

## Traditional Midnight Rites Open Christmas Services In Geneva

GENEVA—St. Stephen's and St. Francis de Sales Churches celebrated Christmas in the traditional manner. Midnight Masses were celebrated in each church and Christmas greens and poinsettias formed the lovely altar decorations.

Rev. Felix White, M.M., of Buffalo, formerly of Geneva, celebrated the Midnight Mass at St. Stephen's Church, and Rev. Valentine Jankowski celebrated the Midnight Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church. Assisting him were Rev. William J. O'Brien, deacon, and Rev. John Onorato, C.S.B., sub-deacon. The sermon for the occasion was given by Father Jankowski. Special musical programs were arranged for presentation in each church on Christmas eve and at the high Masses on Sunday morning.

The schedule of Masses on Christmas Day was the same as on Sunday.

## Auburn Weddings

### Dacy - Stevens

Miss Rose Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens, 208 West Geneva St., and Corp. Edward H. Dacy, son of Mrs. Helen Dacy, 24 Lewis St., and the late Constantine Dacy, were married at St. Mary's Rectory this week by the Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Procino of Auburn. A dinner was served for 100 guests at the Osborne Hotel. Corporal and Mrs. Dacy left for Camp Dix, N. J., where the bridegroom is stationed.

## Engagements

GENEVA—Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan Acquillano of 25 Humbert St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Frances, to Metalsmith First Class John Wojchowski of Norwich, Conn. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Dominick DeJohn of 233 North Main St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice, to Maximilian Herr of Brooklyn, N. Y. The wedding will take place in the near future.

## Funeral Rites of the Week in Auburn

### St. Francis

Joseph Messina, 142 Van Anden St., died early Monday evening at Mercy Hospital. He was a communicant of St. Francis Church. Mr. Messina is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William Micucco of Auburn and Mrs. Michael Morecco of Lyons; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral was held from the home of his niece, Mrs. Joseph Caci, 20 Chapman Ave. Services were held at St. Francis Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Mrs. Theresa DeLorenzo Davis, widow of Joseph B. Davis, died on Saturday. She was a communicant of St. Francis Church. Mrs. Davis is survived by three sons, Gordon A. Davis of Chicago, Ill.; Louis R. and Alfred J. of Auburn; five grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Mora of Syracuse and Mrs. John DeFavero of Solvay; several nieces and nephews. The funeral was held on Tuesday from the home of her son, Alfred, 3 Chapel St., with service at St. Francis Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

### Holy Family

William Fulton, well known Auburnian of 22½ Seymour St., died early Wednesday morning after a brief illness. His wife died eight days ago. Mr. Fulton is survived by four sons, William T., Harold G., Alvin H. and Allen R. Fulton, all of Auburn; three daughters, Mrs. Edward F. Dunn and Miss Florence Fulton of Auburn and Mrs. Harold Drake of Scipioville; 15 grandchildren and one nephew. The funeral was held on Friday morning from the home of his son, Allen R. Fulton, and services were held at Holy Family Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

James L. White died unexpectedly on Wednesday morning at his home, 50 Frances St. Mr. White is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Thomas Waters; one

## Gigliotti's Boys Return Gladdens Police Sergeant

GENEVA—It was a merry Christmas for the Gigliotti boys who are in the Armed services. Two of the Armed services were home for the holidays. They are sons of Sergeant Antonio Gigliotti of the Geneva Police Force.

While walking his beat about a week ago, Sergeant Gigliotti was surprised when a young soldier walked up to him and addressed him with "Hi, Dad." It was his son, Anthony, Private Anthony Gigliotti of the Coast Artillery Anti-aircraft Division, who has been in the Caribbean area for about three years and a half. Joyfully, Sergeant Gigliotti brought his son home with him and a pleasant reunion took place.

To make the occasion even more joyful for everyone, another son, Corporal Louis P. Gigliotti, who is with the Fighting Quartermasters in the Alaskan highway was also at home to welcome his brother. Police Sergeant Gigliotti has two other sons in the Armed Forces: Private Guy Gigliotti, who is with the Infantry Paratroopers somewhere in England, and Private Jean Gigliotti is with the Army Engineers in Florida.

Lieutenant and Mrs. George F. Davis of Dayton, Ohio, returned on Sunday evening after spending Christmas with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Glynn of 100 William Street. Lieutenant Davis is stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Frank Farr of 83 Sherrill Street has received word that her brother, Staff Sergeant Joseph Gravino, of Newark, is recuperating from an attack of yellow jaundice in a hospital somewhere in England.

Private First Class Elvey Marshall of Headquarters Battalion, Aberdeen, Maryland, has returned after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvey Marshall of 167 LaFayette Avenue.

### Famed Trapp Family To Sing At Syracuse

AUBURN—The famous "Trapp Family" will give a recital on Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock in Lincoln Auditorium of Central High School, Syracuse. This noted Catholic family which recently was featured in Life Magazine consists of the Baron and Baroness von Trapp and their children. Seven daughters appear with the mother in concert.

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## HOLY FAMILY, Auburn

### SENIOR-JUNIOR PROM HELD

AUBURN.—The Senior and Junior Classes of Holy Family High School held their annual Senior-Junior Prom in the School Auditorium on Monday evening. Claudio Bottomley's Orchestra played for dancing. Robert Morgan, president of the Senior Class,

was general chairman, and Edward Delcicco, president of the Junior Class, was co-chairman.

The following committee was responsible for the successful party: Decorations, Thomas Wall, chairman; Robert Flynn, James McGinn, Patricia McCarthy, Mary Horton, Ann Kearns, Publicity, Ann Donovan, chairman; Anne Hennessy, Patricia MacCone, Mary Ellen Fitzgerald, Elizabeth McMahon; Promotion, Paul Sargent, chairman; Howard Smith, Edward Byrne, Joseph Ryan, Raymond Keefe, John Costello, William McLean; Patrons, Eugene Holshouser, chairman; Barbara McMahon, Patricia Coughlin, Nan Cuddy and Margaret Shapley.

**ALUMNI DINNER**  
Miss Jane Thomas was chairman of the large committee in charge of the arrangements for the annual dinner party of the Holy Family High School Alumni Association. The dinner was held at the Imperial Lounge on Wednesday evening.

### Geneva Deaths

The funeral of Mrs. Pasqueline Varne was held on Friday morning from her home, 9 Jackson St. at 9:30 o'clock and at 10 o'clock at St. Francis de Sales Church. Interment was in St. Patrick's Cemetery, with Rev. William O'Brien officiating at the grave.

A solemn requiem Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Walter J. Lee, while Rev. Valentine Jankowski was deacon and Rev. William J. O'Brien, sub-deacon.

Bearers were: Michael Lonze, John McCormick, Donald Hines, Philip Wardes, John Corcoran and Leo Knight.

The funeral of Matthew O'Brien was held this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the Devaney-Foley Funeral Home and at 9 o'clock from St. Francis de Sales Church. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Rev. Valentine Jankowski officiated at the interment. Rev. William J. O'Brien celebrated a solemn requiem Mass and Rev. William Ayers of Stanley was deacon. Father Jankowski was sub-deacon.

Bearers were Henry Anson Hubbard, James T. Dwyer, John F. McNeerney, Frank A. McCormick, Paul A. Stockway and Patrick J. Finnerty.

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## St. Francis of Assisi (Auburn)

### MARY, SOCIALISTS' IDEAL

AUBURN—The annual Christmas party of the Young Ladies Sodality of St. Francis of Assisi Church was held on Tuesday evening. Miss Louise Spino was hostess and she introduced the new Sodality officers. An interesting program consisted of community singing, accompanied at the piano and soloists, a quartette consisting of Josephine Spino, Mary Culmer, Michelina Teast and Rose Barrera sang soprano appropriate Christmas numbers including "White Christmas" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas." The members exchanged gifts.

Rev. Francis Turner, pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Stpio, was the guest speaker. Father Turner, speaking before the Sodalists, appropriately linked the similarity of the life of a real Sodalist with that of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the preface of his talk he gave a brief resume of the history of the time just before the coming of the Redeemer and the vital part that the Virgin Mary played, despite the fact that the world at that time did not even have a room in the inn for her and the Saviour of the world.

Father Turner linked the virtues which a Sodalist expected to have with those of the Blessed Virgin, the first Sodalis, had in her soul. He said: "Just as the indifference of the world at that time to a saintly soul was prevalent, so also the world still holds that attitude and it is with the courage of Mary that the ideal Sodalist preserves in that sanctity even to the point of great sacrifice." He concluded his inspiring talk with insistence

on the fact that "the great feast of Christmas gives to the initiator of Mary sanctity which is not merely an ideal but is a reality, to be practiced by Sodalists who are communists of Mary, the Queen of God."

### St. Alphonsus, Auburn

### CHRISTMAS FETE AT SCHOOL

AUBURN—Merriment and fun prevailed on Friday afternoon at St. Alphonsus School where the third annual Christmas Party for the 346 members of the school was held with the usual enthusiasm of the senior. The party was sponsored by the Mothers' Club of St. Alphonsus Church.

Santa Claus visited each class room and presented the pupils with candy. Presents were also exchanged. Santa had the assistance of the Rev. William Rieser as well as of the mothers of the pupils. Christmas carols were sung by the various grades.

On the Mothers' Club Committee were Mrs. Irene Burke, Mrs. Dorothy Knobell, Mrs. Margaret Laper, Mrs. Ann John, Mrs. Kay Quigley, Mrs. Evelyn Matthews and Mrs. Gertrude Chisholm.

### Third Year Winner

New Orleans—A Catholic school pupil for the third year in succession has won the medal in the essay contest conducted by Louisville Society of the United States Daughters of 1812 and Daughters Chapter of the society. This year the winner is Jack Frits of the seventh grade of Sacred Heart of Jesus parochial school.

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