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Midnight Masses Slated Over 5 Radio Stations

Four Rochester radio stations will carry the complete broadcasts of Midnight Masses on Christmas Eve from the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, St. Boniface Church, St. Mary's Church, and St. Mary's Hospital.

New Year's Masses

Thursday, January 1, the Feast of the Circumcision is a Holy Day of obligation. Masses in the diocese are as follows:
St. Patrick's—8:30, 7:30, 9:30, 11:15 and 12:15.
St. Mary's—8:30, 9:30, 10:15, 11:15 and 12:15.
St. Peter and Paul's—7:30, 8:30, 10:15 and 12:15.
St. Charles's—7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11:15.
Our Lady of Lourdes—7:30, 9:15 and 11:15.
St. John the Baptist—7:30 and 9:30.
St. Anthony's—8:30, 9:30, 10:15 and 11:15.
(The above Masses will be celebrated in Elmira College Chapel.)
St. Charles's—7:30 and 9:30.
St. Mary's, Hornbush—8:30 and 10:15.

Thos. Agan Wins Legion Contest

Elmira—Thomas V. Agan, a Junior at Elmira Catholic High School, was judged the winner at the school elimination Oratorical contest held last week and earned the right to represent his school in the American Legion Oratorical for Chemung County to be held in January.
Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Agan, 1006 College Ave. and a member of St. Patrick's parish.
Miss Pauline Kujawski finished second and Andrew Van Helder third. Cash awards were made by the Legion to these three contestants.

College Campaign Committee Organizes

Organizing The Rev. Thomas J. Cleary, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, who was appointed recently as funds chairman for the raising of funds to build St. John Fisher College at Rochester, presided at a luncheon meeting of the Corning area committee last Thursday at the Baron Steuben Hotel.
Attending the session from Rochester were the Rev. Hugh Hatley, C.S.B., and the Rev. Dr. Charles Mahoney, formerly of Corning.

Described as the best coverage the traditional Midnight Masses have ever had in Rochester radio circles, the broadcasts will bring the music and ceremonies and sermons of Christmas Eve into thousands of homes in the whole diocese for those who cannot attend Midnight Mass.

STATION WHEAT will broadcast the Solemn Pontifical Mass of His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney from Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral at midnight, Wednesday. The Sacred Heart Men and Boys' Choir directed by Raymond J. Hanesauer will sing the Mass and also a program of sacred carols.

A descriptive commentary on the ceremonies will be given to the radio audience by the Rev. Richard T. Turner, associate editor of the Courier-Journal. Bishop Kearney will preach and offer his Christmas greetings to the diocese at the conclusion of the Mass.

OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Rochester, will broadcast its Solemn High Midnight Mass over Station WHEAT. A special Christmas choir, directed by Gerald Vogel, St. Mary's organist, will sing the Mass. The Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell will preach.

Station WVET will carry the services at midnight from St. Boniface Church. The Rev. Walter J. Kohl, pastor of St. Boniface will be the celebrant of the Midnight Mass and will preach the Christmas sermon. The Rev. E. Charles Becker will give the commentary as the Mass proceeds and the St. Boniface Choir directed by Philip Kretzel will sing. A Christmas procession to the crib before Mass will feature a program of sacred carols.

Another Solemn Midnight Mass will be broadcast from the Chapel of St. Mary's Hospital through the facilities of Station WHEAT. The Rev. Charles F. Connell, chaplain of the hospital, will be the celebrant and preacher. The Nurses' Choir will sing the Mass accompanied by Robert Bester at the organ.

Bishop to Give Red Mass Sermon

His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester, will deliver the sermon at the annual Red Mass in the Nations Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of America, in Washington, on January 25.
The service is held each year under the auspices of the university's law school to signalize the opening of Congress and the court year.

'LAID HIM IN MANGER'



Observing the Christmas pageant in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral Sunday, the "Infant" is laid in the manger. Sheila O'Brien representing the Blessed Mother is surrounded by "angels," also pupils at Sacred Heart School.

1,000 View Nativity Pageant At Sacred Heart Cathedral

"Is there a place really in our heart for the Infant King?" asked the Rev. Thomas McManus, C.S.B., speaking at the Christmas pageant in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral which he described as a symbol of the "moment dramatic moment in the history of the world."

His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney, His assistant deacons were the Rev. Francis Taylor and the Rev. Vincent LeFrais. In the Sanctuary also were the Rt. Rev. William E. Cowan, pastor of St. Mary's Church, which was held Dec. 17 at St. Mary's, was one of the largest in the long history of St. Mary's parish. Mr. Cowan, 43 years of age, native Australian and a graduate of Notre Dame University, died of a heart attack Sunday morning, Dec. 14, 1947, at the family home, 28 Capitol Street.

Following prayers at the home at 9:30 o'clock, a solemn high Mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Mary's Church by Mr. Cowan. Assisting were Rev. Dennis W. Hickey of Rochester, formerly of Auburn as deacon; Rev. Charles of Syracuse, sub-deacon and Rev. E. Leo McManus, master of ceremonies.

Also, in the sanctuary were Rt. Rev. John A. Conway, V.F. of Holy Family, Rt. Rev. Edgar J. Byrne of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, Rt. Rev. William McPadden, V.F. pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Geneva and the Reverend Fathers, Frederick G. Strub, John E. Crowley, William E. Davis, Albert Herr, Robert Dobberlin, Clarence Gardner, Bernard Kuchman, Joseph Hatley, Leo A. Jones, Bernard Hickey, John Brill, Leslie Whalen, John P. Norris, Charles G. Langworthy, Robert Fennedy and Irving Sullivan.

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Diocese K. C. To Honor 4th Degree Leader

Cyril J. Stait was retired as Master of the Fifth New York District Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, last year will be honored by the district knights at a testimonial dinner in Columbus Civic Center Saturday evening, Jan. 4.

The dinner at which his Excellency Bishop Kearney will be guest of honor along with Master Stait, J. Vallance of Elmhurst and Grand Knight John J. Kearney of Rochester Council will be held at the knights' clubhouse, at 6:30 p. m.

Toastmaster will be Norman A. O'Brien, past faithful navigator and a member of Stait's ritual team.

Arrangements for the dinner are in charge of Faithful Navigator Dr. Frank J. Macchia with Faithful Captain Frank E. Green as general chairman.

AN ACTIVE Knight at Columbus for over 30 years, particularly in the Fourth Degree which promotes the patriotic activity of the Knights of Columbus, Stait was appointed Master of the district comprising the Diocese of Rochester in September, 1940, by Supreme Master James F. Redden of Denver.

During his six years in office outstanding degrees were held in Rochester, Elmira, Corning and Geneva and the membership rolls were increased. Fourth Degree support of the Diocesan Retreat House at Geneva during his regime included donation of pews and heating equipment.

As a Knights of Columbus secretary during World War I, Stait had charge of the K. of C. war work throughout New York State outside of New York City.

Other Knights of Columbus activities included serving several terms as trustee of Rochester Council. He is a past grand scribe of Maza Caravan, Order of the Alhambras.

Heading the firm of Geringer and Stait, he has served as national president of the National Tile Construction Association.

Silver Tea Set By College Group

Christine Miss Marianne Winder, a senior at Nazareth College, Rochester, is chairman of a silver tea, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 28 from 1 to 4 p. m., at St. Patrick's parish hall to interest high school students in Nazareth. The affair is open to students.

Assisting Miss Winder are the Misses Doris Kennedy, Nan Kelly, Nancy Dowling, Eleanor Dodge, and Evelyn Delmuth.

Proceeds from the tea will be used for European student relief.

500 Enjoy Christmas Festivity at Geneva

Geneva—Annual Christmas entertainment of the pupils of St. Francis de Sales school attracted 500 people at its first showing on Monday, Dec. 15. Another performance was given on Tuesday night at the school hall.

Recitations, playlets and songs relating to Christmas were featured.

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Commencement

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Boy Scouts Prague—(N.C.)

Prague—(N.C.)—Miss Stephen Trochala, N.C., of Elmira was installed in his cathedral by Archbishop Joseph Bernard of Prague. Present at the ceremony was a large group of Catholic Boy Scouts who came from many parts of the country to see their Bishop installed.

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