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**Bishop Offers Dialog
Mass To Mark Jubilee
Of Trumansburg Church**

Trumansburg—With His Excellency, Bishop Kearney celebrating a Dialog Mass in which the parishioners joined, the Golden Jubilee of St. James the Apostle Church in its present form was marked here Sunday.

The church, which was dedicated in 1844, is the oldest of its kind in the diocese. Bishop Kearney expressed himself as well pleased with the new Sanctuary, a fitting place for adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

In the Mass the parishioners recited, in Latin, the altar and choir parts as the Bishop officiated at the altar. A souvenir booklet of the Golden Jubilee celebration stated that the church was founded in 1804 by Rev. James S. Sidmer, a convert who used his influence to have a Father Donahue offer the first Mass here in 1844. In 1861, Father Donahue, pastor of St. James' and former Navy chaplain, died.

Additional redecoration and improvement of the Sanctuary is planned, Father Kelly stated.

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Returned servicemen of St. Anthony's Church who are ready to assist at the Memorial Mass, Sunday, Nov. 10 at St. Anthony's Church, Elmira are (from left, front row) Leonard Sagiaris and Joseph Treccia; (from left, second row) Leonard Cori, Francis Treccia and Peter Caporiccio.

**17 War Heroes to be
Honored at Memorial
Mass at St. Anthony's**

A Solemn Military Mass commemorating the sacrifice of 17 men of St. Anthony's Parish, Elmira, will be held Sunday, Nov. 10 under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the parish organization.

Beginning at 10:20 a. m., the Solemn Procession of veterans and clergy will proceed from the rectory up North First Street to Washington and to the church. A pause will be made before the church while the flag is lowered to halfmast on the church flagpole.

Uniformed servicemen will act as Solemn Servers at the Mass. (Photo this page). All veterans of the parish will receive Holy Communion.

Concluding the Mass, the Star Spangled Banner will be sung by the congregation. The St. Anthony Senior Girls' Choir under direction of Sister Rose Cecilia and organist Mrs. Peter Palange will provide music for the Mass.

**40 Hours Set
At St. Charles**

Forty Hours devotion will open at St. Charles Borromeo church, Elmira Heights, on Sunday. Evening services will be held at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Leo Ward, recently ordained and assigned to St. Charles as assistant will be the speaker at Sunday night's services. The Rev. Ignatius St. George, assistant at St. Anthony's will preach on Monday night.

**500 at Elmira Charities Dinner
Of Merger with Diocesan Corporation**

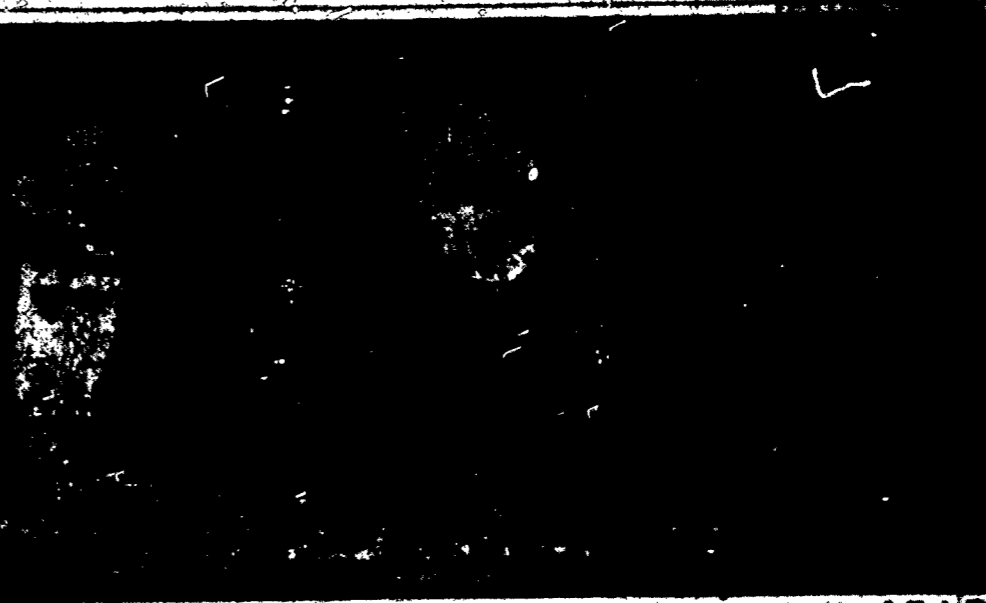
Merger of Elmira Catholic Charities with the Rochester Catholic Charities announced at the annual dinner in Mark Twain Hotel, Monday night in conformity with the pattern throughout New York State. His Excellency Bishop Kearney, guest of honor, said at the dinner.

The State Welfare Department, the Bishop said, has set up the corporation for Catholic Charities work in each diocese throughout the state. The Elmira office will now be enabled to undertake Child Placing in the county of Chemung.

While the charities corporations are known by the name of the See city, His Excellency pointed out, it does not signify that the work of the charity organization is confined to that city or is it particular to it but is diocesan wide in scope.

Announcement of the consolidation under the state corporation was made by Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive secretary of Elmira Catholic Charities in making her annual report. Miss Fitzgerald will continue in her capacity as executive secretary.

A democratic plan without religion and "with no religious privilege" is in danger of destruction, the Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O.F.M., dean of the college of Philosophy at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., declared in the principal address of the evening. Nearly 500 Elmira men attended.



Members at the 11th Annual Dinner of Elmira Catholic Charities of St. Paul Hotel shown conferring before speaking program. Bishop Kearney, center, is with Charles Burke, treasurer and Chairman of Board of Directors; Mrs. Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Secretary, Elmira Catholic Charities.

Present at the dinner were: the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, diocesan director, and the Rev. Arthur E. Halligan, assistant diocesan director, Rochester Catholic Charities.

With Chairman Burke on the Board of Directors in Elmira are: Vice Chairman Mrs. Fred W. Cauer; Secretary, Mrs. Joseph R. Speer; and Urie S. French, Sr., treasurer, representative of the Elmira community. Very Rev. Dean William J. Brennan, the Reverend Fathers Theodore J. Winterroth, Francis J. Kelly, Ladislav J. Kocoranski, Thomas J. Toole, Arthur C. Smith, William J. Naughton, Leo Schwab, Gerald C. Lambert, William Cannon, Albert E. Simonetti, also Cornelius O'Donoghue, Dr. John F. Lynch, Allan P. Quattrone, Stephen J. McCarroll, Miss Mary E. Kelly and Mrs. Pauline Clune.

The Bishop said the work of Dr. John F. Lynch, recently retired chairman of the Catholic Charities board of directors and paid tribute to the efforts of Miss Fitzgerald, agency director and her staff members.

Necessity of God's influence in charity work was emphasized by the Bishop who said "if you take God out of charity you will produce a generation which will hold out its hands for a gift."

Garth A. Shumway, Chairman of the Board of Directors, urged 40 percent community support of all Red Feather appeals and said "we must give more than lip service to sustaining American heritage and traditions."

Miss Fitzgerald in presenting her annual report pointed to worthy marriage, uneducated and neglected children, youths slipping into delinquency and aged persons as a few who receive specialized attention.

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