

### Sponsor 'Breakfast' At St. Monica's Hall

Members and friends of the Rosary Society of St. Monica's Church will attend a "Breakfast at Bardis" to be held in the hall on Genesee St., Tuesday morning, Jan. 12 at 9:45.

Dean Harris of radio station WHAM will be Master of Ceremonies, awarding an orchid to the eldest guest, a sterling silver wishing ring, and a cottage to the good neighbor. Breakfast will be served following the entertainment and cards may be played to finish out the day's program, with a prize supplied each table.

The following committees, headed by honorary chairman Mrs. Charles A. Callahan and general chairman Mrs. Edward G. Beikirch, will be in charge: tickets, Mrs. Joseph Kuntz; hostesses, Mrs. Joseph E. Lars, chairman, and Mercedes Charles F. Albert; Albert P. Beikirch, Marie Howe, Joseph Broderick, F. T. Donoghue, Morimer Donovan, John P. Dooley, Stephen Duffy, Joseph Eckl, Thomas Grant, Roman Heintzel, Elmer T. Huss, Charles F. Jones, Walter A. Knapp, Ed. S. Mahoney, John MacFadden, Michael Mannis, Nellie Mason, John J. McCarthy, Al G. Miller, Thomas H. Nash, Thomas B. Quetschenbach, Eugene H. Rose, Louis Ruff, Fred C. Scifford, Henry Sullivan, Margaret Thoney, Miss Margaret Birgan and Miss Mary Martin.

Refreshments, Mesdames Mat. they McBride, Frank G. Shaughnessy, Edward Baumert, Leo Becker, Harold J. Burns and P. J. Byrne.

Publicity, Miss Marian Gaskell.

### MUSEUM MOVIES

Free film programs have been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 13, and Sunday, Jan. 14, by the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, according to Mr. Arthur C. Parker, museum director.

The regular Saturday children's program will include two cartoons, "Davy Jones Locker," and "Boy Meets Dog," and three educational films, "Wild Elephant Roundup," "California Pictures Book," and "Chimp's Adventure." The films will be shown at 10:30 a. m.

Free adult films scheduled for 8 p. m. Sunday are "The River," and "The Day."

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### Former Hotel Man Serving in Italy Assists at Famed Padre Pio's Mass



TECH. SGT. MORGAN J. SMITH, 223 Sherman St., former manager of Hotel Sheraton (formerly Sagamore) at his desk in Public Relations Office of a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator Wing in Italy. Sgt. Smith recently attended, with many other Catholic soldiers from the wing, Mass said by Padre Pio, noted Capuchin Friar who bears the Christ-like Stigmata wounds.

By Sgt. Milton Marmor  
(Passed by Field Press Censor)

15TH AAF IN ITALY—One cold Italian morn recently a group of American soldiers from a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator Wing in Italy bundled themselves into an army weapons carrier and began a long, tortuous climb to the little mountain monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo.

There, in the picturesque Capuchin church atop a ragged peak on the spur of Italy, one of these soldiers, Technical Sergeant Morgan J. Smith, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Andrew Smith, reside at 223 Sherman St., Rochester, N. Y., had the rare privilege of attending at a Mass said by Padre Pio of Stigmata fame.

It was a memorable moment for the former manager of the Sheraton, (formerly the Sagamore) Hotel as well as for the other soldiers who made the pilgrimage in order that they might participate in the Mass said by the holy monk who

is held in reverence by Catholics. The marks of the Stigmata—two wounds in the hands, feet and side like those suffered by Christ at the Crucifixion—appeared on Padre Pio on September 20, 1918. Since that day he has been visited by Catholics and non-Catholics from all over the world.

Sgt. Smith, member of the Public Relations staff of the Wing, is a former president of the Rochester Hotel Men's Association and is a parishioner of St. Mary's church and Holy Apostles church, Rochester. Smith sat in the sanctuary where he had an excellent opportunity to see and hear Padre Pio at Mass. Afterwards Sgt. Smith stated:

"I have been most fortunate in having the opportunity to attend Holy Mass said by Padre Pio. Being present there with my fellow soldiers is one of the outstanding memories of my army life. It is one experience I shall relate many times to the folks back home."

Sgt. Smith was one of those who were received by the priest in the rear of the chapel where Padre Pio blessed religious articles, offered counsel and gave his blessings.

Padre Pio was born in 1887 in the town of Pietrelcina and was named in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. His youth was marked by serious study and love for religion and he entered the Capuchin Community. After ordination he was assigned to the Monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo. His fame as a great confessor and counselor soon spread.

The circumstances of the appearance of the Stigmata were described by Capt. Matthew J. Connelly, Cambridge, Mass., Catholic chaplain at the Wing who accompanied the soldiers to the mass:

"Padre Pio was in prayer after offering Mass one morning when suddenly his hands, feet and side began to bleed from the Christ-like wounds. For a few days he hid his hands from public view but one of the monks noticed blood stains on his sleeve and called attention to St. Padre Pio was reluctant to discuss the Stigmata when questioned by his superior, but because of his obedience to his rule of life he showed the wounds."

The priest wore a small band pulled over each wound to absorb the blood and the only time his hands are exposed is during celebration of the Mass. The feet of the man he wears amputated gloves.

### Without Reason

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D) Mont., saying that the demand for an impartial inquiry is stronger than ever, said today that he will call for an investigation of the killing of a man by a soldier in Italy.

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