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Catholic Programs Planned on WRNY

Station WRNY, newest of Rochester radio voices, will be ready to begin broadcasting in late January, according to officials of the Monroe Broadcasting Company, Inc.

A formal dedicatory program presenting the aims and hopes of WRNY and introducing its staff will be aired on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2.

WRNY will be heard from local studios in subject at 600 kilocycles on the radio dial. Programs of a news, musical, and sports nature will be featured.

No small portion of the WRNY broadcast schedule, however, will be given over to religious programs, such as the WRNY Church of the Air each Sunday morning, with participants representing all faiths and denominations.

The tentative Catholic programs listed for this new station are morning and evening prayers to open and close the broadcast day selected by Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, and Vicar General of the Diocese of Rochester.

Each Saturday morning a quarter hour program of interest to the younger members of the listening audience will be presented. The first program will present the students of the Radio Workshop of Nazareth Academy under the direction of Sister M. Evelyn.

Every third week, in rotation with programs of the Jewish and Protestant faiths, the Catholic Church will present an hour program of the WRNY Church of the Air. The opening program on this series plans to utilize a talk transcribed by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton Sheen, and a talk by one of the members of the Knights of Columbus' Speakers Bureau.

These programs are being prepared and co-ordinated by Rev. John T. Callahan, Chaplain of Mercy High.

Studios and offices of the Monroe company are located at 191 East Avenue, Rochester.

OLPH Men Elect Holy Name Staff

Election of officers of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Holy Name Society took place at the monthly meeting in the school hall at which Coach Harry Wright of Aquinas Institute was guest speaker.

Officers elected are: Edmund Winterkorn, president; Henry Schoenherr, vice president; Raymond Meyerling, secretary; Edward Winterkorn, treasurer; Robert McManus, marshall; Anton Raurer, assistant marshall.

Mr. Wright's topic of "Sports as a Morale Builder" was acclaimed by the men and young men present. Mr. Wright also thrilled the gathering with showing of the film of the Aquinas-Detroit Catholic Central game which was one of the outstanding games of the past season. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

In charge of arrangements and refreshments were: Thomas Herlihy, Henry Schoenherr, Harry Doolin and August Maier.

Macedon Sodality Lists Party Monday

A party for the benefit of St. Patrick's Church, Macedon, will be conducted by the Young Ladies Sodality of that parish in St. Ann's Hall, Palmyra, on Monday evening, Jan. 27. A program of entertainment is being worked out by the committee.

Assisting in arranging the party are Lucille Alderman, Dorothy Cummings, Helen Fitzgerald, Lucille Wawro, Kay Crowley, Caroline Malone, Jane Howe, Mary Holtz and Arline Lynch.

Information Desk

Was The Mass Always In Same Form As Today?
Why Are Colors of Mass Vestments Changed?
Rose Auction In the Sign of the Cross?

St. Bernard's Seminary

Q. Was the Mass always in the same form in which we have it today?

A. The essential parts of the Mass have always remained the same, unchanged since their institution at the Last Supper. In the course of time, however, the Church has added prayers and ceremonies to the Consecration and Communion, in order to give expression of her devotion.

The exact form of the Mass in the time of the Apostles is rather difficult to determine, because of the very brief references. You may find them in Acts, 2, 42, 46; Acts, xx, 7-11; I Corinthians, xi, 20. In the beginning, the Mass (called the breaking of the bread) was celebrated with a common meal (the Agape) as the first Mass had been celebrated at the close of the Paschal meal.

In the second century, we find the Mass separated from the Agape, and in more definite form. There were two parts, corresponding to our Mass of the Catechumens and Mass of the Faithful, described by St. Justin. The first part contained two readings from Sacred Scripture, prayers, and a sermon. The second part had rites corresponding to our Offertory, Consecration, and Communion. The theme of the prayers was determined, but the exact wording was left to the celebrant.

In the third century we find evidences of our present Preface, the narrative of the institution, the Anamnesis (first prayer following the Consecration), communion prayers, blessing, and dismissal. From the fourth to the sixth century, other rites and prayers were added, so that the Mass of the sixth century bears a very close resemblance to the ceremony as we know it.

Q. What are the various colors of the vestments used at Mass, and why are these colors changed on different days?

A. The Church ordinarily permits the use of five colors for Mass vestments: white, red, green, violet and black. Rose vestments may be worn at the solemn Mass on the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and the fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday). Gold may be used on solemn feasts as a substitute for white, red or green.

The colors are used to designate and symbolize the predominant thought of the Mass of the day. When the Church wishes to denote purity, innocence, or glory, she uses white; thus this color is used on feasts of Our Lord, the Blessed Mother, the angels, and all saints except martyrs. Red is the color of fire and of blood; hence it is used in the Mass of the Holy Ghost, as on Pentecost, to remind us of the tongues of fire under which He appeared, and also on the feast of those saints who have shed their blood for Christ and His Church. Purple or violet is expressive of penance, and so used during Lent and Advent. Black is the color of mourning, and so used at all Requiem Masses, and on Good Friday. Green is the color which denotes the growth of the Church, and symbolizes her hope of salvation; thus it is used for the Sundays after Epiphany and Pentecost.

Q. How ancient is the Sign of the Cross? What is its significance?

A. When Christians first began to use the Sign of the Cross, we do not know. Two early Christian writers, Tertullian (160-250) and Origen (185-254) tell us that Catholics had used it from the earliest times; relying on this testimony, it would not be imprudent to say that it dates from the years of the Apostles.

This simple, frequent gesture is a simple way of calling to mind the two great truths of our religion: the Trinity, and the Redemption. The words we say show our belief in the Trinity of persons in One God: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." The motion of our right hand, as we trace a cross over ourselves, calls to mind the redeeming death of Our Lord on Calvary.

(If you have questions on Catholic history, doctrine, or practice, send them to The Information Desk, 2260 Lake Ave., Rochester 12, N. Y. Moral problems should be presented to the priest in confession. Questioners should sign their names, though these will not be printed in the paper).

Veterans at Rites For R. Frederick

Members of Catholic World War Veterans Post No. 1156, of O.L.P.H. Church, acted as bearers and honor guard for Richard Frederick of 71 Dale St. whose funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 18, from the August M. Maier Funeral Home, 1119 Joseph Ave., and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Members of the Color Guard and Firing Squad were:

Joseph Sikatinski, Leo J. Distler, Fred Kirchgessner, Richard Kirchgessner, Robert Kuhn, Ralph L. Miller, Edward Thomas, Raymond W. Zink.

Mr. Frederick, a veteran of World War II, died as the result of an automobile accident in Batavia on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1947. Surviving are his parents, Frank and Edna Voelkl Frederick; a sister, Barbara; his grandparents, Mr. Christian Voelkl and Mrs. Anna Frederick.

He was buried, with full military rites, in the Soldiers' Plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. F. J. Hoefen.

Benefit Card Party Set For Rush Church

Rush — A card party and parish entertainment for members of St. Joseph's Church here will be held Friday evening, Jan. 24, in Rush Town Hall, for the benefit of the parish. Friends of the parish are invited.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. A. Ryan

Solemn funeral services for Mrs. Anna A. Ryan, 112 Ellicott St., wife of Michael T. Ryan, superintendent of the Court House and a supreme officer of the Knights of Equity, were conducted Monday, Jan. 20, 1947.

Rev. James P. Collins celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass in St. Monica's Church, assisted by the Rev. John J. Tressy, deacon, and the Rev. Raymond Kenny, subdeacon. Rev. Orrin Feller was in the sanctuary.

Mrs. Ryan died Thursday, Jan. 16, 1947, in St. Mary's Hospital.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Ryan leaves a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Lawrence of Pittsford; four sons, Martin F., CPO, Michael J., USN, Jacksonville, Robert J. and William J. Ryan, and four grandchildren.

Scouts Communion Set

A Communion breakfast for members of Boy Scout Troop 65 of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral will be held Sunday, Feb. 2. John Nothnagle, member of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Speakers' Bureau, will speak.

Policewomen's Exams Listed

A civil service examination for policewomen has been called as an entering wedge toward opening a Women's Division or Youth Protective Bureau in the Rochester Police Department, it has been announced.

Since requirements are high, the department urges the application of well qualified women for the positions. Applications must be in by Jan. 22.

The Police Department has always been a man's organization. Policewomen do not take the place of policemen, but supplement their work as only women can in protecting youth, it is pointed out, but conditions have made this need apparent and all over the country policewomen have demonstrated their worth.

At the present time, the department employs two regularly appointed policewomen. Two others were loaned by social agencies for a short time during the war. These women work day or night without the convenience of an automobile, traveling by bus or on foot.

Whenever possible they cover those places that are hazardous to youth, making investigations, following clues, cooperating with social agencies and performing countless other services.

Women who meet the requirements are urgently needed by the Police Department to help combat youth delinquency, a growing concern of the community.

Good Counsel Groups List Pancake Supper

Parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish will be entertained at a Pancake Supper and "Night of Fun" Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 5 to 8 p. m. in the school auditorium, Ernestine St. The event is being sponsored by the Men's Club and the Ladies' Altar Society Family and friends are invited.

District Auxiliary To Meet Friday

Ladies' District Auxiliary No. 1 of New York, Knights of St. John, will hold their first quarterly meeting for 1947 on Friday evening, Jan. 31, at 8:15 p. m. at Empire Room, Powers Hotel. All representatives of subordinate auxiliaries are requested to attend.

Auxiliary Lists Meeting

Postponed because of the storm the meeting of Knights of St. John Auxiliary No. 164 of St. Monica's Church will be held Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 8:15 p. m., in the parish hall.

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