familiar to Americans this year than ever before for Franz Werfel's book "The Song of Bernadette" was a best seller and there are few people who failed to read it. The author was caught in France at the time of the outbreak of the war and promised to write the story of Lourdes as he saw it, if he returned safely to America. Perhaps his book appealed to Americans because they were anxious to see what a non-believer thought of Lourdes and the famous shrine where so many cures, both spiritual and physical, were wrought.

Lourdes was just a little town, a mere dot on the map of France before the apparition of Our Lady to little Bernadette. The little city had no attraction for tourists and there was little historical value at Lourdes. No one ever suspected that anything good could come from Lourdes or that any event remarkable enough to attract world-wide attention could ever come from Lourdes and least of all from the obscure family who were the poorest of the poor.

Bernadette was the oldest child of Francis and Louise Soubirous and was born on Jan. 7, 1844. She was baptized Marie Bernard.

Bernadette was a quiet little girl who loved to say the rosary and gather wild flowers for the shrines which she built for Our Lady.

One day she was gathering wood with her sister and a friend when she heard a strange noise like the sound of wind. Frightened she stood up and saw opposite her a bush moving as if by a strong wind and everything else was still. Then from a cave she saw a golden cloud emerge and soon after a beautiful lady.

The lady was young and beautiful, her eyes were blue, her hair was nearly covered with a veil and her dress was white and around her waist was a blue ribbon. From her arm hung a rosary of pure white beads strung upon a golden chain. The lady smiled at Bernadette and made a sign for her to come closer. Taking out her rosary Bernadette fell on her knees. This pleased the lady for she joined Bernadette in prayer. Bernadette was no longer frightened. The lady then disappeared. Many times the lady appeared to Bernadette, eighteen times in all, and despite the crowds at the Grotto each time the lady appeared no one could see her except Bernadette.

On Feb. 27th the lady ordered Bernadette to "Go tell the priests that a chapel should be built here." One March 2nd she said, "I desire to see a procession made to this spot." On the eve of the Annunciation Bernadette felt that she was being called to the Grotto again. So early the next morning she started for there and this time she asked the lady her name. Three times she asked "My lady, would you be so kind as to tell me who you are?" The lady responded "I am the Immaculate Conception."

The first apparition of Our Lady to Bernadette occurred on the Feast of St. Genevieve, the patroness of the shepherds. On the Feast of the Annunciation she announced that she was the Immaculate Conception and on the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel she appeared to Bernadette for the last time.

Bernadette had many difficulties in her efforts to convince the clergy that she had seen Our Lady and it was not until four years later on Jan. 18, 1862, that a pastoral letter was sent to the clergy and laity of the diocese giving approval of the devotion at Lourdes. The Bishop stated: "It is our verdict that the Immaculate Mary, Mother of God did really appear to Bernadette Soubirous on Feb. 11, 1858, and on subsequent days, eighteen times in all, at the Grotto of Massabielle, near the town of Lourdes."

After the Bishop's approval, the construction of a suitable chapel of Our Lady was started. In 1864 a marble statue was placed at the Grotto and two years later on May 21, 1866, the crypt of the church which had been built into the rock of Massabielle was declared open to the public.

Bernadette entered the Convent of St. Gildard. On the afternoon of April 16, 1879, she died. The cause of her beatification was introduced and she was beatified by Pius XI on June 14, 1925. She was canonized eight years later on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1933.

The Feast of Our Lady Lourdes will be observed on Thursday, Feb. 11th. On this day also sodalists may gain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the necessary conditions.

LYCEUM PLAYERS MEET

The Lyceum Players held the January Meeting in Lyceum Hall on Thursday evening. After the business meeting a one-act play, "Heaven Help the Working Girl," especially adapted by Holmes Sullivan, was presented under the direction of Miss Helen Stapleton. Members of the cast were: Margaret Hanson, Mrs. Timothy Coughlin, James Elsbree, Bill McDonald, Charles Coca, Fred Armstrong, John Murray and Joseph Dolan.

Miss Ellen Burns will be in charge of the February meeting and James Elsbree will direct the one-act play which will be presented at the meeting. Plans were made for a card party to be held sometime during February and Mrs. James Elsbree was appointed chairman. She will be assisted by Mrs. Thomas Ditten, Miss Anne Stapleton, Mrs. Fred Armstrong, Miss Marion Stevens, Miss Barbara Burns and Mrs. Edward Deak.

Following the business transactions and the presentation of the play a buffet luncheon was served and the evening's program closed with singing.

ST. ALPHONSUS, Auburn

By the way—BUY WA. BONDS

Catholic Action League

AUBURN. — The Catholic Action League held a Supper Meeting at the Imperial on Wednesday evening. Miss Athaleon Reid, president, welcomed the members and their guests and presided at the meeting. Miss Genevieve Cahill reported on the Red Cross Work carried on by the League every Monday evening in the Parish House and asked for more recruits saying that the Red Cross depends upon the St. Alphonsus group to furnish the surgical bandages.

The Catholic League voted to send pamphlets from the "Queens Work" by Father Lord to the Catholic chaplains for distribution to the boys in foreign service. Miss Reid thanked Miss Caroline Casper and her committee which was composed of Mrs. Adrian Dunn, Mrs. Harold Weaver, the Misses Mildred Young, Elizabeth Salzer, Wilhelmina Salzer, Josephine Lynch, Mary Graney and Anna Funke for arranging the January Supper Meeting. She appointed Miss Marion Berry, chairman for the February Meeting.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. James Nicholson, assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Syracuse, and a friend of Rev. John Merklinger, moderator, who chose for his subject "Four ways in which Jesus Christ is being opposed by mankind." Following the talk Mrs. Kay Salzer Quigley entertained with recitations and there were tap and vocal selections by the Holmes Twins, Shirley and Rosaly, talented little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holmes of 70 Van Anden Street.

(More complete coverage of Father Nicholson's talk appears on Page 2, this issue.)

GIRL SCOUTS OUTING

Troops 7, 8 and 12 Girl Scouts of St. Alphonsus Church enjoyed an outing Saturday at Leafawn on Owasco Lake. Troop 8 went to Leafawn in the morning and the other two groups joined them in the afternoon. The day was spent in hikes and afterwards the girls ate their lunches around the fireplace. Leaders who accompanied the troops were Miss Edna Hungerford, Miss Marylyn Barry and Mrs. R. Conley.

BEFORE CRUISER SUNK

Brisbane, Australia. — "All the Catholics who lost their lives on H. M. A. S. Canberra had gone to Confession and received Holy Communion the day before they died," Father W. D. Evans, chaplain on board the cruiser, declared in an interview after his arrival in Sydney with other survivors.


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