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## St. Patrick's Aides Hear Pastor Voice Appreciation

Expressing his deep appreciation for the work done by the Aides of St. Patrick's Church during the past year and "for their support in the interests of their pastor and St. Patrick's Church" the Rev. William J. Birne was again host at the annual appreciation dinner given to members of the choir, altar servers, deacons who assist in parish work.

### Chaplain Writes Of Hero's Death in Holland

(Letter received by Mrs. Leo Frison from the office of the Catholic Chaplain, 501st Parachute Infantry after the death of her son, Francis, in Holland, Nov. 4).

Dear Mrs. Frison:  
Please excuse my long delay in writing to you about your son, but I am sure you will readily understand the difficulty of carrying on correspondence under combat conditions.

I knew Francis very well, and we were quite close friends. We had a good talk together only a few days before he died. For your everlasting consolation and happiness I can assure you that Francis was never better prepared spiritually to meet his God than he was when death came. He had received Holy Communion in the form of Viaticum just the day before. Francis was directly responsible for the conversion of his best friend in the Army, Capt. Lawrence Durkee, and both boys were splendid examples to my men. Please do not be grieved that they carry on their friendship in Heaven.

Due to Army Regulations I am not permitted at this time to give you the details of Francis' death. The War Department will do that later. I can say, however, that he did not suffer a painful death. His body now rests in our Cemetery. I said the prayers for the soul over his grave, tape was worn and his casket saluted in respect. The grave is very nobly kept and marked with a white cross—simple but significant of his good clean character. I assure you, Mrs. Frison, that your son's fine ideals were never lowered in the Army.

It sometimes seems that God permits these He loves most to suffer most—in the case of His own beloved Mother. But I know that you will find in the Sacred Heart of our Divine Lord the grace and courage to bear this heavy cross. Eat well and prosper, especially and prepare well. Believe me, we have your love and prayers.

Thank you, Mrs. Frison, for your kind letter. Please accept my sincere sympathy and best regards.

Very truly yours,

John J. Birne, Chaplain

501st Parachute Infantry

U.S. Army Air Forces

A program of Movie showing various parish activities for the past year was well received as was "Pete in Magic" by Harto and his band.

The following were in attendance: Rev. Fathers Joseph F. Hogan, John A. Murphy, Lee G. Shaw, Philip McGinn, Theodore Winterbotham, Chasius, John V. Laughlin, and Andrew J. Maloney of Hickland, Pa.; Paul O. Kingman and Dr. Walter C. Ervin, trustees; Frederick W. Garvey, auditor; Kate Curley and Margaret Crotty of the rectory staff; Helen and Louis Cleary, sacristan staff; Harry J. Lagonegro, Marvin E. Johnson, Edward F. Lagonegro, Dr. Louis J. Liodice, Cornelius J. Milliken, and Basil J. Vaffancourt, publicity; Harold Milham, Eric Kangstrom, James Henneberry, Gordon Creighton, Mrs. Grace Kelly, Mrs. Rita Bentuli and Miss Jean Valega, scout leaders.

Guests included Mrs. Frank Hogan and Miss Marguerite Hogan of Waverly, mother and sister of Father Hogan; Mrs. Mary Burns and Miss Frances Burns, mother and sister of Father Burns and Joseph Longille, father of Captain Longille, Francis Fallett and George Kingston.

Others present were, William Mangan, Samuel Hollerin, Peter Shields, May Rogers, James McArth, John Hamula, Charles O'Hara, James Flaherty, Edward Reidy, John Nicholson and Dan Chisholm.

Choir members, Mrs. M. Fenell, Mrs. Edward Slinny, Mrs. Francis Mockler, Miss Julia Cain, Miss Mary Agnes Flynn, Miss Jean Paul, Miss Helen McGrath, Miss Betty Quigley, Joseph P. O'Neill, Francis J. Mockler, Henry Schaefer, Richard J. Motley and Mrs. Frances Lynch. John Cain, Michael Cain and Francis Kelly were also present.

### St. Anthony's Group Lists Benefit Shower

A benefit shower for St. Anthony's Convent and arranged by the Sacred Heart Ladies will be held in the church hall on Sunday March 18. The proceeds from this affair will be used for much needed repairs and improvements to the Convent.

Mr. Therese Cirulli, chairman and Mrs. Leo Ondr, co-chairman will be assisted by the following committee: Madeline Concetta List, Mary Rose, Mary Forte, Julie D'Antonio, Mary Antonioli, Dolores LeMark, Mary Bonsignore, Mary Park, Rose Camerio, Rosalie Sestini, Marlene Rose, Philomena Flory, Mary Maguire, Therese Sestini, Jenny Antonioli, Rose DiPietro, Josephine Roselli, Lydia O'Alpin, Lucy Rose, Olga Ladd, Irene Cirulli, Anna Quaranta, Mary Roselli, Dorothy Ladd, Dorothy DiPietro, and Irene Cirulli.

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