Centenary Church 'Kept Faith Burning', Bishop Kearney Says At Watkins Glen Rite

Watkins Glen — For 100 years, "this historic old church has kept the faith burning—a standing beacon of the word of Christ in this community," His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester declared at the Solemn High Mass marking St. Mary's of the Lake Church Centenary, here Sunday.

With the Bishop presiding, the Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor of the Centenary church. Deacon was the Rev. Dr. Walter J. Kohl, pastor of St. Boniface Church, Rochester, who served as pastor of St. Mary's from 1[illegible] to 1947.

Subdeacon of the Mass was the Rev. Pasquale Schimizzi, a Pallotine Father of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, New York, and second boy of the parish to be ordained.

Deacons at the throne were the Rev. Ronald Zgodinski, O.F.M., superior of the Franciscans Monastery here and the Rev. Alexander Beaton, S.A., Guardian, St. John's Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira and dean of the deanery was Arch Priest. Masters of Ceremony were the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney, the bishop's secretary and the Rev. James Doyle, assistant pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church.

The Rev. Leonard Kelly, pastor of St. James of the Apostle Church of Trumansburg was cross bearer.

MORE THAN [illegible] persons including scores of area priests assisted at the impressive Mass.

"This church has been the light, it is the living home of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament," the Bishop said at the close of the ceremony.

"The beatification and renewal of this church is an act of faith," he said. "The beautification of His house is one of the finest blessings of gratitude. It could not be done without planning and the concern of the pastor and the cooperation of all of the members spiritually with him."

A BEAUTIFUL PAINTING by Matthey Martirano of Montreal, Canada, which forms the background of the altar, was viewed for the first time.

At the close of the service a Parish Banquet was held at St. John's Atonement Seminary gymnasium at nearby Montour Falls attended by nearly 30 persons.

Following the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and The Bells of St. Marys by the assembled guests, Bishop Kearney gave the Invocation.

Father Schimizzi was toastmaster and various members of the clergy, local dignitaries, various contractors were introduced.

DURING HIS ADDRESS at the banquet Bishop Kearney said it was a great experience to come into a community where the individuals have set religious values so high.

"Our community is going to be richer because of the Person of Jesus Christ," he said.

Father Ehmann, St. Mary's pastor, declared he was amazed at the response of the people and the turnout exceeded his expectations.

"There is something about a church that appeals to the heart," Father Kohl, the former pastor, told the group. "At the altar we have knelt in sorrow, here the sacraments have been given to us and out of it has come something dear to us for we are in God's House. The individual has found peace and happiness in the church. "Today in your church you have something worthy of God."

Civil Defense Volunteers Urged Through Schools

To help recruit badly needed volunteers for local civilian defense, children in all Catholic schools of Rochester will carry home to their parents this week copies of a pamphlet entitled, "Sign Up Before It Happens." On the back of the pamphlet is a form to be signed by either or both parents or other adults in the family indicating the capacity in which they are willing to serve. Children will also take forms to neighboring homes.

THE PROCEDURE was announced by the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, Superintendent of Schools and Diocesan Coordinator of Civilian Defense who is working in close cooperation with the Rochester Director of Civilian Defense.

Parents after signing the form will give it to the child to return to the school to be later forwarded to the Director of Civilian Defense in Rochester.

In a statement to the Catholic Courier Journal, Father Mahoney declared that the Director of Civilian Defense had pointed out the urgent need for volunteer recruits to serve as air raid wardens, nurses, reserve police, first aid workers and clerical helpers.

Father Mahoney expressed the hope that there would be a splendid response from this appeal through the schools.

Nazareth Sets Registration

All new registrants for Nazareth Academy on Lake Ave. will register either on Friday, June 1 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. or on Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Registrants must be accompanied by parents or guardians, according to the Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of the Academy.

James A. Ryan Dies Prominent Layman

James A. Ryan, 474 Birr St., active in Catholic affairs died Wednesday, May 23. He was a member of the faculty of Benjamin Franklin High School.

A graduate of Boston College, Mr. Ryan came to teach at Aquinas Institute 30 years ago.

Born Dec. 12, 1899, he received his early education in Medford, Mass., and his bachelor's degree from Boston College in 1922. He was a veteran of World War I.

After teaching at Aquinas Institute until 1929, he taught for a year at the old Rochester Shop School and at old Washington High School from 1930 to 1940. When Washington was dissolved he was transferred to Franklin.

Active in Catholic veterans affairs, Mr. Ryan was also president of the Holy Name Society of Holy Rosary Church.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Hurley Ryan; one daughter, Mary Jo Ryan; his mother, Mrs. Catherine Ryan; two brothers, Frederick L. and Charles J. Ryan of Medford, Mass.; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 11:15 a.m. from the Joseph J. Buckley Funeral Parlors, 796 Dewey Ave. and from Holy Rosary Church at 11:45. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Albion.

Circulation Manager

New York — (NC) — Robert C. Morrow, former manager of the educational and field selling division of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company, has joined the Catholic Digest as circulation manager, it was announced here.

Msgr. Randall Named Secretary

Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Catholic Courier Journal, was reelected secretary of the Catholic Press Association of the United States at the 41st annual convention held in New York City.

As Association Secretary, Monsignor Randall had an important role in the planning and carrying out of the convention declared "successful and having a well balanced program."

Taking part in the advertising sections of the Convention was Harold H. Connor, advertising manager of the Catholic Courier Journal.

The delegates in a resolution declared "the justification of Catholic journalism is the permeation of secularism about us with the energies of supernatural hope."

Holy Family Unit Lists Fr. Nacca

Auburn — Guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Rosary Society of Holy Family Church to be held at Springside Inn Monday evening, May 28, will be the Rev. John J. Nacca, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Auburn.

Mrs. Joseph Wallace is general chairman of the following committee: Mrs. Frederick Woods, Mrs. John Bolger, Mrs. John S. Graney, Mrs. C. E. Carpenter and Mrs. Anne Stevens, and the toastmistress will be Miss Ida Ferry. Mrs. Clarence Maywalt will be pianist.

All members and guests are invited and reservations must be reported not later than Saturday, May 26.

On Thursday, June 7, the last regular meeting of the society until fall will be held in the school library at which time plans will be discussed for the Holy Year Pilgrimage for members of the society and anyone else who desires to participate.

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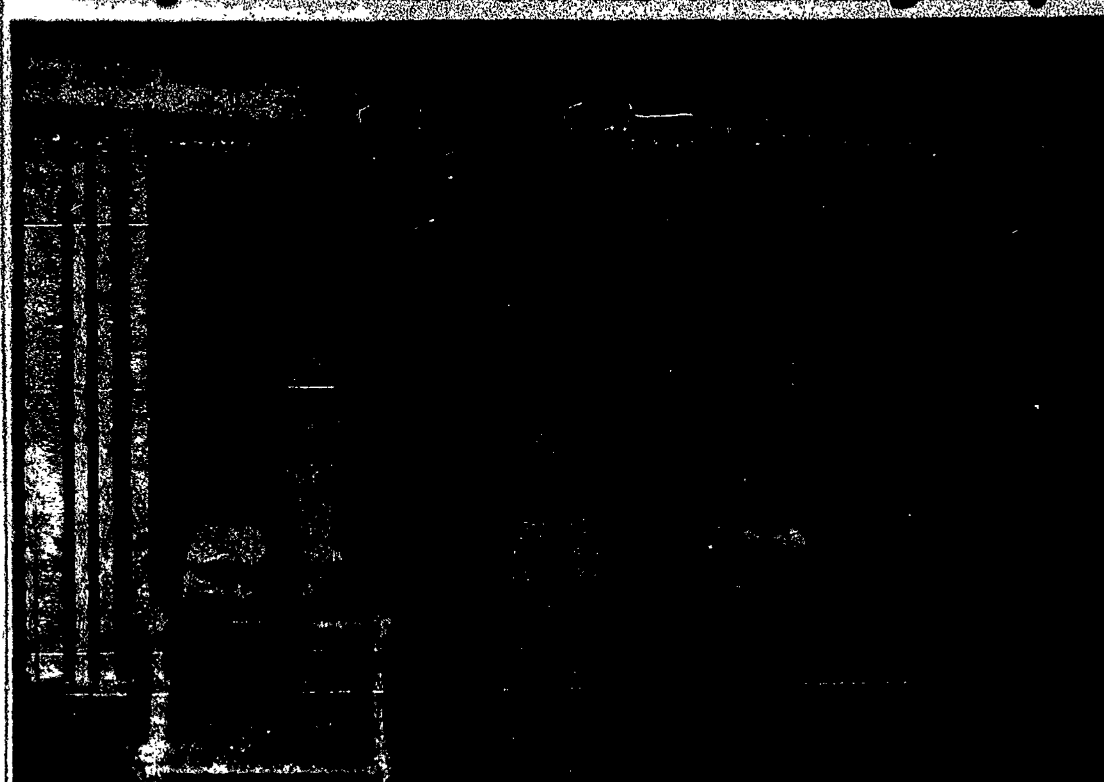

Dedicating the wayside shrine for Holy Cross Parish on Lake Ave., His Excellency Bishop Kearney speaks at microphone. Participating in services Tuesday at the shrine, believed the largest situated on an arterial highway, are: (from left) [illegible] C. [illegible], Rev. Howard W. Geck, Monsignor Lawrence B. Casey, pastor of Holy Cross Church; Rev. [illegible] J. [illegible] and Rev. John T. Walsh. (Courier Staff Photo)

Bishop To Speak At Saturday Club

First Saturday Luncheon Group will meet Saturday, June 2, in the ballroom of the Powers Hotel at 12:15 p.m. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will give his annual address to the gathering.

Moderator is the Rev. Albert J. Shamon, professor of English at St. Andrew's Seminary. The group is sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women.

The luncheon is open to all Catholic women who are interested in furthering the cause of Our Lady of Fatima. Reservations may be made by sending a card to First Saturday Luncheon Group, 30 Nicholson St., Rochester 20, N. Y.

St. Rita Novena Reopens May 29

Because of the large attendance at the first Novena of Tuesdays in honor of St. Rita, "the Saint of the Impossible," at St. Rita's Church, West Webster, the Novena will be continued starting Tuesday, May 29, according to the Rev. Francis A. Kleehammer, pastor.

Between 150 and 175 persons went every Tuesday to the Patronal Church and it is expected this number will grow as the Novena starting at 7:45 p.m. is renewed.

St. Rita's Church may be reached from Rochester via Empire Boulevard to Bay Road, left to Ridge Road and right to Maple Drive.

School Retreat Led By Father Gehring

Geneva — A retreat for De Sales High School students was conducted Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14, 15, and 16, by the Rev. Frederick Gehring, C.M., formerly stationed at Sampson Naval Training Station.

Father Gehring is known as "the Guadalcanal Padre."

1000 Attend Dedication Ceremony At Holy Cross

A throng of 1,000 persons witnessed the dedication by His Excellency Bishop Kearney of the newly erected wayside shrine on Holy Cross Rectory grounds to Our Lady Queen of Peace, Tuesday night.

The pedestal and statue of Our Lady, nine feet in height, was the focal point of all eyes in the brilliantly illuminated shrine.

MANY PAUSED to kneel and pray at the shrine, believed to be the largest outdoor religious shrine in this area facing on an arterial highway, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. Casey, pastor said after the ceremony.

In his dedicatory address, the Bishop traced the gradual growth of these outdoor places of devotion and said it was fitting that one be erected in close proximity to Holy Cross Church. It serves to remind that the Blessed Mother was close to her Son on the Cross at the Crucifixion.

The Bishop said that no one can estimate the good a shrine of this kind will do, because many prayers asking the Blessed Mother's intercession for peace will be said before it.

IN ADDITION TO the Bishop and Msgr. Casey, present for the dedication were the Very Rev. James C. McAniff, Chancellor of the diocese, the Rev. John E. Maney, master of ceremonies to the Bishop; the Rev. Howard W. Geck, the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, the Rev. John P. O'Malley and the Rev. John T. Walsh.

In the procession were Cub and Brownie troops, the Boy and Girl Scouts and Sodalists with the First Communion Class in their white clothes preceding the altar boys and clergy.

The Holy Cross Girls Choir sang the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

To complete the shrine, shrubs will be placed around it and a plaque with the inscription "Mary Queen of Peace Pray for Us" in gold letters will be placed across the top, Monsignor Casey said.

Mass Set May 30 CWV Auxiliary

[illegible] County Catholic War Veterans Auxiliaries will honor War dead at a Memorial Day Mass, Wednesday, May 30, in Our Lady of Victory Church at [illegible] a.m. Veterans are invited to attend.

A day of recollection has been planned for June [illegible] at the Cenacle, [illegible] Lake Ave., and those wishing to make reservations may call Mrs. Anna F. Kennedy, [illegible]

On Thursday, June 7, members of the Auxiliaries will join the Rev. Joseph Cirrincione in the recitation of the Rosary over WSAY at 10 p.m.

Baked Food Sale Set By CWV Auxiliary

Third Annual Baked Food Sale sponsored by the Holy Rosary Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary will be held on Saturday, May 26, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Imhof's Hardware Store, 1013 Dewey Ave.

Mrs. Henry Schlueter, Jr. is chairman assisted by Mrs. Mary Wilson, Miss Barbara Foss, Mrs. Kenneth Scardetta, Mrs. Stewart Knell, Mrs. Robert Palli, Mrs. Donald Foley and Mrs. Nell McGinness.

Nazareth C[illegible] To Confer D[illegible] On Miss Do[illegible]

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Catholic Nurses To Visit Four Churches

[illegible] Council of Catholic Nurses will make a Holy Year Pilgrimage Monday, May [illegible] starting at St. Joseph's [illegible] at 7:30 p.m. [illegible] urged to invite their families and friends to join them on the pilgrimage.

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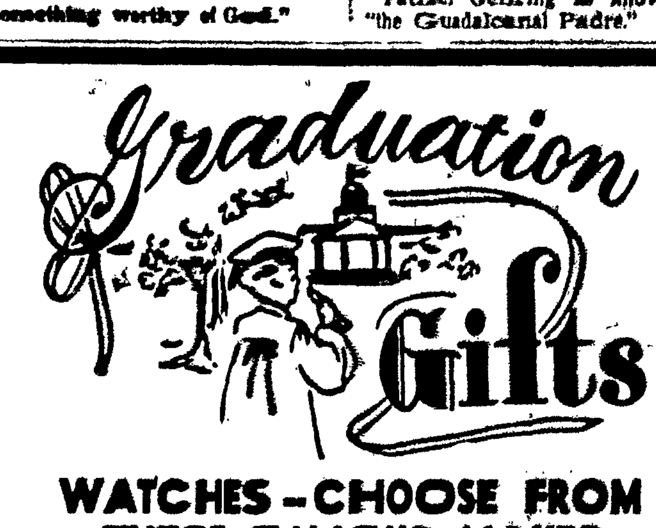

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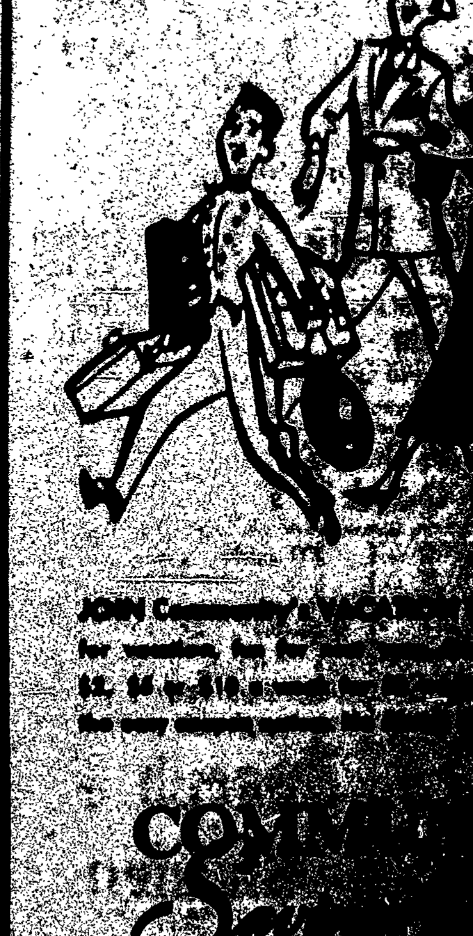

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