

Assist Benedictine in First Solemn Mass



Celebrating his First Solemn Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, last Sunday, Dom Barnabas William Stowell, of the Order of St. Benedict, (second from right) was assisted by these three Elmira priests (from left) Fr. Lee G. Schwab, Fr. William J. Brian and Fr. Philip McCham.

**Arch Abbott Preaches at
Benedictine's First Mass**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church was filled to capacity Sunday for the First Solemn Mass of Dom Barnabas William Stowell, Monk of the Order of St. Benedict.

Coming to preach the sermon and participate in the services was the Rt. Rev. Alfred Koch, O.S.B., Arch Abbot of St. Vincent's Archdiocese, Erie, Pa.

The Arch Abbot told the young priest: "Today is your day of joy and happiness, today your parents rejoice and your family. Today the Master has triumphed once again over sin and sorrow for he has taken you as His very own."

The distinguished Prelate admonished Dom Barnabas as a priest of the Benedictine Order, "that there will be dark days and suffering ahead, because the Master himself suffered even this. The love of your Divine Master will protect you because thou art a Priest forever according to the Order of Melchisedech."

Assisting Dom Barnabas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Stowell, 811 Winsor Ave., were: Assistant Priest, the Rev. Lee G. Schwab, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes; Deacon, the Rev. William J. Brian, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church; Subdeacon, the Rev. Philip McCham, St. Joseph's Hospital Chaplain; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. John D. Hurley, Assistant Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Church; Assistant Master, Father Dom Venard; Chaplain to Arch Abbot Koch, Father Dom Dominic.

A dinner was served at the Mark Twain Hotel following the

Mass. Among those present were the parents of Dom Barnabas, members of his immediate family and most of the local clergy.

Father Schwab acted as master and presented Father Idephonse who welcomed Dom Barnabas into the Order of St. Benedict.

A reception for friends of the family was held at the parents' home during the late afternoon.

**Lourdes Children's
Communion Slated**

The children and High School students of Our Lady of Lourdes church will receive Holy Communion in a body on Sunday at the 9 o'clock Mass.

On all Sundays during June debt collections will be taken up and it is hoped the response will be generous. This plan is being adopted for the month of June due to the fact that a spring benefit card party was not held.

Twenty-three children of the parish received their first Holy Communion last Sunday at the 9 o'clock Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eredy, Big Flats, are the parents of a girl born at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fitzpatrick, 500 Edgewood Drive, are the parents of a daughter born at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mortgage Burning Rite Set by K. of C.

Arrangements have been completed to Burn The Mortgage on Columbus Center at a gala Banquet and dance to be held at the Mark Twain Hotel on Saturday evening, June 16.

Grand Knight Eugene F. Agan has announced the appointment of Brothers Samuel A. Deffenzo and Joseph E. Berrigan as co-chairmen of this momentous occasion and every member of Elmira Council who can possibly attend the affair will be assured of a program of entertainment

that they will long remember. An invitation has been extended to His Excellency Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, to speak.

Other guests expected to be with Elmira Knights for the banquet include: Joseph F. Lamb, KCSG Supreme Secretary; Leo Craig, Superintendent of the Insurance Department of the Knights of Columbus and officials of the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus.

The achievement of completely liquidating the indebtedness

on Columbus Center is due to the many personal sacrifices made by the brothers who have served our Council as Grand Knights and to the wholehearted support of the membership for their continued cooperation over a period of years to the end that our fine building would be debt free." Council officer staff.

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