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Parish Plans Reception For Monsignor Brien

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira will be the celebrant of a Solemn High Mass on Sunday at 11 o'clock. This will be Monsignor Brien's first appearance vested in the robes of the office with which he was honored in a ceremony recently held at the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral in Rochester.

The Rev William J. Gaynor will assist as Deacon and the Rev. John A. Murphy as sub Deacon. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Justus Sweeney O.F.M.

A reception honoring Monsignor Brien will be held in the afternoon from 3 until 5 in the school assembly rooms. Mrs. Justin F Romasser is chairman and will be assisted by the following. Mesdames Edmund J. Maloney, Joseph M. Dailey, Charles W. O'Hara, Walter C. Ervin, Eugene F Agan, Samuel Terwilliger, Justin T. McCarthy, Wilfred Underwood, Arthur Nolan J Henry Brown, Theodore A LaBrecque, Edwin Jensen, John Coughlin, Edward P Dawes, and the Misses Frances Burns, Rose Kingston, Helen Ganey, Mary Donovan, Mary C. O'Leary and Dorothy O'Herron. The Messrs James W Hennessy, John T Reidy, John B Wilmot, Samuel Holleran, Cornelius J Milliken, Dr Walter C. Ervin, Frederick J Battersby, Joseph E. O'Leary, Claude E. Graves and John Louden.

Wins National Press Mention

In a nation wide contest sponsored by the Extension Magazine, Ann Reidy, a senior at the Elmira Catholic High School, won honorable mention. Miss Reidy's topic was 'Religion and Catholic Youth.'

The contest was held in connection with selection of a guest editor and a "Teen Board" among Catholic High Schools of the Nation.

The youthful editors and the board will contribute articles of teen age interest during the year to the Extension Magazine.

K. C. to Escort Bishop Kearney

Corning — T V Hanly, Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree Assembly of Corning Council Knights of Columbus, has announced that the assembly will act as a guard of honor for the Most Rev James E Kearney D D., Bishop of Rochester, during ceremonies scheduled for Sunday in connection with the 50th anniversary of the K of C, and the administering of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mary's and St Vincent de Paul's Churches.

The assembly will be present also at the reception to honor Monsignor Edmund Rawlinson at St Patrick's Church Sunday evening.

A special color guard has been formed to act throughout the day. Members who will serve in this capacity are T V. Hanly, Michael Bonady, Francis Ryan, Paul Danaher, Edward Fitzgerald, Earl Keenan, Paul Liston, Dr J D. Murray, Joseph Lando, Michael Gonta, Carl Rocco, Francis Lenane and Joseph Russo.

40 Hours Set At SS. Peter, Paul

Forty Hours devotion will open at SS. Peter and Paul's church on Sunday November 30 Evening services will commence at 7:30 with daily Masses at 6, 7, 7:30 and 8.

Solemn closing will be held on Wednesday morning with a High Mass being offered at 8 o'clock. The children's choir will sing the music for the Mass.

County Chapter For Chemung Vets

Plans are going forward for a permanent Chemung County chapter, Catholic War Veterans of America following a meeting of representatives of four posts in St. Nicholas Post club rooms.

Three delegates from each post attended a session presided over by Stephen Andrewson, temporary county commander.

It was agreed by the group that the county commander position should be rotated through the posts each year. Plans were made for a countrywide magazine. Until changed by the proposed bylaws, delegates from each post to the county chapter will be at the ratio of 1 to each 20 members.

A bylaws committee composed of the four post commanders: Frank Leach, St. Anthony's; Ben Resavage, St. Casimir's; Mr. Andrewson, St. Nicholas', and Dan Donahoe, St. Michael's. The proposed bylaws will be submitted to each post for approval before the permanent organization is effected at a meeting in March, 1948.

The next meeting of the temporary county committee will be held Dec 3 at the St Nicholas Post clubrooms, 317 E. 11th St Elmira Heights.

Celebrant of Eastern Rite Mass

The Very Rev. Waldimir B. Dowkovich, who will celebrate the Thanksgiving Day Mass in the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite of the Catholic Church at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, is pictured here in the vestments worn by a priest of his Eastern Church Rite to celebrate Mass. Father Dowkovich is shown before the altar of St. Nicholas Church, Elmira Heights, of which he is pastor. The vestments worn by a Byzantine-Slavonic priest are as follows (corresponding vestments of Western Rite priests in parenthesis): amice, sticharion (alb), epitrachelion (stole), zone or girdle (cincture), epimanika or cuffs (maniple), felonion (chasuble).

Women's Mission At St. Patrick's

A Mission for women will open on Sunday at St. Patrick's Church, Elmira and will be conducted by the Rev. Justus Sweeney O.F.M. and the Rev Blaise Scannelly O.F.M.

Evening services will commence at 7:30 and Masses will be celebrated daily at 6, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30.

Announcement will be made on Sunday as to the time the children's Mission will be conducted.

The Mission for men will open Sunday evening November 30.

Monastery 800 Years

Zaragoza, Spain (NC) The 800th anniversary of the foundation of the Cistercian monastery of Veruela has just been observed here. The monastery serves today as a novitiate for the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Simonetti Spurs K. C. In Quest for 200 Members

A goal of 200 new members will be sought by the Knights of Columbus Elmira Council in a campaign launched Thursday evening (Nov. 13) at a dinner in Columbus Center. Grand Knights Louis J. Lodico named Deputy Grand Knight Gerald F. Mullen chairman.

The first degree fill be conferred on the first group of candidates Sunday, Nov. 23 by Chancellor Daniel J. Donahoe.

The campaign will be concluded next spring with the exemplification of the major degree to the candidates. The class will be known as the Bishop Kearney class, in honor of the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, who is honorary chairman of the drive.

The campaign will be marked in all local Catholic churches with special sermons on the subject, "Catholic Action and the Knights of Columbus."

The Passionist Fathers of St. Annes Monastery, Scranton, Pa. will deliver the sermons. They will speak Sunday at St Patrick's, St Mary's, St. Cecelia's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches.

Atty Daniel J Donahoe was toastmaster at the dinner. The Rt. Rev Msgr. William J Brien, V. F., pastor of St. Patrick's Church and Dean of Elmira Dean of Elmira Deanery, will head the speaking program. Other speakers were the Rev Albert L Simonetti, pastor of St Anthony's Church and council chaplain, Dist. Deputy Eugene F Agan, and Mr Mullen.

Deadline Advanced

Because of Thanksgiving Day, the Courier Journal will go to press one day earlier next week. News deadline is Tuesday noon, Nov. 25 for next week's issue.

K. C. Auxiliary In Corning Set

Corning — With a charter membership of 34 women, the Ladies of Columbus, auxiliary unit to the Knights of Columbus, was launched at a meeting in the K of C. Home last week. Mrs A. J Patoni was chosen to serve as temporary head of the organization.

Others selected in the election of temporary officers were Mrs. Joseph Lando, vice president; Mrs Paul Danaher, secretary; Mrs Edward T. Fitzgerald, treasurer. Mrs. Arthur Kramer. Trustees chosen were Mesdames Michael Bonady, Anthony Galli, Angelo Buffomante and Adrian Belby. Mrs. William Nares was named chairman of the social committee.

Present at the meeting were 40 members of Elmira Ladies of Columbus. They were accompanied by the Rev. Albert Simonetti, pastor of St. Anthony's Church and chaplain of the Elmira Council and Dr. L. J. Lodico, grand knight.

Membership in the auxiliary unit is open to wives, sisters, mothers and daughters of K. of C. members.

Edward T. Fitzgerald and A. J. Patoni were in charge of organizing the ladies' group. A buffet luncheon was served under the supervision of Matthew Richardson, assisted by Kenneth Shanley, Francis Giblin, Anthony Galli, Thomas Lynch and Mr. Fitzgerald.

36-Year-Old Abbot Blessed in New Post

Paterson, N. J.—(NC—The Rt. Rev Charles Vincent Coriston, O.S.B., received the Solemn Abbatial Blessing from Bishop Thomas A. Boland of Paterson in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist here, to become the first Abbot of St. Paul's Abbey at Newton, N. J.

The newly blessed Abbot, a native of Pittsburgh, is 36 years old. Employed in the automobile business for several years before [illegible] Benedictines, he was ordained in 1941, and served as [illegible] Air Forces chaplain from 1943 to 1946. He had been assigned to the missions in Africa and was making final preparations for departure when he was chosen first Abbot of his community.

Health Officer To Address PTA

Dr. Albert D. Kaiser, City Public Health Officer will address the December meeting of the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral Parent Teachers Association in the School Hall on Dec. 1 at 8:15 P.M. Dr. Kaiser will speak on "Public Health Trends."

Mrs. Gilford S. Lyng and her committee will serve refreshments at the conclusion of the address. Members and their friends are invited.

Guild to Hear Address on UN

A meeting of the Good Shepherd Guild will be held Monday, Nov. 24 at 8 p. m. in the Seneca Hotel.

Mrs. Herman Bakker will be guest speaker. Her talk on the United Nations will be followed by a question and answer period.

A report on the card party and fashion show will be given by the chairman and plans will be made for the annual Christmas party.

Byzantine-Slavonic Rite Mass Set Thanksgiving Day

A Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving in the Eastern Byzantine-Slavonic Rite of the Catholic Church will be celebrated Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, at 9:30 a. m. at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira.

The Very Rev. Waldimir B. Dowkovich, pastor of St. Nicholas' Ukrainian Catholic Church of Elmira Heights, will be celebrant. The Rev. Stephen P. Shumansky, assistant pastor of St. Nicholas, will be deacon. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. John J. Scanlan of Buffalo, noted Jesuit scholar and authority on the rites of the Eastern Church.

The combined choirs of St. Nicholas and of the Ascension of Our Lord Church, Ukrainian Parish at Sayre, Pa. will sing the responses.

The Mass is sponsored by the Elmira Deanery Council of Holy Name Societies and is made possible through the cooperation of the priests of St. Nicholas and of the Rev. William J. Naughton, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's, and spiritual director of the Holy Name Deanery Council.

PASTORS OF the 25 parishes in the Elmira Deanery this week received letters from Father Naughton asking them to extend to their congregations the invitation of the Holy Name Council to join in assisting at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. The individual Holy Name Societies are also arranging for the attendance of large groups.

This will be the first opportunity Catholics of the Southern Tier will have had to attend a Mass in any of the Eastern Rites outside of St. Nicholas' Parish.

The so-called rites which flourish in the Catholic Church differ accidentally in such things as church architecture, language, vestments and customs. To a large extent they grew up about the five ancient Patriarchates—Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria, Rome and Constantinople.

Today there are 21 rites in the Catholic Church, all of them modifications of the five parent rites. The most widespread is the Western Church Rite of Rome whose Patriarch, Pope Pius XII, is the head of the whole Church.

Of the 21 rites, 11 are Eastern—Coptic, Ethiopian, Malankarese, Meronite, Pure Syrian, Armenian, Chaldean, Malabar and Byzantine. The Byzantine is the basis of ten other rites which are like twigs to a branch—Bulgarian, Greco-rian, Greek or Hellenic, Italo-Greek or Albanian, Melchite, Russian, Carpatho-Ruthenian, Roumanian, Hungarian and Ukrainian.

SECOND IN importance in the Church to the Roman Rite is the Byzantine Rite, recalled after the early name of Constantinople (Byzantium), a city which came to be know as the New Rome after it had been made the seat of the Imperial Roman Government. Some nine million Catholics and the various national Orthodox Churches make use of the Byzantine Rite in their religious services.

The largest Catholic group following this rite is that of the Ruthenians, as they are called ecclesiastically. The Ruthenians again are divided into two national groups, the Ukrainians and the Carpatho-Ruthenians.

In the United States both of these groups have their own ecclesiastical organization. The Ordinary of the 300,000 Ukrainians is the Most Rev. Constantine Bohachevsky who resides in Philadelphia and is assisted in the administration of his diocese by an Auxiliary Bishop, the Most Rev. Ambrose Senyshyn, O.S.B.M.

The Carpatho-Ruthenians are headed by the Most Rev. Basil Takach whose cathedral is situated in Homestead, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh.

The language of the liturgy varies according to the diverse groups which make use of the Byzantine Rite. The Ruthenians, including the Ukrainians, and other groups of diverse nationality employ in their sacred services Old Slavonic now a dead language into which the Byzantine Rite was translated. Cyril and Methodius, the Apostles of the Slavs who were priests from Constantinople.

FATHER DOWKOVICH, St. Nicholas' pastor who will celebrate the Thanksgiving Day Mass, has been pastor of the Elmira Heights Church since 1938. In that time he has achieved remarkable success in developing and strengthening his parish. He is also pastor of the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord in Sayre where he has organized a parochial school which now has seven grades.

Since 1943 Father Dowkovich has been assisted by the Rev. Stephen P. Shumansky. Last week Father Dowkovich was honored by his parish at a testimonial dinner at the Mark Twain Hotel on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. At that time he received felicitations not only from his own people and clergy throughout the country and abroad but from the local Catholic clergy and civic leaders.

To assist visitors from out of the city who may wish to attend the Mass on Thanksgiving Day, SS. Peter and Paul's Church in Elmira is located on East Water [illegible] Street at the [illegible] of High Street, directly across from St. Joseph's Hospital.

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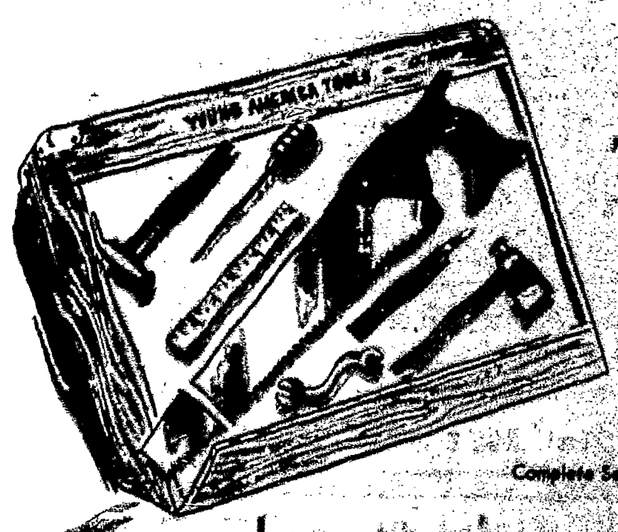

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