

Newly Ordained Priest Sings First Mass

GENEVA — Rev. John E. M. Caffery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. McCaffery, 1 Delaware Drive, celebrated his first solemn Mass on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Stephen's Church. He was ordained on Saturday, March 17, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester.

Rev. John Murphy was deacon and Rev. John McVane, sub-deacon. Very Rev. William H. McPherson, M.F., pastor of St. Stephen's Church, was officiating.

The ceremony was celebrated by Rev. Robert McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

Attending the ordination ceremony in Rochester on Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Murphy and their daughter, Joan; Mrs. Rev. William H. McPherson, M.F., of Geneva; and relatives of the young priest from New York City, Orange, N. J., and Washington, D. C.

De Sales High School Notes

GENEVA — Regular meeting of Our Lady's Sodality of De Sales High School was held on Thursday evening at St. Francis de Sales School Hall. Junior and Senior students as well as other members of the student body attended. John Lawler, prefect, presided.

In observance of National Week a short original play was presented by members of Sister Clementine's Social Studies class. The following participated: Mary Margaret O'Malley, Jean Monaco, June Ryan, Eleanor Darrin, Michael De Maria, Thomas Quigley and Joseph Roe.

Rev. Edward Bowen, C.S.B., of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House on Lockland Road was guest speaker.

Plans for a campaign to procure clothing for the needy Filipinos were discussed. The drive is an answer to an appeal made by Rev. Francis J. LeBuffe, S.J., for help for the destitute in the war-torn islands of the Philippine Islands.

Mass in Geneva Honors St. Patrick

GENEVA — A high mass in honor of St. Patrick was celebrated on Saturday at St. Francis de Sales Church at 8 o'clock. The homily was delivered by Rev. Edward Bowen, C.S.B., of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House on Lockland Road.

The traditional Mass in yearly attended by a large number of parishioners. Rev. Edward E. Hall, pastor of St. Francis de Sales, was officiating at the Mass.

Adoration Men Set Holy Thursday Vigil At St. Stephen's

GENEVA — Members of the Adoration Society of St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's Churches will meet for Holy Hour services at St. Stephen's Church from 10 to 12 o'clock on Holy Thursday night. This will mark the first meeting of the year for the society in St. Stephen's Church. During the past season the members have been meeting monthly at St. Francis de Sales Church on Exchange Street.

Bronze Star Medals Awarded 2 Soldiers

Auburn, N.Y. — John E. McMahon, 193 Seymour Street, serving with the 1st Armored Division in Germany as an airplane crew chief, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding performance in the line of duty. McMahon is in charge of two "Grasshoppers" artillery tractor planes of his battalion. His aircraft have been under fire and have flown 340 combat missions dropping artillery fire from the air, performing front-line reconnaissance and doing ferrying jobs. Yet only once was any of the tiny planes unavailable for immediate flight in the entire six months in action.

First Lieut. Raymond J. Casey, of the Army, son of Mrs. Mabel Casey, 841 Avenue, has also been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic action in the Philippine Islands on Dec. 26, 1944. He is a paratrooper and left Auburn with the National Guard on Oct. 21, 1944. Lieut. Casey has served no action against the Japs on the Philippine Islands and was in the Corregidor bottom. A citation accompanied the medal which was sent by direction of the President and forwarded by the Commanding General, 11th Airborne Division, and was awarded for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on Dec. 26, 1944. Casey went south with the National Guard when he entered the service and later to the Hawaiian Islands. He then returned to the United States for officer training and left the country again in April 1944.

St. Simplicius, Pope was the ornament of the Roman clergy under St. Leo and Hilarius, and succeeded the latter in the Pontificate in 468. He was raised by God to comfort and support His Church amid the greatest storms. After many trials he fell to his reward in 482.

Two Auburn Priests Offer First Masses

AUBURN — Rev. C. Richard Nangle and Rev. Joseph T. Gier, the two young priests who were ordained by Bishop Kearney in the Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Saturday morning celebrated their first solemn Masses in St. Alphonsus Church Sunday morning in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends.

A procession of altar boys, Columbian Squires, Knights of St. John, Seminary students, visiting priests and the officers of the Mass marched from the rectory to the church. Also in the procession were two little girls from St. Alphonsus School who carried a wreath on a white satin pillow. Miss Marjorie was in front.

St. Prothon and Miss Moran in Father Gaynor's. The music at both Masses was sung by St. Alphonsus Choir directed by Rev. Robert Doherty, with Mrs. Howard Blumrich at the organ.

Father Nangle was assisted in his first solemn Mass by Rev. John Hodge, deacon; Rev. Walter Fisher, sub-deacon and Rev. Benedict Whelan, assistant priest. Rev. Gerard Amann, former assistant at St. Alphonsus, preached the sermon. The altar boys from the Junior crew of the Columbian Squires, Circle 112 assisting at the Mass were: Edward Davis, Robert John, Donald Penney, James Myers, Pich Hills, George Murphy, Fred Lappier, Arthur Deans, Fred Tenity, Richard Doyle and Jeremiah McAniff.

Father Gaynor was assisted by Rev. John T. Walsh, deacon, Rev. Leo McMahon, sub-deacon, Rev. Joseph E. O'Neil, assistant priest, Rev. Dr. Elmer McNamara, preached the sermon. The altar boys from the Senior crew of the Columbian Squires, Circle 113 assisting at the Mass were: Jack Adams, Charles Picare, Richard Penney, Donald Lawler, David Rice, Thomas Campbell, Frederick Atkinson, Charles Hutson, David Clifford, Emanuel Ferrara, John Walsh.

The Seminary students serving at both Masses were David and Jerome McNair of St. Andrew's and Charles A. Bennett, Jr. of St. Bernard's Seminary.

At the conclusion of the first Mass the young priest gave their first blessing. Following the dinner, receptions were held in the afternoon from 1 until 1 o'clock. Father Gaynor's reception was held at the home of his uncle, Supervisor John E. Gandy of 1 Van Anden Street and Father Nangle's reception was held at the home of his mother in South Hoopes Avenue.

A large group of relatives and friends attended the ordination ceremony in Rochester on Saturday morning. Among the relatives attending were Father Gaynor's mother, Mrs. Rose Gaynor of 97 No. Fulton Street, his sisters, the Misses Mildred and Clara Gaynor and Mrs. Albert Plank, Father Nangle's mother, Mrs. Martha Nangle of St. Joseph Avenue, his sister, Miss Betty Nangle of Daytona Beach, Fla., and his brother David Nangle of Washington, D. C.

Auburn Deaths

St. Mary's — John J. Quinn, of Hamilton Avenue, died Sunday afternoon in Auburn City Hospital. Mr. Quinn was struck last Wednesday evening at South and Hamilton Avenues by a car. Following the accident he was taken to the hospital and his condition became more serious than thought at first. Mr. Quinn was born in Providence, England, and came to America when very young. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of the Holy Name Society.

Mr. Quinn is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Quinn Quinn, and a sister, Mrs. John Lambert, of Auburn.

A solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated Sunday morning at St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

St. Patrick's Day Party Successful

AUBURN — The annual St. Patrick's Day party sponsored by St. Patrick's Parish was held at the Auburn Hotel and was very successful. Joseph E. Quinn was the guest of honor and delivered an address on the life of St. Patrick.

Parents Hear from 'Missing' G.I. Now in German Camp

GENEVA — Previously reported missing, a Geneva soldier in a German Prison camp, an officer has won the Silver Star, and two other servicemen have been recuperating, war news of interest to this area reveals this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonough, 216 William Street, have received word from their son, Pfc. Paul McDonough, who is in a German prison camp. He was previously reported missing in action in Luxembourg since December 20.

First Lieut. Thomas F. Welch

Heard at Forty Hours' Services in Geneva Church

GENEVA — Forty Hours Devotions opened on Sunday evening at St. Stephen's Church following the 11 o'clock Mass. A solemn procession in which members of the clergy, the choir, and a number of school children participated, marked the opening service.

The Rev. Dr. Elmer C. McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, delivered the opening sermon on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. John E. Many of Rochester was the speaker at the devotion on Monday evening and the Rev. Theodore Winterboth of Elmira delivered the sermon on Tuesday evening. Formal closing of the Forty Hours took place on Wednesday morning.

has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while fighting with the Third Infantry Division in Italy. His mother, Mrs. H. N. Trotter, resides at 644 Castle Heights.

Pfc. Edward F. DeVany, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. DeVany, 12 University Avenue, who is with the Armed Forces in Europe, is now enjoying a brief rest period at a rest camp in France, according to word received by his parents. He has participated in several major engagements and has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and a four-star campaign ribbon.

Joseph J. Spillane who volunteered for service in the U. S. Coast Guard in 1942 has just returned from the U. S. Marine Hospital in Detroit, where he has been confined for several weeks. He was taken ill from over-exertion which affected his heart while on active duty, and is now convalescing at his home. He is not expected to return to service.

Before entering the service, Mr. Spillane practiced law in Geneva for several years. He is a graduate of Notre Dame University and of Albany Law School.

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