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'Novena of Grace' Slated by Bishop

The annual Novena of Grace in honor of St. Francis Xavier will be opened by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in St. Francis Xavier Church, Bay St., Friday March 4, at 7:45 p.m.

Bishop's Mass In Lent Listed

His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will celebrate Mass daily in the Diocesan Cathedral, 50 Chestnut St. every day except Sunday. These Masses will begin in the third floor chapel on Ash Wednesday and every day at 8:30 a.m.

Fr. Dunn Listed By Friday Club

The Rev. Gerald E. Dunn, assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester will speak on "Saint of the Month" at the First Friday Luncheon Club session, Friday, March 4 in Hotel Sheraton.

Father Dunn will be presented by the Rev. Arthur E. Rattigan, club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus sponsors of the First Friday Luncheon Club.

More than 90 men attended the luncheon in February according to Chairman Rudolph C. Schweszer, who is looking to an attendance of 100 each month. Any Catholic man who has received Holy Communion that morning is eligible to attend the club luncheon.

The luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m. and the session closes at 1:15 p.m. Men of Immaculate Conception parish are particularly expected at the luncheon. Chairman Schweszer states:

St. Thomas Club to Meet
Clifford Club of St. Thomas Church will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 1 at 8 p.m. in the parish hall, Colebrook Drive. Miss Ruth McNamara is in charge of refreshments and entertainment.

Parish Credit Unions Report \$245,404

Members of Rochester's four parish credit unions saved a total of \$245,404 during 1948, officers were told at a meeting held Feb. 17 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall. Increased membership in each unit was planned.

With Joseph H. Gervais, chairman of the parish credit union committee of Catholic Central Union, Rochester Branch, presiding, the meeting was attended by leaders of credit unions of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Holy Family, SS. Peter and Paul's and St. Andrew's parishes.

TOPICS DISCUSSED included eligibility for membership, redemption of U. S. Government bonds, credit restrictions under Regulation W, and means of making the credit unions better known to parishioners. It was brought out that many members of the parishes served by the credit unions are paying much higher rates of interest for small loans than are charged by the credit unions.

Concrete plans were laid for bringing knowledge of the credit unions to such persons:

A REVIEW OF THE December 31, 1948, statements of these four credit unions disclosed that their members have paid in \$245,404 on shares. This represents the savings of the members and the capital, 509 members of the credit unions during 1948 borrowed \$24,654. Unpaid balances on these loans as of December 31, 1948, was \$122,686.

In addition to cash on deposit in banks, the credit unions had invested in U. S. government bonds \$141,653. All four credit unions for 1948 paid a 2% dividend on shares. This compares quite favorably with the rate of interest paid by savings banks, the officers stated.

Fr. Burns Listed At St. Boniface

Rev. Francis B. Burns, S.T.L., professor of Fundamental Moral Theology and Allied Sciences at St. Bernard's Seminary, will deliver the Lenten sermon series at St. Boniface Church Wednesday evenings, beginning 7:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Mar. 2.

The perpetual novena prayer will be recited at these Wednesday evening services instead of on Thursdays during Lent. Intentions of those making the novena should be placed in the boxes as usual.

Services, consisting of Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Friday evening also at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Franklin Earle Heads Help Society

Mrs. Franklin Earle who was elected president of St. Mary's Hospital Perpetual Help Society at the last meeting, will take over at the next session, scheduled Wednesday, Mar. 9 at 2 p.m. in St. Mary's Nurses' Home.

Other newly elected officers are: Mrs. Thomas Grant, first vice president; Mrs. Garfield Danes, second vice president; Mrs. Homer E. Norton, third vice president; Mrs. Mortimer Donovan, Mrs. John Scott, financial secretary; Mrs. Fred Grell, recording secretary; Miss Margaret Heisel and Mrs. Arthur Senecal, auditors.

Mrs. Edward Hartel is chairman of the March meeting. Assisting are: Mrs. Fred Hill, Mrs. Elmer Halloran, Mrs. Julia Halbleib and Mrs. August Hall.

Happiness Theme Planned For Pre-Cana Conference

Happiness in wedlock will be the theme of two talks scheduled for the fourth in a series of six Pre-Cana Conferences at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, in Columbus Civic Center ballroom.

The Rev. Joseph J. O'Connell, chaplain at Nazareth Academy, will discuss "Happiness for Two." "Happiness for Ten" will be described by Mrs. Lawrence P. Weiss, chairman of the Committee on Family and Parent Education, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Approximately 80 engaged and newly-wedded persons have been attending the once-weekly conferences, which are sponsored by the DCCW.

Last Monday's audience heard the Rev. Joseph L. Hogan of St.

Leaders at Noble Degree Dinner



First dinner and annual meeting of Rochester Temple, Noble and Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross, Knights of St. John, held at Hotel Seneca, Feb. 19 brought together the above Knights of St. John leaders. With His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, supreme chaplain, (second from right) are: (from left) City Councilman Henry L. Schuler, a member of the Temple; General Andrew O. Zink of Detroit and Colonel Joseph F. Wendelgas, noble grand master. The Noble degree is an honorary degree conferred for long and faithful service in the Knights of St. John.

Honorary Degree Knights Urged To Emulate Patron

St. John the Baptist was likened to St. John Fisher of Rochester, England and Cardinal Mindszenty as men who spoke openly in defiance of the outrageous action of governments of their day, men worthy of emulation.

The comparison with their patron saint was made before members of the Rochester Temple, Noble and Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross, Knights of St. John by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, supreme chaplain at the Hotel Seneca, Saturday.

The honorary degree of the knights was holding its first annual dinner and meeting.

PRINCIPAL LAY SPEAKER was City Council Henry L. Schuler, a member of the Temple who spoke on "The Catholic in Politics" stressing the duty and responsibility of Catholics in the science of government.

Knights who are honored in the Noble Degree take on responsibility of giving good example declared General Andrew O. Zink of Detroit, supreme president of the order.

With Colonel Joseph F. Wendelgas presiding, Noble Degree officers, Louis J. Hofmayr, Arnold F. Eckert and Clarence J. Roy reported.

Guests of honor included the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Getzell, regimental chaplain, the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, the Rev. Walter J. Kohl, Past Supreme President, Frank H. Biel, K.H.S.; Mrs. Carrie Foster, president of the District Auxiliary, Knights of St. John.

Patrick J. Byrne's Funeral Conducted

Funeral services for Mr. Patrick J. Byrne, 385 Titus Ave., who died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1949, were held from the August M. Maier Funeral Home, and in St. Margaret Mary's Church on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Emmett Davis.

Bearers were Frank Foery, Francis Kern, Elmer Leight, Ray Moore, Howard Murphy, and Joseph Ringelstein.

Mr. Byrne, a charter member of St. Margaret Mary Church, was a member of the Men's Club. He was also affiliated with the Local Order of Moose.

He is survived by four sons, Bernard Albert, James, and Edmund; two sisters in Ireland; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where the final blessing was given by Rev. Joseph Donnan.

Knights Slate Communion, Breakfast Sunday, Mar. 13

Members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, will assist at Mass in St. Joseph's Church, receive Holy Communion in a body and go to Hotel Rochester for breakfast on Sunday, March 13, according to Grand Knight John J. Kinney.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney, former state chaplain, will celebrate the Mass at 7:30 a. m. in St. Joseph's and address the men. The Bishop will also speak and be honored guest at the breakfast.

LAY SPEAKER at the breakfast will be Grand Knight John J. Coffey of Buffalo Council, K. of C., recently named executive secretary of Erie County's new health program. He was city clerk of Buffalo for 8 years and is prominently and actively identified with Catholic Charities and the Holy Name Society in Buffalo diocese.

A large turnout of the Knights of Columbus in Rochester is expected by Grand Knight Kinney as a public demonstration of the knights' protest against treatment of Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop Segimic and other Catholic clergy and laity behind the Iron Curtain. The knights will be permitted to bring their sons.

Arrangements for the annual Corporate Communion and Breakfast are being made by General Chairman Joseph M. Regan with the assistance of Catholic Activities Chairman Bart McFarland.

Reservations are in the hands of Chairman Arthur P. Farren, executive secretary of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, 35 Scio St., Hamilton 5430 or may be made with Financial Secretary Joseph M. Miller, K. of C., Baker 3883.

School Mothers List Communion

Regular monthly meeting of the School Mothers Club of St. Salome's will be held Wednesday, Mar. 2 at 8:30 p.m. in the school hall after Lenten services for the Church. Mrs. Fred Schopp will preside.

Mrs. Gerald Bonfiglio and Mrs. Paul Greiger have completed all arrangements for the Mother's Club Communion breakfast in the school hall Sunday, Feb. 27 after the 7:30 Mass.

Members are requested to bring their favorite recipes for the cook book to be published soon. Mrs. Ralph Fritz is honorary chairman, with Mrs. Leland Reiss as assistant chairman. Nominating committee will be selected at this meeting.

The children's lunch program for this year is in full swing under the guidance of Mrs. George Bishop. Library work in the school is progressing well, according to Mrs. Joseph Blum.

The church paper whose editor is Mrs. Joseph Blum, Mrs. Ralph Fritz, made its first appearance at all the Masses last Sunday. Mrs. Raymond Schlobie is in charge of the collection at the meeting for the veterans in Carandigua hospital.

Junior League To Hear Staff Named

The slate of officers for St. Mary's Junior League will be presented by the nominating committee at a club meeting, Wednesday, March 2 in the Catholic Women's Club, 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. William McFall, president, will preside.

Nominating committee comprises Mrs. Joseph Weber, Mrs. Fred Lucka, Mrs. Edwin Thurston, Mrs. Charles Gertner, Mrs. Bryan Ford, Mrs. Arthur Dallor, Ms. Lawrence Sanders, Mrs. Henry Link.

DCCW to Open Catholic Information Center

A Catholic Information Center to furnish pamphlets, books and answers to inquiries about the Catholic Faith will open in the lobby-library of Columbus Civic Center, Rochester, on Wednesday, Mar. 2, under the direction of the Rochester Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The new Center, staffed by trained receptionists from the membership of the DCCW will be open each weekday, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Designed as a convenient place for interested non-Catholics to drop in and read and inquire about Catholic truth, the Center is equipped with a large lending library of Catholic doctrine, biography and literature plus an up-to-date rack of Catholic magazines and a full display of free pamphlets on religious topics.

Through the receptionists, appointments may be made for private interview with a priest. Also arrangements may be made for the non-Catholics to join a group for a complete series of instructions on the principles of the Faith which will begin at the Information Center on Monday, Mar. 14 at 8 p. m. and continue each Monday evening.

This is the second Catholic Information activity in the Sea City. Sponsored by Monroe County, Catholic War Veterans and conducted by the Rev. Richard Torney, associate editor, Catholic Courier Journal, a series of Tuesday evening classes opened Tuesday of last week in Rochester's Hotel Seneca.

Sodality Union To Meet Monday

Monthly meeting of the Sodality Union will be held Monday evening, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. in St. Boniface school hall. After the hour-long committee meetings, the Social Life Committee will present a variety show headed by Gene Eckert.

LCBA Election Listed Monday

Annual nomination and election of officers of the Archdiocesan, Seaside Catholic Benevolent Association, is scheduled at the monthly meeting of the group at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, in Pastor A. Columbus Civic Center, according to Mrs. Anne I. Ryan, who is a supreme trustee.

Basilian Father Dies In Toronto

Word of the death of the Rev. August D. O'Brien, C.S.B., who had been student counselor at Aquinas Institute from 1944 to 1946, was received this week by the Basilian Fathers in charge of the boys' high school.

Father O'Brien died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1949, in Toronto. He was assistant pastor of St. Basil's Church, Toronto at the time of his death. Funeral services will be held in that church Friday, Feb. 25.

Born in Lindsey, Ont., June 26, 1888, Father O'Brien was professed in the Congregation of St. Basil, on Oct. 2, 1900 and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in that community on Dec. 16, 1925.

He served as assistant pastor at St. Ann's Church, Detroit; Assumption Church, Windsor; and St. Basil's Toronto, as well as at Aquinas Institute.

Surviving are three brothers, Richard of Detroit and Gerald and John of Toronto and a sister, Sister Rosemaria of the St. Joseph's community in Toronto.

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