

Bishop Praises 100-Year-Old Parish Pioneers

Union Springs—St. Michael's Church, Union Springs, was crowded to capacity last Sunday morning when His Excellency Bishop Kearney of Rochester, celebrated the Mass of St. Michael in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the parish.

After Mass, the Bishop administered the sacrament of confirmation to a class of children and adults from both Aurora and Union Springs.

The Bishop was assisted by his secretary, the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney, and the Rev. Raymond Nolan, principal of DeSales High School, Geneva. The Rt. Rev. Magr. William E. Cowen, the Rev. Irvin Sullivan, and the Rev. Gregory Dugan of Auburn were also in the sanctuary.

THE REV. WILLIAM AYERS, pastor, welcomed Bishop Kearney as the guest of honor at the centennial observance and extended greetings to the many former parishioners who joined with the present members of the congregation to mark the occasion.

Bishop Kearney in his centennial sermon paid tribute to the pioneers of the parish dedicated to St. Michael, the archangel of evil. He visualized the sense of happiness that was theirs in the thrill of challenge, the hope of creating a fortress of faith, and the joy of realizing that challenge and that hope, the joy that they had once again, said the Bishop, "created a new Nazareth and a new Bethlehem in this roadside."

His Excellency declared that the story of each pastor down through the past century would indeed be a fascinating one but, he added, it would be a narrative that could not be written by an historian. It must be the Bishop observed, be essentially a spiritual thing between God and His creatures, a story begun with the baptismal font and supplemented by the wealth of spiritual history linked with the confessional and the communion rail, a story written in the hearts of the Union Springs people for an entire century and further recorded in the tablets of eternity.

SUCH MEMORIES as these spiritual ones, said the Bishop, are the most precious that any one could ever know. He stressed the importance of the Mass in the lives of the parishioners, as well as the teachings of the Church emanating from the pulpit of the Church, constituting the same message that fell from the lips of Our Lord on the hillside of Galilee.

All this the Bishop noted, has been under the patronage and protection of the great St. Michael, whom the Church day after day asks to defend us in battle and whose presence and protection in our current conflicts against the forces of evil is more necessary than ever before.

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Dedication Of Two Schools For Christ



PLACING THE CRUCIFIX over the main entrance of two new school structures by His Excellency Bishop Kearney was included in dedication ceremonies held Sunday. On left the Bishop is shown at DeSales High School, Geneva, where he blessed a new wing including gymnasium-auditorium. He is being assisted by the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, principal of DeSales. The Rev. John E. Maney, the Bishop's secretary is to the left. On right, the Bishop is shown in the main entrance of the new St. Francis School, Auburn. At left in this photo is Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of schools, Diocese of Rochester and at right, Rev. John Nacca, pastor of St. Francis Church, Auburn.

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Bishop Kearney Blesses 2 New School Structures

Foes of the Catholic school system did not challenge the patriotism of Catholic youth in time of war and "by the eternal God," they will not challenge them now.

This declaration came from His Excellency Bishop Kearney following his dedications of the new school of St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn and the new wing including the auditorium of DeSales High School in Geneva.

The Bishop declared that Catholics in erecting their own school system created no division of American youth, but he added, "We are convinced that the welfare of our country depends upon the realization of our dependence upon God."

His Excellency also declared that the parochial school graduates are a more eloquent defense of Catholic patriotism than we can ever hope to offer. The Catholic school system, said the Bishop, "has given far more to America than it will ever ask in return."

THE ADDITION to DeSales High School costing about \$142,000 was dedicated by the Bishop Sunday afternoon. The Bishop was escorted to the new structure by a guard of honor of Col. Fourth Degree Knights of Col. Stephens, attended by local and visiting clergy.

The Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, principal of DeSales opened the program on the stage of the new gymnasium. Joseph P. Flynn, Rochester architect designed the additional structures.

Bishop Kearney congratulated the clergy, teachers and people of the community, "who have made this possible."

He described the fund campaign as a monumental piece of work. Paraphrasing Winston Churchill's famous words, the Bishop said, "Never in the history of the diocese has so much been accomplished by so few."

The prelate called attention also to the fact that many, regardless of religious faith had contributed to the new school building.

FATHER NOLAN mentioned the "long years of waiting" for the additional rooms and the new gym. He lauded the school staff, which he said, has labored in crowded quarters and expressed thanks to all whose generosity made the new gym possible.

Thanking especially parishioners of St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephens parishes, he said, "Their generosity is unequalled in the diocese."

Congratulations were expressed by Mayor Arthur J. McCann. The Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish expressed his thanks, and those of the Rt. Rev. Magr. William H. McPadden, V.F. pastor of St. Stephen's for the magnificent cooperation displayed in this building.

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The new wing contains four classrooms, teachers' room, library, science laboratory, principal's office and showers.

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Card Party Set On Columbus Day At St. Anthony's

Annual Columbus Day card party sponsored by St. Anthony's parish, Elmira will be held in the school on Thursday evening, Oct. 11 at 8 o'clock.

This year's affair will be held as a benefit to help defray the expenses incident to the extensive repairs to the convent and the much needed addition to the rectory.

Rev. Albert L. Simonetti is honorary chairman and Rev. Nicholas P. Alletto is general chairman.

OFFICERS of the several parish societies will serve on the committee. They include: Alexander Rossi, Samuel LeMark, Sacred Heart Men; Mrs. Peter Cambio, Mrs. Antoinette DeSocio, Mrs. Louise Capucci, Mrs. Thomas Macomber and Mrs. Stephen Auld, Sacred Heart Ladies; Joseph DeStasio, Peter DeSocio, Joseph Bevilacqua and Anthony D'Andrea, Holy Name; John DiStefano, Anthony Clair, Nicholas Marino and Anthony Bellizio, Catholic War Veterans; Joseph DeNardo and Anthony Christofano, Boys Club; Dorothy Palladino, Selma Viselli, Teresa Ann Poni and Frances Robbiero, Daughters of Mary; Mrs. Francis Nigro, Mrs. Edward Rose, Sr. and Mrs. Mary Seaborn and Mrs. Mario Forte, Sewing Society.

Displays of baked goods and work of the Sewing Guild will be shown and many awards will be available for the overflow attendance expected.

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Closing Of Rosary Novena Set Sunday At Monastery

Closing services of the Rosary Novena, which opened in Elmira on Saturday, Sept. 29, will be held out of doors at the Dominican Monastery on Rosary Sunday, Oct. 7 at 3:30 p.m.

The Dominican Sisters cordially invite the members of the Association of the Perpetual Rosary and all others who are interested to attend the services. The sermon, which will follow the recitation of the Rosary will be preached by the Rev. J. Edmund O'Brien and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given at an outdoor altar.

Many will also wish to take advantage of the opportunity to obtain a Plenary Indulgence, through every visit to the Rosary Chapel from noon on Saturday, Oct. 6 until the Monastery closes at six o'clock on Sunday evening.

THESE INDULGENCES, are, of course, dependent upon the usual requirements, that the petitioner be in the state of Grace, that he have an intention and that he say six Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glory be to the Father, for the intention of the Holy Father.

Of especial value, is the applicability of these indulgences "to yourself or to your dear ones, who may be awaiting that particular key to open for them the Gates of Heaven. Golden dividends are these, offered by the Queen of the Rosary, as she extends a loving welcome to you urging you to come to Rosary Hall on her special Feast of the Holy Rosary."

WORD OF TRUTH In the service of God the priest must be a tried and blameless worker, a worker who is not ashamed of his calling and who rightly handles the word of truth.

TEEN-AGE DANCE The Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, announced last Sunday that the first of a new series of "Social Evenings" for Catholic teenagers will be held on Thursday evening, Oct. 11, in the parish hall, High Street.

The program will include dancing, group singing and refreshments. Music will be furnished by the "Parishioners", a group of local musicians who will play from 8:30 until 11:30 p.m.

Father Bisky also stated that high school students from several other parishes in Elmira and the area had been invited.

SANITARIUM GIVES Psychiatric Course Dubuque, Iowa—(NC)—Forty-two young student nurses from Catholic and non-Catholic hospitals in Iowa, Wisconsin and North and South Dakota arrived at St. Joseph Sanitarium here and have begun a course in psychiatric nursing.

SMORGASBORD SLATED For Ithaca Parish Ithaca Plans for a Smorgasbord dinner to be held in Parish Hall, Thursday evening, Oct. 25 were made at the September meeting of the Immaculate Conception Parent-Teachers Association.

A large committee headed by Mrs. Anthony Spano and Mrs. Edward Ratkowski are working out details in connection with the dinner.

Mrs. Frank Egan is ticket committee chairman. Everyone in the parish is welcome to attend, the committee announced. Tickets for children will also be available.

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Unit Changes Name Of Elmira Charities

Elmira Catholic Charities became Catholic Family Service following a meeting of the Board of Governors on Monday evening, Oct. 1. The change, which is in line with the trend throughout the United States, gives the local agency a title which is more descriptive of the policy and functions of the agency.

Bishop To Offer Mass Marking Chest Campaign

Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester will preside and preach the sermon at a Solemn High Mass in St. Patrick's church, Elmira on Sunday morning, Oct. 14 at 10 o'clock.

This occasion will mark the opening of the Chesting Community Chest campaign to raise \$312,944.00 for the 22 agencies serving the arch. Catholic Charities of Elmira is one of the participating groups.

The Mass and sermon will be broadcast over the facilities of both Elmira Radio Stations, WELM and WENY and the narrator will be Cornelius J. Milliken.

Father Whalen Speaks At First Friday Session

Rev. John S. Whalen, Chaplain of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus will be guest speaker at the First Friday Luncheon Club meeting to be held at 12:15 p.m. today in the Mark Twain Hotel.

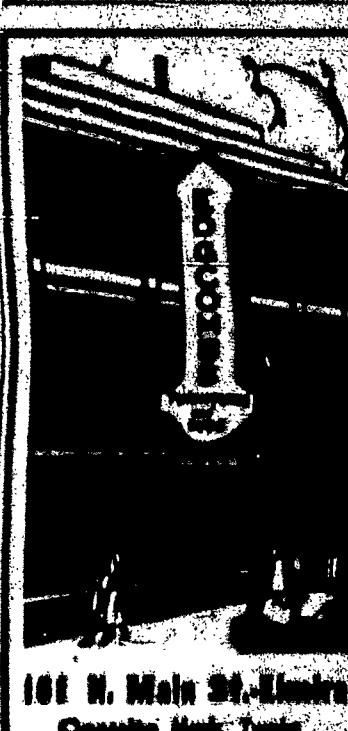
This month marks the completion of seven years activity for the local club, founded in the administration of Past Grand Knight Eugene F. Agan.

Any Catholic man is eligible to attend the luncheons held each First Friday providing he has received Holy Communion that day. Each month Priests of the Diocese as well as Priests from the various Orders have given interesting and informative talks on some phases of Catholic teaching or other matters of importance to the Laity.

Ex-Boxing Champ Pleads For Rosary

New York — (NC) — One of boxing's all-time "greats" emphasized at a meeting of Manhattan College students on the campus the importance of the Rosary Crusade.

He is Tommy Loughran, former light heavyweight champion of the world, who has been active in the crusade to spread devotion to the Mother of God.



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