

Sponsor 'Breakfast' At St. Monica's Hall

Members and friends of the Rosary Society of St. Monica's Church will attend a "breakfast at Sardi's" to be held in the hall on Genesee St., Tuesday morning, Jan. 16 at 9:45.

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

The following committee, headed by honorary chairman Mrs. Charles A. Callahan and general chairman Mrs. Edward G. Beckrich, will be in charge: tickets, Mrs. Joseph Kuhn; hostesses, Mrs. Joseph Z. Lars, chairman, and Madames Charles F. Albert, Albert P. Beckrich, Marie Howe, Joseph Broderick, F. T. Donoghue, Mortimer Donovan, John P. Dooley, Stephen Duffy, Joseph Eick, Thomas Grant, Roman Heimlein, Elmer T. Huse, Charles F. Jones, Walter A. Knapp, Ed. S. Mahoney, John MacFadden, Michael Mannix, Nellie Mason, John J. McCarthy, Al G. Miller, Thomas H. Nash, Thomas H. Quiggenbach, Eugene H. Rose, Louis Ruf, Fred C. Scifford, Henry Sullivan, Margaret Thancy, Miss Margaret Bergen and Miss Mary Martin.

Refreshments, Madames Matthew 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 Picture Book," and "Chimp's Adventure." The films will be shown at 10:30 a. m.

Free adult films scheduled for 1 p. m. Sunday are "The River," and "The City."

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TECH. SGT. MORGAN J. SMITH, 223 Sherman St., former Manager of Hotel Serrano (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 has 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 rugged 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 Sherman, (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 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. Conklin, 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 it. Padre Pio was reluctant to discuss the stigma when questioned by his superior, but because of his obedience to his rule of life he showed the wound."

"The priest wears a small cloth pad over each wound to absorb the blood and the only time his hands are exposed is during celebration of the Mass. The rest of the time he wears fingerless gloves."

Without Reason
WASHINGTON (CINA) — Gen. George K. Wheeler, US Army commander, has demanded that the demand for unconditional surrender be abandoned. The Chinese government has agreed to accept the Japanese terms of peace if they are given "without reason."

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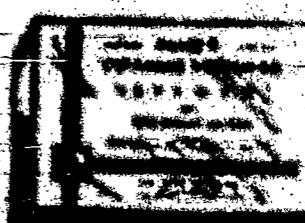
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