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## Rosary Best Defense Bishop Tells Knights

Auburn—In these days of Godless Communism, the greatest defense for our Catholic people everywhere is the recitation of the Rosary, was the message His Excellency, Bishop Kearney of Rochester, gave 432 members of Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus here Sunday.

## VETERAN'S RITES SET ON FRIDAY

Auburn—Frank C. Callmer, 22, veteran of World War II, died on Friday, March 29, 1946, in the Veterans Hospital at Tucson, Arizona. Funeral services will be held on Friday morning, April 5, at 9:30 in St. Francis Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

## Marine Veteran Goes To Syracuse University

Auburn—Corp. Eugene Mryk, 25, of the U. S. Marine Corps has received his honorable discharge and is now attending Syracuse University. He was graduated from East High School in 1942 and enlisted in the Marine Corps on April 5, 1943, receiving his training at Parris Island and the Jacksonville, Fla. Naval Aviation Radio School. He completed 23 missions over Japan territory. He has received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. His three pages of citations add five gold stars to his Air Medal. His brother John served 45 months with the Army Air Forces.

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## Luxembourg Honors Former Diocesan Nurse Unit Head

An honor from Luxembourg is in the possession of First Lieut. Marie M. Flanagan, first president and one of the founders of Rochester Council, National Council of Catholic Nurses.

Lieutenant Flanagan has had conferred on her by Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg, the degree of Chevalier of the Grand Ducal Order of the Oak Wreath on the testimony of the minister of foreign affairs and government in council of Luxembourg.

The award was authorized for meritorious service while Lieutenant Flanagan was serving as an Army nurse with the 30th United States General Hospital at Barle-Duc, France. Place of the presentation and date have not been announced.

## Widow Given Silver Star For Heroic Auburn Captain

Auburn—The Polish Home in State Street was the scene of ceremonies connected with the posthumous award of a Silver Star Medal to the widow of Capt. Thaddeus Kubarek. At this meeting the members of the newly organized Swietoniowski-Kepczek Legion Post were host to the representatives of 14 Legion Posts in the county as well as veterans who attended the ceremony.

Rev. Arthur J. Bejczak, former U. S. Army Catholic Chaplain, who served overseas with the 10th Infantry Regiment, 5th Division in North Africa, Sicily and Italy acted as chaplain for the meeting and gave the invocation.

## Trumansburg Men Organize

Organization of Men's Clubs for parishes in St. James Church here and St. Francis Church, Trumansburg, is held in a meeting at the community center Sunday.

FR. KELLY, Rochester, is the guest speaker, the pastor, Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, announced.

Speakers at the Communion Breakfast, first for the men of the two parishes held in several years was Charles A. Tucker, chairman of the Diocesan Speakers' Bureau sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

In his talk on "Two Thousand-Year-Old Atomic Bombs," Tucker stressed corporate life and corporate activity to be participated in by each member of the Mystical Body.

The Mass at which the men received Holy Communion was a Dialogue Mass offered for the repose of the soul of the late Monsignor Joseph F. Steedman of Brooklyn, author of the Sunday Missal and a friend of Father Kelly's who as a Navy and Marine Chaplain, had cooperated in spreading Sunday Missals among the Marines in the Pacific.

Officers of the newly formed clubs elected are: for St. James Parish, Robert Bowers, president and Raymond Gregoire, Jr., secretary-treasurer; for St. Francis Parish, James Daily, president, and Timothy Mahoney, secretary-treasurer.

Father Kelly became pastor of St. James on his return after four years with the Navy and Marines. Holding the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he was given his honorable discharge in San Francisco in time to take up his pastoral duties with celebration of Christmas Midnight Mass.

## 6 Catholic Students Top Mynderse List

Senesca Falls — In the list recently made public at Mynderse Academy, six of the 1946 graduating class are Catholics.

Alice C. Cassey, Salutatorian of the class, has an average of 92.3%; Gloria Povero (3rd), 90.5%; Rena McMill (6th), 89.5%; Dolores Rotunda (8th), 86.5%; Madeline Martello (8th), 86.2%; Richard Rausch (10th), 86.2%.

All but Richard Rausch, the only boy to make the list, are graduates of St. Patrick's School.

## Few Catholics At Church Prior To Reformatory

About ten percent of the young men received into Elmira Reformatory during the fiscal year of the Office of the Catholic Chaplain claimed to have attended church regularly before being admitted, states the annual report of the Rev. Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain, out this week.

Of the new men received, 300 claimed to have been members of the Catholic Church and 21 of these claimed to have attended church regularly.

Eleven or about 5 percent received all their education in a Catholic school, according to the report. Sixty-seven claimed to have attended both Catholic and Public Schools and 42 of these left the Catholic School before the Sixth Grade.

Eighty-eight or sixty-five percent admitted having come from broken homes, that is, homes where either one or both parents are deceased or divorced. Thirty-two were born outside the United States, the largest number, seven, coming from Puerto Rico.

## OSS MAJOR HOME AFTER 3 YEARS

Geneva—Major Thomas J. Jennings, son of Thomas A. Jennings, 220 Washington street, arrived home Tuesday from the European Theatre of Operations, where he has been since July, 1943. He was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services in London and was attached to the SHAEF Psychological Warfare Division as Intelligence Officer and served in France and Belgium until the termination of SHAEF.

He was then attached to the USEP Mission in Belgium, as assistant G-2. Subsequent to the closing of the mission, he remained for a time in Baislon capacity with the Office of the Military Attaché.

Major Jennings has been awarded the Bronze Star; Normandy, Northern France, and Belgium campaign stars; the French Croix de Guerre with all star; and the Belgian Military Cross. He is now on terminal leave.

Three masses were celebrated every Sunday in the Reformatory with an average attendance of about 75 percent. Confessions are heard every Saturday with an average of about 125 per week.

## Armed Services Discharges Four

Seneca Falls — Four former servicemen from here have received their honorable discharges from the armed forces as follows:

1/4 Donald Verdillo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Verdillo, Seneca Falls, who has been in the service since June, 1943, as a member of the Medical Corps. He saw service in England and France.

2/3 John Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Calland, W. Fall St., after 2 1/2 years. John served in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas with an Armed Guard crew.

M. M. 2/2 Louis Laude, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Laude, Canoga St., who has been in the service 2 1/2 years. He spent 15 months in the Pacific area as a member of a crew of an Amphibious Landing Craft. He took part in the invasion of Okinawa.

Major Angelo Romeo has reopened his office on State St. and resumed his dental practice after spending 3 1/2 years with the Army. Dr. Romeo was stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., and while there joined the 85th General Hospital Unit. He went overseas with that unit and spent 17 months in General Hospitals in England. He returned to the United States in July of 1945 and is now on terminal leave.

## Home from Ireland

Geneva — Frederick Jennings, son of Mrs. Patrick Jennings, 24 North street, arrived in New York on Saturday, March 23, aboard the liner Gripsholm from Ireland.

## NCCS-KC Canteen Closes After Serving 10,258

Concluding two years of faithful and efficient service, the National Catholic Community Service Canteen threw a final party for visiting servicemen last Sunday.

In the Knights of Columbus clubrooms 111 servicemen, most of them sailors from Sampson Naval Center, were served the usual Sunday morning breakfast of bacon and eggs, fruit, toast and coffee. A five-piece band provided music during the entertainment program which followed.

The N. C. C. S. Canteen, an extension of United Service Organization, was in operation in the Columbus Civic Center clubrooms from March 12, 1944, to March 31, 1946.

## 11 Auburnians Leave Service

Auburn—Honorable discharges were granted to the following Auburnians this week:

William J. Scheraga, 2 1/2 yrs., 115 North 4th Street.  
Robert A. Davis, 30M 1/4, 118 Broadway.  
Armed J. Schuch, 30M 1/4, 124 North 4th Street.  
Andrew P. Gohde, 30M 1/4, 118 1/2 North 4th Street.  
Charles E. Avenue, 24 Goshop St.  
Ray J. Jones, 30M, 214 East 5th Street.  
Clarence Stangley, 12M Private St.  
Robert C. Thompson, 30M Private St.  
Robert J. Jones, 114 Howard Street.  
C. F. O'Connell, 30M 1/4, 118 1/2 North 4th Street.  
St. Anthony, 25 Center St.

## Pacific Veteran Returning Home

Auburn — Charles E. Gandy, CMS USNR, is returning to the States aboard the USS George Easton. The ship left Guam on March 3. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gandy, Camp Street.

Corp. William Geisinger is now at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Geisinger, Mary Street. Before enlisting in the Army, Corp. Geisinger had three years of service in the Southwest Pacific serving in New Guinea, the Philippines, Iwojima and Japan. Geisinger left West Point to enter the service on December 14, 1942.

Joseph Hunsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hunsch, 10 Division Street, was a member of the second graduating class of the Aviation Fundamental School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif. He received his commission in the Army in September, 1944, and received his commission in the Army on September 14, 1944.

## Selective Service Medal for Auburnian

Auburn — Stanley K. Pelt, 36 Chest Street, chairman of Local Selective Service Board 49, will be presented with the official Selective Service Medal on April 12 at the 19th Regiment Armory in Albany. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will make the presentation. Mr. Pelt has been chairman of Board 49 since 1941.

## GENEVA WOMEN REPORT ON AID

Shipment of 2,017 pieces of clothing for the destitute of Europe have been made during the past few months by War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference. This is the report filed by Mrs. Joseph W. McElroy, chairman of the Geneva Auxiliary, N.C.C.W., War Relief program, to the Rochester Diocesan Council, N.C.C.W.

Following is the itemized list of parish contributions: Nov. 18, 1945, St. Stephen's, 2 cases, 116; St. Michael's, 2 cases, 114; St. Joseph's, 3 cases, 278; St. Francis, 3 cases, 242; Feb. 4, St. Stephen's, 7 cases, 342; Feb. 11, St. Francis, 1 case, 382; Feb. 20, St. Stephen's, 5 cases, 218.

In addition to clothing and shoes for adults, infants and children, these packages contained needles, thread, pins and buttons.

Destitute University Book Societies (N.Y.)—Fishes, Romano (Gastrolis), distinguished scholar and philosopher, many of whose books have been published in the United States, has declined the chair offered him at the University of Turin, Italy.

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