

Trinity Sunday, May 27

Trinity Sunday, the last day for fulfilling the Easter Duty, this year falls on May 27. One's Easter duty is the obligation to receive Holy Communion worthily between the first Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. The penalty for wilful failure to perform this duty is excommunication from the Church.

## News from Elmirans in Service

By MARGARET KENNEDY

St. Patrick's parish was our first stop this week, where some interesting news about Ted L. William J. Flanagan, who has been in the service since February 1942, was gathered. Bill is a pilot and trained at Miami, Fla., Gunther

Feld, Ala., and George Field, Ill. further need for Jim. Charles and Jim are the sons of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Gruner, 212 West Hudson Street and they are members of St. Mary's parish.

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A graduate of George Washington School, the Academy, and Bentley School of Finance in Boston, Bill worked at the Pratt and Whitney Division in Hartford before he entered the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Flanagan, 322 Farnham Street.

From Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, we heard some news about Apprentice Engineer Ralph W. Conner. Ralph is a pre-medical student at Cornell and has been taking the V-12 course since March 1942. He received an appointment to Annapolis but turned it down in favor of staying on at Cornell to continue his study of medicine. Before entering Cornell, Ralph was graduated from the Hendy Avenue School and the Academy. He is the son of Mr. Orley M. Conner, 128 Country Club Drive.

Next we want to tell you about the two Gruner boys. Pfc. Charles H. Gruner has been in the service since August 1942. He received his training at Goodfellow Field, Texas, and at San Antonio. He went overseas about three weeks ago and has arrived at his destination but the only word his family has had yet is one of those "Home Origin" cablegrams, which tell them nothing of his whereabouts.

Charles is married and his wife, the former Miss Norma Jean Chamberlain is living with her parents on Beckett Street for the duration.

He was graduated from St. Mary's School and Cook Academy at Mount Pleasant and attended the University of Alabama for three years. He was employed at the International Business Machine Company in Poughkeepsie before he entered the service.

Sergeant 1/c James Gruner joined the Navy in January 1942. Like all good sailors, Jim went to Sampson for his recruit training, transferred to New York City for a few weeks and was assigned to sea duty last August. He has crossed the Atlantic six times and has been to England, France, North Africa and Italy. He is stationed aboard a transport attached to a carrier. He says there is a Catholic chaplain aboard his ship and he serves the boys of all religions.

Jim says they have Mass aboard the ship in the morning and in the afternoon to accommodate all the men and in between Masses and other duties, the Chaplain gives services for the Protestant and Jewish men. A graduate of St. Mary's School and the Southside High, Jim was a pre-law student at Colgate University before he entered the service and hopes to go back to complete his education when Uncle Sam has no

further need for him. Charles and Jim are the sons of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Gruner, 212 West Hudson Street and they are members of St. Mary's parish.

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John entered Intelligence School at Mitchie, Md. After completing his course he went to Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., to a special service school and was then sent to Officers Training School at Miami, Fla., and received his commission in October 1942. John says that all the Indians will remember when he received his commission, because Clark Gable was a member of the group.

In October 1942 he went overseas and has been at Guadalcanal, Dutch New Guinea and is now in the Philippines. John is a special service officer in charge of information, education and athletics.

His mother told us that there is a chaplain with his group. They have a portable altar in Australia and wherever they go, they take their altar, sometimes setting it up in a field or in an empty building if one can be found. Mass is offered every evening and they have had a number of Novenas.

John told his mother in a letter that the culture of the Dutch New Guinea natives has been greatly influenced by Catholic Missionaries and there is much evidence that these missionaries have worked among the natives for many years. We asked Mrs. Doran what the boys do in their spare time. She says they have many opportunities for relaxation and it is one of John's jobs to help provide entertainment. The group puts out a daily newspaper, called the Billy Mitchell named for the B-26 Bomber, which is used by his group. The paper gives reports of the war news, sports events from the States and camp news. John has organized a group baseball league and there is much rivalry among the different groups, especially during the playoffs. They have movies every night and all the best pictures are included in the programs. He especially mentioned the Song of Bernadette, which was shown a short time ago and which was much appreciated by the men.

Many of the little things which the men used to take for granted in their daily lives are greatly missed by them now. For instance John says, "If a barber would come along he could start a nice little business and save the men a lot of grief, trying to cut each other's hair." Then, too, John says, he would give a lot for a glass of cold milk, which has been off his menu for a long time.

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## St. James (Waverly)

### Marine Wounded on Iwo

By EDWARD T. WALSH

Waverly — Marine Pvt. Alfred J. McNeal, member of the fourth division, is hospitalized on Iwo Jima, his mother, Mrs. Irene Strope, 28 Lyman Avenue, has learned.

In service for three years, Private McNeal received his training at New River, N. C., and Washington and fought in the invasions of the Marshall Islands and Okinawa.

### EASTER RITES

Easter services in St. James began with Masses at 6, 8, 10 and 12 o'clock. High Mass by Battalion was sung at 10 o'clock with a choir of 18 voices under the direction of Mrs. Mary Sutton, church organist. Soloists were Mrs. Francis Butler, Mrs. Kenneth Pringle, Miss Claire Rose Stark and Fritz Gross, a former member of the choir who was here for Easter.

The Rev. Edward Dempsey, acting pastor, preached at all Masses.

At 7:30 in the evening there was recitation of the rosary, sermon by the Rev. Francis Desogno and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with special prayers for peace. Monday morning the regular weekly High Masses for peace and for those in service was offered at 8 o'clock.

MRS. MARY E. BAXTER

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Baxter, 54, who died Monday (Mar. 24, 1945), were conducted in St. James church Wednesday morning. The Rev. Edward Dempsey officiated at the Requiem High Mass.

Bearers were George Sutherland, James Dowen, George Baxter, Francis O'Brien, Michael Dowen and George Sutton. Burial was in St. James cemetery.

A resident of Waverly for over 75 years, Mrs. Baxter died in Garden City, Long Island, N. Y. The body was brought here to the Gear Funeral Home.

Mrs. Baxter, widow of the late Robert J. Baxter, was born in Adelton, N. Y., the daughter of Michael and Bridget Keirick. She came to Waverly about 1868 and lived here until six years ago when she made her home in Garden City.

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### PATRICK J. FROST

Funeral services for Patrick J. Frost, formerly of Sayre, were conducted Monday morning in St. James Church. Burial was in St. James Cemetery.

Mr. Frost died Friday evening (Mar. 30, 1945) in the Meyer Hospital at Buffalo following a long illness. The body was brought to Waverly Saturday night.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Mary Frost of South Waverly, and Mrs. Joseph Barry of Waverly.

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