

Mission At Reformatory Sets Attendance Record

Trying for a "One Hundred Percent-Mission" at Elmira Reformatory, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, Catholic chaplain and dean of prison, explains in the U.S. who started the missions, 31 years ago reports the mission held, this year, "fell short by a very small number."

Breakfast Set For Personnel

Annual Communion breakfast for the Catholic personnel of Elmira Reformatory and the Youth Reception Center will be held in the Officers dining room on Sunday morning following reception of Holy Communion by the two groups at the 9 o'clock Mass in the St. John Bosco Chapel.

Elmira's Judge of the Recorder's Court, Daniel J. Donahue will be the breakfast speaker.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, Reformatory Chaplain will introduce the speaker and guests.

Six Past Grand Knights Honored By Corning K. C.

Corning — A feature of a recent business meeting of Corning Council Knights of Columbus was the paying of tribute to six grand knights, two of them Joseph Sweet and Michael Bonady being presented with grand knight pins. The others honored were Albert Lynch, Karl Krist, Paul Tammaro and Paul Lovette.

Other business consisted of making plans for a Communion breakfast following corporate Communion at the 8:30 a.m. Mass Sunday May 4, at St. Patrick's Church. The breakfast, which will be served by the Ladies of Columbus, will be held at the K. of C. Home.

It was announced that Joseph Sweet, Grand Knight John Spockmeyer, superintendent at the Bath VA Center and Rev. Ralph Neagle, chaplain at the Center, will represent the local Council on May 10 at the Rochester Civic Center when the presentation of the Bishop's Bursar will be made.

Miraculous Medal Novena Slated

A novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will open in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, on Sunday, May 18. Services will be held each evening at 7:45 p.m.

The Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor, announces that at the conclusion of this Novena it is planned to start a perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. This Novena will be held every Monday evening, commencing Monday, June 2.

'Spring Tonic' For Elmira's



A VARIETY SHOW entitled 'Spring Tonic' is being planned by committee members for staging in St. Mary's Auditorium, Elmira, Thursday and Friday evenings, May 15 and 16. The show is sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

Skating Party, Supper Slated By The Louridians

The "Louridians" announced this week, they will sponsor a skating party at Grotto Roller Skating Rink, Elmira, on Monday evening, May 12. The party will be open to the general public for a small admission fee and the Louridians extend an invitation to all who are interested in joining the new club to attend and see the organization in action.

At a recent meeting, Lother J. Walter resigned as Treasurer of the Club and as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, due to his acceptance of a position out-of-town. Elected to succeed him as Treasurer, was Mike Haddad. Veronica Ryan was named Chairman of the Entertainment Committee by President Charles James.

At present, members of the Louridian Club are engaged in weekly competitive Ping-Pong and Pool Tournaments. Final winners will be announced in May.

St. Mary's Marches
London — (RNS) — Catholic young men took part in silent marches through many cities and towns of Great Britain on May 1 as an act of reparation for the "insults" of Communist May demonstrations.

Mother's Day Communion Set By 2 Holy Name Units

The annual joint Mother's Day Communion breakfast sponsored by the Holy Name Societies of St. Patrick and St. Mary's parishes, Elmira will be held on Sunday May 11 — Mother's Day — at 9 o'clock in the Mark Twain Hotel.

Members will receive Holy Communion in their respective churches at the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

C. J. Staff Grateful For Press Aid

Gratitude of the entire staff of the Catholic Courier Journal was extended to the Gannett newspapers in Rochester, last week, for the latter's ready cooperation in finishing the diocesan paper's press run.

A press failure threatened Thursday night to prevent completion of printing of the final third of the Courier Journal's 35,000 circulation.

Gannett executives gave the signal and stereotypers, pressmen and folders of the Rochester Times-Union and Democrat and Chronicle rallied to turn out the Courier-Journal on the Gannett presses after completion of the regular D. & C. run.

Voicing the Courier Journal staff's feelings, the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor, said he is "deeply indebted to the Gannett newspaper organization for helping us out of a very serious situation."

Benedictines' May Rites Set At Monastery

Special ceremonies in honor of Our Lady during the month of May have been announced by the Benedictine Fathers of Mount Saviour Monastery, Madison Road, Big Flats, near Elmira.

Every Sunday during May, Vespers at 4 o'clock will be followed by the Litany of the Blessed Virgin sung in procession. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow. The procession will be made to the site of the future Oratory (Chapel) of Our Lady Queen of Peace which the monks hope will be started in this month of Our Lady.

THIS ORATORY will be a "shrine of peace" as described by the Very Rev. Dom Damasus Winzen, Prior of Mount Saviour. "It will be dedicated," said Father Winzen, "to give glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will. This will be achieved in various ways, for example by the solemn celebration of the Church's official prayer, The Divine Office, and a daily High Mass.

"The Divine Office will be offered in the Oratory of Our Lady Queen of Peace — as it is offered in our little Oratory of St. Peter now — at regular intervals during the day. At the seven different hours of the Divine Office, the monks leave whatever they are doing and go to the oratory to sing the Office.

"This prayer is first of all to praise and glorify God, but it also includes prayer for peace — peace in men's souls, peace in families, in the nation, in the world.

"WHEN THE ORATORY of the Queen of Peace is built a Mass for peace will be offered every day, and names of the living and deceased can be enrolled to share in this Mass."

Father Winzen further explained that the Blessed Virgin as "Queen of Peace" is the chief patron of Mount Saviour. "The motto of the Benedictines is PAX (Peace). In the crypt of the oratory, a statue and shrine of the Queen of Peace will be erected in the center.

"Everyone will be welcome to come here to pray for peace and for all who live and work and die for peace. People can visit this shrine and assist at the chanting of the Divine Office, and so in this way, too, the oratory will be a haven of peace for all.

"These are all additional reasons why we want to make the procession to the oratory site every Sunday in May in honor of the Queen of Peace. On weekdays, May devotions will take place at 7:45 p.m. before Communion, the Church's 'Night Prayer'."

Miss Fitzgerald Waverly Talk Set

Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Director of the Catholic Family Service of Elmira will be the speaker at the Annual Communion Breakfast of the Catholic Daughters Court Joan of Arc, in Waverly.

Miss Fitzgerald has chosen "What is Catholic Social Work" as her subject for the program which will follow a breakfast at Keystone Inn in South Waverly at nine thirty o'clock on Sunday morning, May 4.

St. John Sodality To Honor Mothers

Sodality of Our Lady, St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, will hold the annual Mother's Day Communion breakfast at the Mark Twain Hotel on Sunday, May 11, at 9:30 a.m. Members will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Mrs. Helen Schultz is general chairman and will be assisted by Mrs. Anthony J. Kinley, Mrs. Joseph F. Fischer, Mrs. Charles F. Ruppel, Mrs. Mary Karl and Miss Frieda Henry.

Father McNamara Slated In First Saturday Talk

By MARY E. FITZGERALD
Executive Director—Catholic Family Service
Members of Chemung County's First Saturday Luncheon Group of Our Lady of Fatima will answer "Yes" to our Bishop's invitation to honor the "Month of Mary," pledged to spread the devotion of the "First Saturdays," more than two hundred leading Catholic lay women, will be powerful advocates of all that the month of May means to each thoughtful daughter of Mary.

THE SPEAKER at the May luncheon, which will be held at noon on Saturday, at the Hotel Langwell will be the Rev. Joseph McNamara of the Reception Center. Father McNamara, who is well known to Elmira audiences has chosen, "Our Lady, Queen of the May" as his subject.

The Ladies of Charity, who are sponsoring the First Saturday Club in cooperation with the other member organizations of the National Conference of Catholic Women, cordially invite all Elmira women to join in this public demonstration of the First Saturday Devotions. Reservations may be made by calling any member of the Advisory Committee or Mrs. Rensel at 5126 before noon on Thursday, May 1st.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE includes Mrs. James Mallon, National Council of Catholic Women, Mrs. Edward A. Claus, Ladies of Columbus, Mrs. Theodore Doran, Catholic Daughters of America and the following representatives of Parish Organizations: St. Anthony's, Mrs. Peter Cambio, St. Cecilia's, Mrs. Irving Kline, St. Peter and Paul's, Mrs.



REV. JOSEPH McNAMARA, James Hwy, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mrs. Thomas Leahy, St. Patrick's, Mrs. Helen Ganey, St. Mary's, Mrs. James O'Leary and St. Charles, Mrs. Francis Crowley. "All for Jesus, through Mary" was the challenge in the leaflet, "My Day—A Mass" distributed to those attending the April Luncheon. "All for Jesus, through Mary" might well be chosen as the glorious theme song of these followers of Mary, who will make each day of the Month, which is traditionally here, a special tribute to Jesus, through His Blessed Mother, the Queen of the May.

St. Mary Society To Hear Benedictine At Breakfast

Members of St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society will hold their annual Communion breakfast on Sunday at 9 o'clock in the Mark Twain Hotel following reception of Holy Communion by the group at the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Mrs. James Rouse and Mrs. Raymond Freedman are co-chairmen. They will be assisted by Mrs. John Vonderlin, Mrs. Mary Wigsten, Mrs. George Goodman, Mrs. Loretto Collins and Mrs. Glen Lacey.

The Rev. Father Gregory, O.S.B. of Mount Saviour Monastery will be the guest speaker. Rev. Guy J. Wertz, Moderator will act as toastmaster. Vocal selections will be given by Antonette Mezzarota, accompanied by Virginia Rohrer.

This group plans on holding a picnic supper in the auditorium on Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

Mrs. William Murtaugh, and Mrs. John E. Strong are co-chairmen.

WILL JUDGE CONTEST



Magr. Joseph B. Lux (left), managing director of "Extension" magazine; Clem Lane (center), city editor, Chicago Daily News, and Rev. Thomas A. Moehan, editor of the New World, Chicago, archdiocesan paper, will act as final judges for the Speech Essay Contest sponsored by the National Forensic Commission of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. Prizes totaling \$225 will be awarded for the best speech essays on "The Role of the College or University in Developing the Spiritual Leadership and Economic Security of Our Nation." Contest closed April 30. (NO Photos).

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, May 4—Corpus Christi, Rochester; St. Ann, Hornell; St. Cecilia, Elmira; Lyons; Sodus; Victor; Woodport; Fleming; Frahsburg.

Loyola Unit States Meeting, Breakfast

Loyola Council of Rochester has scheduled a meeting at the Catholic Women's Club Friday, May 16 and a Communion Breakfast Sunday, May 25, following Mass in the chapel of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Prince St., at 9 a.m.

The Rev. Charles Dolan, S.V. of Canisius High School, Buffalo, will be present for both affairs. Mrs. Frank Hawkins is chairman of arrangements for the breakfast.

North American Elects Officers

Los Angeles, Calif. — (NC) — Msgr. William O'Donnell of Cleveland was elected president at the annual North American College Alumni Association reunion here. He succeeds Bishop William T. McGucken, Auxiliary of Los Angeles.

Other officers elected are: Msgr. William J. Gallen of Cleveland, first vice president; Msgr. Joseph J. Mullen of Cleveland, second vice president; the Rev. Michael O. Driscoll of Springfield, Ill., secretary; the Rev. Henry Osrover of Brooklyn, treasurer, and the Rev. Michael J. Murphy of Cleveland, historian.

The association voted to hold its 1953 meeting in Cleveland.

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