

Masses at Midnight To Herald Nativity; Pageant Set Sunday

The Holy Feast of Christmas will be ushered in with Midnight Masses in churches of the diocese and special Christmas music will be provided by the various church choirs. A Christmas Pageant on Sunday has been arranged.

Movie on Pope's Life Endorsed By Cardinal

"The Story of the Pope," a feature-length historical film that will provide the first glimpse into the daily life of Pope Pius XII to appear on any screen, opens its world premiere today at the Republic Theater in New York City. Chapel Films Corporation is the producer of the film.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman who will appear in an introduction recommends the film. The narrator throughout is the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen. The film was made with the Vatican with the cooperation of the Holy See.

Faithful of the Rochester diocese are urged by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, to view the movie when shown. A part of the Broadway showing proceeds, as well as those from national distribution, is earmarked for War Relief Services, Inc., an agency that distributes food and clothing to the war-stricken peoples of the world, color or creed.

His Eminence Cardinal Spellman was requested by the Vatican authorities to assist in the production in the United States of the film showing the life of Pope Pius XII.

Cardinal Spellman commenting on the film states that it might be recommended to pastors for their endorsement. "First of all as a film that will bring the Holy Father's life and activities closer to them, and secondly because the proceeds will help the starving, suffering people of the world."

The script for "The Story of the Pope" was prepared by John Meehan. Walter Klee was editorial supervisor.

Mrs. Galetti Head Of SMS Auxiliary

SENECA FALLS — The S.M.S. Auxiliary has chosen the following list of officers to conduct its affairs for the coming year: President, Mrs. Mary Galetti; first Vice-President, Mrs. Olga Pohl; second Vice-President, Mrs. Cecilia Ricci; Treasurer, Mrs. Teresa Avveduti; Trustees, Mrs. Adele Nazzoli, Mrs. Mary Landi, Mrs. Teresa Giovannini, Mrs. Adele Milanese, Mrs. Mary Josephine Turti and Mrs. Adele Milanese; secretary, Mrs. Angelina Perichio; auditors, Mrs. Anna Vergamini and Mrs. Eleanor Ricci.

Installation of the new officers will take place Wednesday evening, Jan. 8, 1945.

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Writes Book On St. Peter For Children

A new book, "The Man Who Never Died," by the Rev. Gerald T. Brennan, popular children's author, and pastor of St. Bridget's Church, Rochester, was released this week by the Bruce Publishing Company of Milwaukee.

One of the few stories about St. Peter written for children, "The Man Who Never Died" presents Jesus through the eyes of Peter, fisherman, disciple, first Pope.

The magnificent facts of the public life of Jesus are woven into a simple, deeply human story, understandable and attractive to the young reader, the publishers state.

Deeds explained. The meaning of faith, the meaning of contrition and the establishment of the Papacy as an endless succession of Peters, are a few phases of Catholic doctrine explained simply for the child in this latest work of the Rochester pastor.

According to his publishers, Father Brennan "has adhered faithfully to Scripture in the telling of this timeless story, yet he has breathed into the narrative a warmth, a simplicity, and a truth that will fire the minds and hearts of the children."

"The Man Who Never Died" is the priest's second children's biographical work. In another volume, "The Man Who Dares a King," he documented the life of St. John Fisher.

The new book bears the imprimatur of Bishop James E. Scars of Rochester. Censor deputatus is the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Diocesan Chancellor.

Other favorite works of the author are "Angel City," "Angel Food," "For Heaven's Sake," "The Ghost of Kingdom Come," and "Toby's Shadow."

**SR. THEOMILLA'S
FUNERAL HELD**

Funeral services for Sister M. Theomilla Cowan who died at Nazareth Convent in Pittsford, Thursday, Dec. 12, 1944 were held at 9:30 A. M. Saturday morning, Dec. 14 from the Nazareth Convent Chapel.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Eugene Golding, assisted by the Rev. John M. Duffy, Deacon, the Rev. Charles McCarthy, Sacristan, the Rev. Joseph H. Gelfand and the Rev. John Malachuk, Acolytes; and the Rev. Edward Linz, Master of Ceremonies.

Present in the sanctuary were also the Rev. William Shannon, the Rev. Louis Edelman, and the Rev. Gerald Brennan. The last blessing at the grave was given by Father Gelfand, assisted by Father Golding.

Born in Canada, Sister Theomilla entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1897. Her years of teaching were all spent in the city of Rochester. St. Bridget's School was her first assignment where she taught for thirty years. Following this, Sister was principal at Holy Rosary School, and then principal at St. Augustine's School.

Surviving Sister Theomilla are two brothers, Edward and John Cowan of Superior, Wisconsin, a sister, Miss Teresa Cowan, of Rochester, two nephews and several cousins.

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Clothing Given Generously in Geneva Parishes

Geneva — Good shoes, warm coats and dresses, and other articles of wearing apparel will gladden the hearts of European needy, as a result of a "Clothes War" campaign, which was conducted in St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's parishes during the past week.

The drive which was held in conjunction with similar activities throughout the Catholic Churches of the country, was conducted under the auspices of the War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

A truck load of clothing was collected at St. Francis de Sales parish during the intensive one-week campaign from Dec. 1 to Dec. 8. 81 cases were assembled at St. Stephen's parish.

Members of the Rosary Society and the St. Anthony Society of St. Francis de Sales parish and the Rosary Society of St. Stephen's parish assisted in the drive under the direction of Rev. Valentine Jankovsk and Rev. Robert Fennerty.

Actual weight of the clothing collection had not yet been tallied, but at St. Stephen's Church, 3,373 articles were contributed. In the collection were 247 overcoats, 834 women's dresses, skirts and sweaters, and 243 suits for men, and 415 pairs of shoes and rubbers.

Assisting in final packing at St. Stephen's Kindergarten on Monday was James McGovern, James Buckley, John Driscoll, John Cornell, Frank Miah, Louis Lavin, Elizabeth Stajeton, Ann Sweeney, Barbara Carroll, John Lawlor and Richard Finnelly.

Boys from the Freshman class of De Sales High School assisted in carting of boxes. Students at St. Francis de Sales School participated in the collection of clothing, calling for packages and delivering them to the center.

**St. Stephen's Girl
Scouts Plan Party**

Geneva — St. Stephen's Girl Scout Troop No. 2 are planning a Christmas party and have named committees for table arrangement and games, at their recent meeting at the school.

The girls made disposal bags for Geneva General Hospital and studied their laws and promises. They closed the meeting with Friendship Circle.

**Christmas Drama Set
For DeSales High Cast**

Geneva — De Sales High School Sodality is busily engaged in preliminary preparations and rehearsals for the Christmas drama "The Home the Star Shone On," which will be presented at Geneva High School Auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 8:15 p. m.

This is the initial venture of this type and considerable interest is being shown in the play, which is appropriate for the holiday season.

Ushers for the performance will include Beatrice Saso, Florence Ert, Nina Smith, Dorothy Mazzocchi, Eleanor Damico, Sarah Bolton, Jane Quigley, Martha Nagle, Charmaine McCusker, Asunta Damico and Joan Diviny.

Members of the property committee are Bernard Lynch, Paul Gindling, John Kenny, John Foley, Francis Parmelee, Herbert Crowley and Wilfred Dwyer.

Jean Brewer and Louie Bruno are in charge of publicity and tickets.

Members of the cast include: Ellen Hamratta, Richard O'Malley, Edward Constable, Mary Margaret O'Malley, Frank Alvaro, Violet Iaconis, Paul Broc, James Van Norwick, Douglas Lares, Paul Mullan, Joseph Chibbert, Thomas Cleere and Verda Ruth Kloser.

The Glee club and speech choir will also participate in the performance.

Refreshments were served after the program. The table was attractive with a centerpiece of holly and red tapers.

Southern Lay Leader Renamed
Atlanta — (NC) — Paul D. Williams of Richmond, Va., one of the outstanding Catholic lay leaders of the South, has been reelected president of the Southern Regional Council, an organization seeking through research and action to bring about equal opportunities for all peoples in the South.

Sampson Pastor Reports Many Altar Donations

Donors in various parts of the Rochester diocese and in other sections of the country have been sending appreciated altar furnishings to the Rev. Paul J. Cuddy, Catholic Student Pastor, at Sampson College for his work at the college, the Ave Maria Bulletin published at the college reveals.

Leading the list of donors reported in the Bulletin's Dec. 31 issue is the name of his Excellency, Bishop Kearney of Rochester. The Bishop has sent several useful volumes and promises more. "The active interest of the Bishop in the college within his diocese is both heartening and significant," states the publication.

Listed also with their donations are: Sisters of St. Joseph who have the care of St. Joseph's Village, Rochester, an altar used for the first time at Mass on Sunday, vestments, candleabra and other articles.

Miss Ellen Ganey, Trinity College, Washington, D. C. Stations of the Cross.

Miss Betty Hannon, Trinity College, Washington, D. C. Set of "Companion to the Summa of Thomas Aquinas" 4 vols.

Sister Helen, S.N.D., Trinity College, Librarian, Collection of useful books.

Sister Marie Louis, Reverend Superior of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Trinity College, Washington, D. C. vestments, alb and linen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marpley, Hialeah, Fla. N. Y. liturgical altar cards.

Miss Mildred Marpley, Manhattanville College, Holy water fonts. Mrs. George Thorne, Sr., Blessed Sacrament parish, Rochester, velvet material for altar back ground.

Miss Julia Gordon, Clyde, 2 vols. of Monsignor Ronald Knox's New Testament.

Other donors and their gifts included: Miss Madeline Smith, Blessed Sacrament parish, Rochester, cope and veil.

Third Order of St. Francis, absolute cup and Mass cruets. Mrs. C. J. McCready, St. Francis de Sales parish, Geneva, in memory of her son, Sgt. Charles McCready, set of Catholic Encyclopedia.

Two anonymous donations included an altar candle and the sum of \$200 toward the purchase of a handsome tabernacle for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament from Immaculate Conception parish, Ithaca.

Anyone interested in donating may write to the Rev. Paul J. Cuddy, Sampson College, Sampson, N. Y.

**ROSARY GROUP
HEARS FR. GUY**

Geneva — Miracles performed at Our Lady of Lourdes shrine in France were the subject of a talk given by Rev. John Guy of Montezuma, formerly of Geneva, Wednesday, Dec. 11, at a meeting of the Rosary Society of St. Stephen's parish in the Woman's Building. His topic was "Heaven's Recent Wonders."

During the regular meeting of the society, election of officers was held and the following were elected: president, Mrs. Robert Ransford, vice-president, Mrs. John Walsh, secretary, Mrs. Raymond McDonald.

Rev. John Brill of St. Stephen's parish is moderator of the society.

Miss Regina Sweeney was named chairman of the January meeting.

Society members contributed a sum of money as a Christmas gift for the Selma Mission conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Selma, Ala.

Miss Mary Delahanty was chairman of the program assisted by Mrs. William VanVort, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. William P. O'Malley, Mrs. Catherine McCready and Miss Rose Dwyer.

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9 CATHOLIC WAR VETERAN POSTS FORM COUNTY UNIT

A Monroe county organization comprising nine newly formed posts of the Catholic War Veterans has been formed and officers elected. Leaders in the growing veterans' movement stated today.

Chapter of the Catholic War Veterans, Monroe County Chapter in the Rev. W. Larry Magner, assistant pastor of Holy Angels Church, Rochester. Temporary officers heading the organization are: Acting Commander, Rev. W. Larry Magner, St. Anthony's Church, Rochester; Acting Vice-Commander, Rev. W. Larry Magner, St. Anthony's Church, Rochester; Acting Secretary, Rev. W. Larry Magner, St. Anthony's Church, Rochester; Acting Treasurer, Rev. W. Larry Magner, St. Anthony's Church, Rochester.

**Bells Honor
Memory of
5 War Dead**

A carillon of chimes in memory of the 5 young men of St. Patrick's parish, Rochester, who gave their lives in World War I has been installed, the Rev. Leo O. Mooney, pastor stated today.

The bells are in memory of: Gerald N. Blawie, Angelo Marano, Paul J. McGovern, Thomas J. Paucis and Bartholomew (Bart) Paucis. Approximately 350 young men left St. Patrick's parish for service in the past war. The chimes have also been installed in thanksgiving for the safe return of the other servicemen.

The carillon consists of 25 small bells struck by electromagnetically controlled hammers. They are played from a console near the church organ. The bells are in perfect pitch and tones are not affected by temperature changes. By means of electronics the bell tones are enlarged so as to be heard at a distance of a mile and a half from the church.

Every fifteen minutes during the day, the carillon will "kiss the hours."

At a quarter past each hour the bells are heard in a melody in honor of the Sacred Heart. The last bell tolls in honor of Our Lord's resurrection in the Blessed Sacrament. At three quarters, the melody aids prayers from Our Lady. On the hour the carillon sounds out the refrain of the famed Lourdes hymn.

**CLASSES SLATE
ANNUAL PROM**

Auburn — Holy Family High School will conduct its Senior Junior prom Thursday evening, Dec. 26, in the school auditorium, North Street.

Music will be furnished from 8 to 1 by Jimmy Gentile's 15-piece orchestra.

Committees arranging for the party are:

Decorations Committee: Co-chairmen, Pauline Speno, John Balci; John Gower, Veronica Casey, Carol Donovan, Paul Donovan, Maurice Gowan, Nicholas D. Socie, Theresa Sweeney, Charles Carmody, Rose Burns, Rita Dalton, Thomas Ryan, Theodore McLaughlin, Dolores Wilson, Mary Graney, Mary Armstrong, David May, Margaret Walsh, Anthony Sanguinetti.

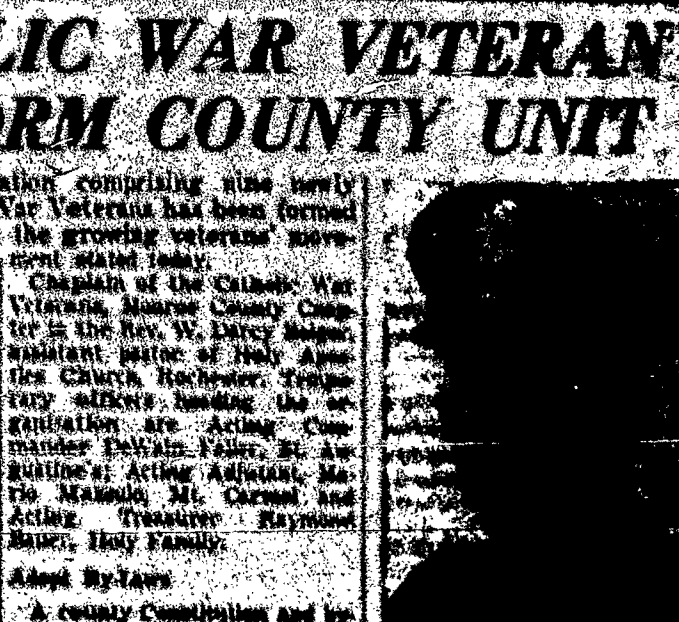
Promotion Committee: Chairman, Peter Bergan; Jeremiah Burke, David Graney, Richard Woods, Richard Ryan, Thomas Fitzgerald, Robert Ryan, John Fitzgerald, Richard Sweeney, Carmen Festa, John Vail, David Delmonte, Richard Fitzgerald, Thomas Bennett, Martin Dillon, Francis McMahon, Robert Paul.

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**S. H. Alumnae Sets
Christmas Formal**

Annual Christmas dance, a formal of Association, will be held Friday evening, Jan. 2, at the Chatterbox Club. The committee is making extensive arrangements for the annual affair. Dancing will begin at 9 p. m. and continue until 1.

General chairman, Mrs. John Norton is being assisted by this ticket committee: Miss Mary Catherine Simpson, Miss Ann Murray, Miss Ann Welch, Miss Ellen Beach, Mrs. Wesley Grant, Mrs. Henry Hannon, Mrs. John Ireland, Mrs. Daniel E. Mackey, Mrs. Edwin Gonnell, Miss Nancy Howe, Miss Betty Whalen and Miss Helen Beckman Little.



**HOLY CHILDHOOD
SEAL SALE MEN**

Annual Sale of Holy Childhood Christmas Seals has topped all records of previous years according to the Rev. John B. Hannon, Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is expected that the returns will reach \$2,000.00 as a result of the efforts of the children in the elementary schools through out the diocese.

Sacred Heart School, Potsdamville, with an enrollment of only 54 children, sold over eight thousand seals this year as last.

All returns are not in yet, but up to Tuesday, Dec. 12, the following returns are in the lead: St. Andrew's, \$600.00; Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, \$500.00; St. Michael, \$450.00; Holy Family, Auburn, \$300.00; St. Mary's, \$250.00; St. Charles, \$200.00; St. Joseph, \$150.00; St. Francis, \$100.00; St. Peter, \$50.00; St. John, \$25.00; St. James, \$10.00; St. Mary, \$5.00; St. Michael, \$2.50; St. Joseph, \$1.25; St. Francis, \$0.625; St. Peter, \$0.3125; St. John, \$0.15625; St. James, \$0.078125; St. Mary, \$0.0390625; St. Michael, \$0.01953125; St. Joseph, \$0.009765625; St. Francis, \$0.0048828125; St. Peter, \$0.00244140625; St. John, \$0.001220703125; St. James, \$0.0006103515625; St. Mary, \$0.00030517578125; St. Michael, \$0.000152587890625; St. Joseph, \$0.0000762939453125; St. Francis, \$0.00003814697265625; St. Peter, \$0.000019073486328125; St. John, \$0.0000095367431640625; St. James, \$0.00000476837158203125; St. Mary, \$0.000002384185791015625; St. Michael, \$0.0000011920928955078125; 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