

### 8 Weekends Added for Lay Retreatants

The retreat season for laymen in Rochester diocese will be eight weeks longer than last year, the Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., Retreat Master announced at a meeting of Rochester-area promoters of the Laymen's Retreat League, Feb. 1.

Addressing the promoters at the meeting held in St. Joseph's Hall, Rochester, Father Aylward said the retreat season would begin with the first weekend in May and extend through October. Lengthening of the season, Father Aylward said, has been made necessary because of an expected increase of 40 percent.

Promoters revealed that parishes previously having retreats on the same weekend at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Geneva had increased the number going to make it necessary to have separate retreats.

Final schedule was referred to the League's Executive Committee, President E. E. Shlesinger, Executive Vice President Frank Wolfe and Secretary George P. Schmidt who will confer with Father Aylward.

Funds for Fr. Murphy Secretary Schmidt reported that a \$500 purse had been raised for the Rev. John P. Murphy, C.S.S.R., founder of the diocesan retreat house and former retreat master. Father Murphy is now

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MSGR. JAMES J. GRIFFIN

### St. Mary's Sodality At Corporate Communion

Corning — Following the receiving of Holy Communion at the 8:30 a. m. Mass at St. Mary's Church, about 40 members of the Junior and Senior Sodality of Our Lady of Good Counsel were present at a breakfast served in the Sodality rooms in St. Mary's School. The Misses Mary Alice Garvey and Mary Lou Suttan were co-chairmen for the affair.

The Junior Sodality held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday at 8 p. m. and the Senior Sodality met Wednesday at the same time.

If we climb higher ourselves the divorce and crime rates won't.

### Monsignor Griffin Of Corning Marks 90th Birthday

Corning — Beginning the day by celebrating Mass at 7:30 a. m., the Rt. Rev. Mgr. James Griffin, pastor emeritus of St. Mary's Church, noted his 90th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Dean of the Catholic clergy in Corning, Monsignor Griffin has a special place in the hearts of his parishioners and has a host of friends in the city. Until the last few years one of Monsignor Griffin's chief delights was to stop to talk with children on his daily walks. He always left them with happy smiles on their faces.

Monsignor Griffin, who received his education at St. Bonaventure's College, came to St. Mary's Church as pastor in November, 1920, after having served in many other parishes. He became a monsignor in February, 1932.

### St. Charles Sodality Plans for Bake Sale

Young Ladies of the Blessed Virgin Sodality, St. Charles Church, Elmira Heights, held a business meeting Monday evening and plans were discussed for a bake sale to be held in the near future. Details and committees will be announced soon.

The Rev. William M. Cannon, pastor of St. Charles Church was host to the altar boys of the parish at the showing of the "Bells of St. Mary's"

### Knight's Essay Contest Opens in High Schools

An essay contest on the topic, "An American Hero," is being sponsored by Elmira Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, for students of Elmira Catholic High School, Elmira Free Academy and Southside High School, the Knights announce today.

The composition, the committee states, must of necessity bring out clearly the patriotic accomplishments of the subject of the essay.

Judges will be designated from the teaching staffs of the respective schools to determine the winning entry in each school.

Phillip J. Sullivan assisted by Charles Keopiock, Paul A. Heidt, Peter Baker and James O'Leary are arranging all details of the contest with the various school principals.

They listed by the committee are:

1. The composition should not be less than five hundred (500) words, and should illustrate some patriotic achievement made by an outstanding American.
2. All students in the 9th-12th grades of the Elmira Free Academy, Southside High School and Catholic High School are eligible to participate.
3. Composition must be original and written for this contest.
4. The teacher is to select three of the best compositions from his or her class and give them to a committee of teachers, who will act as judges in each school.
5. All essays will be the property of the K. of C.

6. The decision of the judges is final.
7. All essays must be turned in by April 1, 1946.
8. The prizes will be awarded at the Commencement Exercises at each high school.
9. The prizes will be three \$25.00 War Bonds, one to be awarded to each high school.

### Scouts to Hear Chaplain Murphy

Chaplain Donald J. Murphy who served with the 90th Infantry Division in Europe will speak at a Communion Breakfast in St. Mary's School auditorium, Elmira, marking the thirty-sixth anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts and Cub Pack members of St. Mary's with their parents will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock Mass.



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