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Father Wise Dies; Pontifical Rites Set For Saturday

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for the Rev. Frederick A. Wise, beloved pastor of St. Mary's Church, Roxville, and St. Joachim's Church, Canisteo, will be offered in the church of which he had charge since May 4, 1929, on Saturday morning, May 1, at 10:30 A. M.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, will officiate, assisted by priests of the diocese. The eulogy will be preached by the Rev. Lawrence W. Gannon, pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, Hammondsport. Vespers of the Dead will be sung Friday at 7 P. M. in the Roxville Church. Assisting Bishop Kearney in the Mass will be Assistant Priest, the Rev. Mr. William M. Hart, V. C.; Deacons of Honor, the Rev. Mr. John J. Lee, V. C. and the Rev. Mr. Joseph S. Gannon; Deacons of the Mass, the Rev. Mr. Andrew T. Blazisi, Subdeacon, the Rev. William J. Brien; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Lawrence D. Carey; Sacristan, the Rev. Earl M. Tobin.



Rev. Frederick A. Wise

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Memories of Comdr. Shea Brought By Mission Priest To Auburn Congregation

AUBURN—Rev. Luke Hay, C.P., who has been conducting Holy Week Services at St. Mary's Church, here, told the congregation on Wednesday evening that he was a personal friend of Commander John J. Shea, of the U. S. Navy who lost his life in defense of his country. In the course of his sermon, Father Luke read Commander Shea's letter to his little son Jackie, which has now become world famous.

Father Luke was a frequent visitor at the Shea home and often had lunch with the Commander. He said that if you knew Commander Shea you would not be surprised that he wrote such a letter. When Commander Shea was a little boy, his father said that there were two things that he would endeavor to give his family. The first was a good Christian home and the second was a good education. Thus Commander Shea grew up in an atmosphere of goodness and became a good Catholic and a good American.

Father Luke impressed upon the congregation the fact that Commander Shea did not intend to wait until his little son was fourteen or fifteen before he tried to instill into his heart and mind Christian principles. It would be too late then. No, he started when Jackie was five years old, a mere baby.

Father Luke impressed upon the congregation to keep Commander Shea's letter to read it faithfully, reread it frequently, and to follow the principles laid down by that letter which was written long before death came to this outstanding Catholic father, and loyal American.

Served 46 Years

Convent, Ill.—Sister Mary Constance Ganser, O.S.F., who gave 46 years of service as a nurse in the community of Poor Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, was buried after services in the chapel of St. Francis Hospital here.

BUY U. S. BONDS and STAMPS

World's 'Gethsemane' Seen In Present Plight By Archbishop Spellman

DEFINES VICTORY, PEACE IN MESSAGE FROM JERUSALEM

NEW YORK (NC)—The present and plight of the world was described as "The Gethsemane of civilization" by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the United States Armed Forces, in his Easter message to his faithful from Jerusalem.

"The Archbishop's message, which conditions prevented his delivering by radio, was received by cable at the Chancery Office here. 'On Good Friday, I followed in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as He entered the agony of His Passion and Crucifixion. The Gethsemane, through the streets of Jerusalem to the Mount of Calvary, I went and there did I meditate that Christ came on earth to teach men to love God and to love and die as peace with God and neighbor.

Nothing comparable. 'On my way to the Garden of Gethsemane, I passed by the traditional spot where Jesus wept over Jerusalem as He foresaw the city heaped flat to the ground. I thought of Christ weeping over the greater Jerusalem that is all the world today. For you and I are participating in the passion and crucifixion of the human race. We are in the Gethsemane of civilization. Never before has there been anything comparable to the present efficiency in destruction of human lives, in oppression of peoples and in misery and devastation whose stains and scars are irremediable.

Christ had His agony and He has each one of us, and so has our country. From the depths of our suffering we must rise as did Christ and our country must rise in civilization to its survival. Of the military victory of the Allied nations in this war there is at the present time no uncertainty. I did

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Occupy New Quarters

Washington—The African Mission Fathers, whose headquarters and seminary at nearby Silver Spring, Md., were destroyed by fire recently, have, with the permission of the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore and of Washington, occupied new quarters in the Nation's Capital.

Archbishop Blesses RAF On Arrival In Malta

VALETTA, Malta—(NC)—Archbishop Spellman's hand raised in blessing of the RAF personnel landing on the island, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar, stepped from a transport plane Wednesday morning, Apr. 28. He had come to Malta as the guest of Lord Curt, Governor of Malta, to spend with the people of the island the first anniversary of the presentation to Malta of the George Cross. The cross, highest honor that the King can bestow, was awarded to Malta in recognition of its heroic stand against Axis attack.

Last evening Archbishop Spellman blessed the RAF. The visiting party had lunch at the house given for two nights.

Archbishop Spellman is chaplain of the British at Malta in the United States, and early Thursday, Apr. 15, Governor Curt had a military banquet to honor the American pilots who landed here in St. John's Cathedral in Valetta, a church consecrated to the Order of St. John (Knights of Malta).

Malta was an Italian possession until 1800 when it was taken by the British before a temporary High Altar, since the process of the altar of the High Altar was destroyed by a blast and another, the Mass being celebrated with Lord Curt before they began a four mile drive together from the Governor's residence, back to Valetta to visit the famous Aubergine of the Knights and the Holy Palace of the Great Master.

Parish Schools To Join In 'Child Health Week'

AUBURN—The first week of May has been designated as "Child Health Week" throughout the United States. During this week the Auburn Health Dept. will conduct the annual anti-diphtheria immunization clinic in the public and private schools.

Dr. John W. Connelley, health officer, called the attention of parents of children who have not had the treatment to the fact that the dangers that exist from communicable diseases are more and more to be feared as these days pass.

In past this is due to a changing population, a decrease in income and medical services, long and strenuous working hours, overcrowded conditions, and lack of recreational facilities. Only careful and prompt community action can these potential dangers be avoided. Certain communicable diseases, such as diphtheria and the dreaded disease, tetanus, can be prevented by early immunization treatment.

An opportunity will be given all children over six months of age to be immunized against diphtheria on May 5 at the special clinic under the direction of the local Health Department and the Board of Education. On Wednesday, May 6, the following schools will be observing in the parochial schools:

Monday 9:30 at St. Alphonsus, 1224 Mt. Vernon and St. Mary's, 1224 W. Hamilton, 2 blocks, St. Albans.

Niagara U. To Confer Degree On Dr. Mahoney

BROOKLYN (NC)—In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the cause of education, the Very Rev. William J. Mahoney, C.M., President of St. John's University, will receive from Niagara University the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, according to word received here from the Very Rev. Joseph Kearney, President of the latter institution.

The conferring of the degree will take place May 16 at commencement exercises at Niagara where Dr. Mahoney served for more than twelve years.

Our Diocesan Retreat House, Geddes, takes on new significance in these war times. Men come on for your parish's week-end retreat now.

USE OF ENGLISH IN LITURGY DISCUSSION PLANNED

LONDON.—Seven priests and some laymen have written a letter to the Catholic Herald here with a view to forming a circle for the discussion of the question of the use of English in the liturgy.

They say that the matter falls under three heads: (1) the rites of baptism, churching, marriage, visitation of the sick, administration of the Last Sacraments and the funeral service; (2) vestments and discipline and the liturgical blessing of axes, candles and palms and (3) the Mass.

The Turn Around

One local farmer is completely baffled. He applied for fertilizer this Spring to the same Washington official who used to mail him checks for not farming. "The Detroit News."

Visits From Fellow Soldier From Auburn Lightens Wounded Condition of Pvt. Noga

AUBURN—Private Matthew J. Noga of Auburn has been awarded medals in action with the U. S. Forces in North Africa. A telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Joh Noga of 15 Grant Street, reads as follows: "Deeply regret to inform you that your son, Private Matthew J. Noga, was seriously wounded in action in North Africa Oct. 22, 1942. Reports will be forwarded when received." The telegram was signed "The Adjutant General."

Weeks ago contained word that he had not returned from the scene of action and "never felt better." He entered the service on April 4, 1942 by way of Selective Service. He has been across the ocean nine months. Four months were spent in England and five months in Africa. Letters from Pvt. Noga and from his brother, Casimir Noga, also with the army told how they met in Africa in December.

According to later reports Noga was wounded in his right arm while at the front in North Africa and wrote the letters by using his left hand.

In a letter written April 15 he states: "I was at the front and was wounded while in action. I am in the hospital but don't worry. They are taking good care of me. The Red Cross gives me everything. I am a long way from the fighting front. You would be surprised to know where I am." On April 16 he wrote: "They are treating me well, and I am coming along fine. I met Joe Mallonwick, an Auburn soldier here and he will go almost anything for me. He brought me cigarettes and books. I am still alive and thank God for that. Keep on praying that this letter will get to you."

Leaves Villanova For Navy Chaplain Duty At Sampson

VILLANOVA, Pa.—(NC)—Private William J. Mahoney, 21, of the 1st Marine Division, was appointed as the Navy's first chaplain at the Naval Station, Sampson, N. C. He temporarily has been assigned as chaplain of the motor torpedo boat base here.