

First Solemn Masses Set by 6 Young Priests

Celebration of First Solemn Masses by the six St. Bernard's Seminary graduates who will be ordained June 4 at Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral is scheduled Sunday, June 6, in their respective parish churches. Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, June 6, 10 a. m. Assistant priest and preacher, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John B. Sullivan; deacon, Rev. John Leary; subdeacon, Rev. Richard Crumlish; reception, 1 to 7 p. m. in St. John the Evangelist Church hall. Ordination sponsor, Rev. Joseph T. Maloney.

REV. JAMES FRANCIS BAKER. Born in Rochester Aug. 14, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Baker; attended St. Andrew's parochial school and St. Andrew's Seminary. First Solemn Mass in St. Margaret Mary's Church, Rochester, June 6, at 11 a. m. Assistant priest, Rev. Charles J. Bruton; deacon, Rev. John S. Maloney; subdeacon, Rev. Emmett E. Davis; preacher, Rev. Elmer A. McNamara, S.T.D.; reception, 4 to 7 p. m. at home, 220 Titus Ave. Ordination sponsor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eckl.

REV. JOHN A. CONNOLLY. Born in Rochester Oct. 20, 1918, son of Mrs. James C. Connolly and the late Mr. Connolly; attended Blessed Sacrament School, Monroe High School, University of Rochester, St. Andrew's Seminary. First Solemn Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, June 6, 10:45 a. m. Assistant priest, Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall; deacon, Rev. Richard T. Torrey; subdeacon, Rev. Emmett Murphy; preacher, Rev. Joseph Egan, S.T.D.; reception, 4 to 7 p. m. at home, 929 Meigs Street. Ordination sponsor, Rev. Dr. Maynard Connell.

REV. JAMES JOSEPH MARVIN. Grand-nephew of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Hartley, P.A., first rector of St. Bernard's Seminary. Born Mar. 3, 1923, in Macedon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund H. Marvin. Second paragon of St. Patrick's Church, Macedon, to be ordained. Attended Macedon Rural District No. 4 School, Fairport High, and St. Andrew's Seminary. First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick's, Macedon, June 6, 10 a. m. Assistant priest, Rev. Bernard C. Hanna; deacon, Rev. John E. Maney, S.T.D.; subdeacon, Rev. Charles Borogoni; preacher, Rev. Dr. George Kettel; reception, 4 to 7 p. m. at home, Palmyra-Pittsford Road. Ordination sponsor, Rev. Bernard C. Hanna.

REV. GERALD EDWARD DUNN. Born May 6, 1923, in Rochester, son of Mrs. Edward R. Dunn and the late Mr. Dunn. Attended St. John the Evangelist served the visiting knights in School, Rochester, and St. Andrew's Seminary. First Solemn

REV. JOSE ANTONIO ESPARBA will be ordained for the Diocese of Ponce, Puerto Rico. Born in Albonito, Puerto Rico, Aug. 8, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Esparra. Attended elementary school at Albonito and studied at St. Idelfonso's Seminary, San Juan, Puerto Rico. First Solemn Mass, St. Lucy's Church, Rochester, June 6 at 10 a. m. Assistant priest, Rev. Benedict Maselli; deacon, Rev. Joseph Sharmach; preacher, Rev. Dr. Maynard Connell; reception, 97 Bronson Ave., 4 to 7 p. m. Ordination sponsor, Rev. John S. Maloney.

REV. DOMINIC FRANCIS MOCKEVICIUS. Born in Rochester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mockevicius. Attended St. George's parochial school and St. Andrew's Seminary. First Solemn Mass, St. George's Church, Rochester, June 6, 11 a. m. Assistant priest, Rev. John Baksys; deacon, Rev. Charles L. Mockevicius; subdeacon, Rev. Howard W. Geck; Rev. John Sodaluska of Donora, Pa., preacher. Reception, St. George's parish hall, 3 to 7 p. m. Ordination sponsor, Rev. Charles L. Mockevicius.

4th Degree Sets District Meeting

Biennial meeting of Fifth New York District, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus will bring delegates from the various assemblies in Rochester Diocese to Columbus Civic Center, Elmira on Sunday, May 23.

The meeting opening at 3 o'clock may also be attended by other Fourth Degree Knights than delegates, according to Master of the Fifth District, Basil J. Vallancourt, of Elmira. The Fourth Degree is the patriotic section of the K of C. A buffet luncheon will be served the visiting knights in School, Rochester, and St. Andrew's Seminary. First Solemn

Dean Welcomes Holy Name Leaders



Monsignor William J. Brien, dean of Elmira Deanery, second from right, welcomes Diocesan Holy Name Union leaders at Elmira for the convention, Sunday. From left, they are: Arthur P. Farren, executive secretary; Edward Lorscheider, Rochester Deanery president, and the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, assistant diocesan union spiritual director. (Story on Page 1, other photos, Page 8.)

Mother Of God Honored By Ukrainian Catholics In Ancient Eastern Rite

BY A UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC

The Catholic Church dedicates certain services in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in many countries such services are observed especially during the month of May. This is evident in the particular novenas, litanies and offices glorifying her, in the devotions which are emphasized by Latin Catholics.

If we glance through the veil of the East, we find the Christians there have not lingered behind in practicing a cult peculiar to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, in such honoring, is commonly referred to as the Mother of God or Birth Giver of God.

It is interesting to study the manner whereby a people, whose nation in its early statehood, glory and power was entrusted by its ruler to the care of the Mother of God, has through the successive centuries continued to honor Our Lady. Historical records relate that the people so entrusted were the Ukrainians, at the time known as the Rusins, and to this day ecclesiastically called the Ruthenians. The incident occurred in the earlier part of the eleventh century and the ruler was Yaroslav the Wise, son of St. Vladimir the Great who had had the entire Ukrainian nation baptized in the 900's into the Christian faith.

THE REPRESENTATION of the Blessed Virgin Mary among the people of the Byzantine-Slav rite—one of the Eastern branches of the Holy Catholic Church—was strongly influenced by the richness and elaborateness that is Byzantine and not by the West. This is not strange because the people themselves had had more

contact with Constantinople and Greece in commerce, in battle, and in the marriages of the nobility. Furthermore, the Byzantine and Greek clergy had influenced the people educationally and culturally.

A Catholic theologian, writing on one of the glories of the Byzantine liturgy, namely on the devotion to the Mother of God, asks: "Would you advance in love and devotion to Mary? If so, open the golden books of the East and allow your soul to be dazzled by the magnificence and riches of Mary in the glorious words of the Byzantine liturgy."

In a special manner, however, the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary in its full extent takes place in the month of May. This month is considered especially by the Ukrainian Catholics to be the Month of Mary. There is no parish church or chapel in the West where the Ukrainians have the altars and the icons of the Mother of God are not embellished with fragrant flowers, thousands of people, young and old, men and women, although tired and exhausted by the work of the day hurry to church to sing the Moleben (Devotions) to the Blessed Virgin every evening during the month of May. If there is no church in the vicinity or no priest, the people construct the altar in the open place. Her icon upon it, light the candles and gather together in prayer, singing the glory due to the Queen of May.

IN THE UNITED STATES the Ukrainian Catholics have not forgotten the religious custom of their forefathers. Moleben to the Queen of May is being cele-

brated in every parish during the month of May, almost every day. The St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Elmira Heights, have these May services, every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

In this article, the writer ventures to explain the content of Moleben stressing the entire range of its Mariology. Moleben is an abbreviated Paracelis which is a Greek word derived from "parakletis"; etymologically it means imploring. The word "Moleben" is an old Slavonic translation of Paracelis and is derived from the word "molit", i. e. to pray, and "molit", i. e. petition or impetrative prayer.

The Moleben service begins as follows: After the Royal Door has been opened the celebrant priest bows before the altar and intones: "Blessed be our God always, now and forever and unto ages of ages." The congregation replies: "Amen." The introductory prayers consisting of prayers to the Holy Ghost, Trisagion and the Our Father are then recited. It is called the "Nachalo Obychne" and is followed by the singing of the Troparion and Kondakion in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THESE REMARKABLE names of the Blessed Virgin are mentioned here: MOTHER OF GOD, QUEEN, and PROTECTRESS. The content of the Troparion and Kondakion is: "Let us humbly have recourse to the MOTHER OF GOD and let us not cease to exclaim: OUR QUEEN, we beg Thee, come to the aid of us, sinners, do not abandon Thy servants for Thou alone art our BLESSED PROTECTRESS."

Buffalo Charities Head To Address Ladies Of Charity

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eugene A. Loftus, Executive Director of the Catholic Charities in Buffalo will be principal speaker at the Eighth Annual Communion Breakfast of the Ladies of Charity. The affair is scheduled Sunday, May 23, at 10 a. m. at Mark Twain Hotel. Mrs. John F. McCormack, president of Elmira Ladies of Charity will preside.

Preceding the breakfast, the Ladies of Charity, new affiliates and their friends will attend Mass and receive Holy Communion at our Lady of Lourdes Church. The Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, after which he will officiate at the affiliation of the new members.

During this impressive ceremony, each Lady will receive from the hands of her Bishop the small silver crucifix which is the emblem of this international organization. Richly indulged, "this symbol of our salvation offers to every thoughtful Catholic woman, many golden opportunities to improve her personal sanctification," the committee states.

APPLICATIONS for membership will be accepted at the office of the Society in the Federation Building, up until May 21. Honorary members are not expected to attend business meetings, unless they wish. They may however participate in the spiritual exercises of the Society and contribute toward the general projects.

Active members are assigned to standing committee of their liking. Such a member may be a Big Sister to some girl, who needs that type of friendship, visit and befriend the lonely old men and women at the County Farm.

Included in a program of every spiritual and corporal work of mercy is a new general project at St. Joseph's Hospital. Active and honorary members, headed by Mesdames Albert V. Bogardus and James L. Burke man the information desk, in complete charge of the visitor's passes issued in accordance with the new visiting regulations.

GENERAL CHAIRMEN of the Breakfast and Affiliation are Mesdames James L. Goodwin and James H. Ruddick. Ticket Chairmen are Mesdames Samuel Terwilliger and John F. Murphy, assisted by the Chairmen of the Committees of the Ladies of Charity. Misses Helen and Leone Ganey are in charge of decorations and of the corsages, which are worn in honor of St. Louise de Marillac, whose feast day is being commemorated. Church ushers are headed by Miss Elizabeth Denten and Hotel ushers by Mrs. Clara Rensel. Music at the church and the breakfast is being planned by Mrs. Wilfred Underwood. Affiliation arrangements are being made by Misses Frances Battersby and Helen Rohel. Monsignor Loftus, well quali-

fied to speak on both professional and volunteer social work, was instrumental in the organization of the Ladies of Charity in Buffalo. This unit which was patterned after the local program numbers several thousand members.

Closing remarks at the breakfast will be made by Bishop Kearney, who is Honorary President of the Elmira Ladies of Charity.

More than 100 former inmates of the institution from New York City and vicinity gathered with their wives and parents to congratulate Monsignor Lane at the testimonial dinner.

Speaking for the group, a former clerk of Monsignor Lane's said: "Many will now with great admiration call him 'Monsignor,' but we who have devotedly become known as 'his gang' will always look upon him as our Father, or even better, as our pal and guide."

"Not satisfied with his work at the 'College' for many years, he has made regular trips to New York, as he says, 'just to keep an eye on us,' but we know that he comes always ready to extend a helping hand or a word of advice when needed."

Other speakers at the dinner were Thomas J. Hanlon, superintendent at the institution at Naponach, who represented the New York State Department of Institution.

Monsignor Lane was invested in the purple robes of a Domestic Prelate at ceremonies last November 11. During more than a quarter of a century as a priest, he has been a chaplain at Elmira Reformatory.

A year ago, some of his former clerks threw a party for the Monsignor in celebration of his silver jubilee as chaplain of the institution.

100 of Monsignor Lane's 'Gang' Fete Him in N. Y.

Tribute to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, chaplain of Elmira Reformatory, was paid by a group of former New York City inmates at a testimonial dinner in N. Y. City.

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Nazareth Family Ideals Upheld For Owego CDA

By MARY C. BROSNAN

Owego. A stirring warning was given by Mrs. Lawrence Weis of Rochester on the responsibilities of Catholic women as well as Catholic families today, in her talk on Sunday morning at the Communion breakfast of the Catholic Daughters of America.

Among statements made by Mrs. Weis, who is a member of the Speakers' Bureau of the Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women was that each year we promote a commercialized Mother's Day and yet in this country \$250,000,000 is spent in one year for the advance of birth control.

Mrs. Weis whose subject was "The Three and We" spoke on the family life of the Holy Family and told how the family life of today should be patterned after that ideal family. Today there is a great tendency to seek pleasure away from home and to shake off the responsibilities of home life and family life.

In the little home in Nazareth, the Holy Family lived for each other, and instead of running away from the four walls of home, as if it were a prison, they made a heaven of it. Concluding she said "Let us reform our families to the Nazareth pattern; we must defend ourselves, ward off the forces that would rob us of our heritage."

A corsage of roses was presented to Mrs. Weis by Mrs. Bernice F. Frawley, the Grand Regent. A pleasing part of the affair

was the presentation, also made by Mrs. Frawley to Mrs. Charles F. Munroe, of a corsage and a prayer book. Mrs. Munroe, at the election of officers this month, retired as treasurer of the Court, having served more than 17 years.

The committee in charge consisting of Mrs. Walter Munroe, regent, chairman, Mrs. Walter T. Shelton and Mrs. Royal S. Alger, gave Mrs. Frawley a corsage of pink roses.

The Rev. Joseph Hogan, chaplain of the Court, complimented the organization on its growth—22 new members having been added to the membership during the past week and also on their attendance at the monthly Communion.

Mother of 14 Given Papal Decoration By Priest Son

Kansas City, Kan. (NC) After her son had offered his First Solemn Mass in St. Thomas Church here, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Burger, mother of 14 children, was called to the altar call by Bishop George J. Donnelly of Kansas City in Kansas and presented with the Medal Benemerenti, awarded by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Neither Mrs. Burger, nor her husband, Dr. Julius A. Burger, nor any of their children, knew of the Papal award until the Bishop called Mrs. Burger to the altar and made the announcement. He then gave the medal to Father Robert A. Burger to present to his mother.

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