#### Rochester, N. Y.

# Saint Mary's Parish, Rexville Slates Centenary Observance

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#### By DOLORES HANRAHAN

Rexville - St. Mary's Church here will commemorate new school which had an average more than a century of continuous devotion in the service of attendance of 97 pupils. The God on Oct. 19 with a Centennial Mass, celebrated by the school has not been in operation pastor, the Rev. John D. Malley. for many years now.

His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester will preside in cappa magna. Monsignori and priests from all sections of the Diocese will be in the sanctuary.

Special music has been arranged for the Mass by St. Mary's Choir, assisted by members of St. Joachim's choir, Canisteo. Miss Marie Pruner of Hornell is director and Mrs. Helen Callahan of Canisteo, organist.

DIRECTLY AFTER Mass. His Excellency will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a class of 25. He will deliver the sermon at the Centennial Mass, also.

After Mass, a dinner will be served to several hundred parishioners and friends at the Community House. The large-scale task of planning is being cared for by a committee of parishion ers.

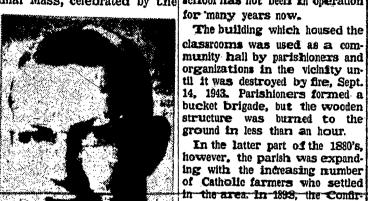
in the home of the late Patrick Rexville was then a part. McCormick. The zeal of the

by parishioners. One of the visiting priests, who came from Rochester on horseback to celebrate Mass, left his cassock in the McCormick home. He was transferred, and the family was unable to return the garment. Two generations kept the cassock carefully hung in a closet and would not permit it by thrown away since it had

McEvoy in 1846.

FATHEB MCEVOY served as pastor until 1849. He was succeeded by the Revs. Michael O'Brien, John Tuohy, Daniel Moore, A. M. McConnell and James Rogers. In 1869 the Rev. C. D. McMul-

len was appointed pastor. One of his first official acts was the



REV. JOHN D. MALLEY Pastor

who served from 1879-1882 H. H. Connery 1883-1883; M. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, O'Shea, 1888-1889; B. B. Grattan, Forde, Rochester. It was com- 1951, on the Feast of St. Luke, MASS WAS celebrated in the by Bishop Stephen V. Ryan of 1890-1893; H. McConnell, 1893 Rexville area as early as 1837 the Buffalo Diocese, of which 1896; J. F. Mooney, 1896-1897.

The Rev. James Griffin, later illustrated by a story still told the state. Among the priests from 1552 to 1893.

Sisters of Mercy staffed the

The building which housed the

mation class numbered 107 par-

ishioners, Bishop Bernard J.

McQuaid of the Diocese adminis-

THE CEMETERY on the hill.

Among the early pastors of St.

Mary's were the Revs. F. Clark

which is still used, was blessed

tered the Sacrament.

in 1886 by Bishop Ryan.

present were the Revs. Michael The longest pastorate in St. P. Connery, who was then pas. Mary's was that of the Rev. J. tor, Francis Clark of Hornells. E. Casey, who served the parish ville, James Rogers of Owego, from 1897 until 1918. Father the Blessed James Bloomer and James Bishop John F. O'Hern of Roch-McManus of Elmira, Phillp Kin- ester. sella of Wellsville, James Baxter THE REV. Cornelius A. Silke stalled over the main altar,

of Bath, Martin Ryan of Addison, James Dunbar of Belmont, Will became pastor in 1918. He was which sheds a soft glow. liam Regan and Patrick Creigh in charge of the parish until 1932 when he was transferred ton of Brooklyn. Only two years later, in Febru. to St. Ann's, Hornell.

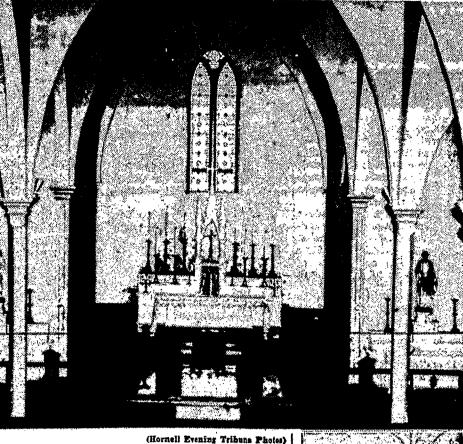
"clothed a man of God". The first church in the terri-tory now served by St. Mary's to the ground. The people, with tory now served by St. Mary's is the repairing to the description of the church is the repairing of the church is the only one of St. Mary's sanctuary Gray and mauve rugs and painting of the church former pastors, who is new live sover the sanctuary floors. was built in 1845 on a site in diately began building a new former pastors who is now live over the sanctuary floors. Greenwood donated by Patrick church, Materials had to be ing. At present he is pastor of Side altars, dedicated to St. has announced that the offering Flinn. Mass was celebrated for brought from Wellsville, and St. Patrick's Church in Corning. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin, received on the day of the Cen the first time in the original parishioners responded with 225 The Rev. Raymond M. Lynd have been enhanced with new teams of horses to haul the succeeded Father Cannan as pas- draperies in silver gray. All necessary supplies. tor until 1939; the Rev. Frederick statues within the church have

They worked steadily and with C. Wise, 1939-1943 and the Rev. been restored and the stations of almost amazing efficiency, Seven Bernard Cleary, 1943 August 8, the cross remodeled in natural months later the new St. Mary's 1951. was completely built. It was dedi-

Father Malley, then assistant cated Sept. 14, 1877 on the Feast pastor of St. Amn's, Hornell, of the Excitation of the Holy was appointed administrator Aug. 9, 1951 and mamed pastor

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#### Interior of St. Mary's, Rexville

tracting firm of Gervace and chapel was dedicated on Oct. 18, pleted last December. by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William The interior of St. Mary's to M. Hart, vicar-general of the

to become Rt. Rev. Msgr. Grif. day presents an attractive pic- Rochester Diocese. It has a priv-McCormick. The zeal of the early Catholics in that area, and FOR THE SOLEMN occasion their respect for the clergy is clergy came from all sections of Corning was an assistant pastor of St. Mary's, there with its flying Gothic arches ileged altar and is classed as a public oratory.

terra cotta. The sanctuary is al The chapel, dedicated to the terra cotta. The sanctuary is a Assumption of the Blessed Vir-warm buff of Arvon finish. On Assumption of the Blessed Vir-the blue celling are symbols of made possible through the "genthe Blessed Virgin, patroness of erosity of the friends of St. Mary's". The altar and furnish-

ings in the rectory chapel are of The organ has been electrified blond oak. An Italian hand and a new rose-tinted window incarved Crucifix is over the altar The chapel has a new electric organ. Funds for stained glass THE ALTAR itself has been windows have already been do-

complently remodeled. Massive nated, and the work will be done

tower and spire. Father Malley tennial Mass will be used for that purpose.

A plaque in honor of the friends of St. Mary's, who have aided in the program of remodeling and restoration will be placed Pews have been refinished and in the vestibule of the church.

new kneelers installed. A new Present trustees are Rubert system of indirect lighting and

colors and gold leaf.



## Edward McCarthy and J. Brady of Bexville have manifested

Kilduff are the auditors. and living Faith." IN DISCUSSING the past, present and iuture prospects for St. Mary's, Father Malley said today:

"A wonderful spirit of Faith has prompted parishioners to the extraordinary cooperation and interest they have shown

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St. Mary's

Church

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Seminary was among the gifts given 'New Orleans' Archblahop Joseph Francis Rummel, when he celebrated the 25th anniversary of his consecration and the 50th jubilee, of his ordination here.

At a luncheon, during the three-day jubiles celebration, in token of the promise Auxiliary Bishop L. Abel Callouet of New Orleans, presented the Arch bishop with a "check" for \$1,000-000,000 drawn on the "Bank of. the Faithful." Bishop Calliquet said the "check" was guaranteed. by "500,500 stockholders."

Msgr. John Lee, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Higginbotham, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Carr, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles Maxwell. and the Rev. Eugene Mahoney. All have since died with the exception of Monsignor John Carr who is pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Buffalo.

WOMEN parishioners who have chosen a religious vocation. include:

Sister Angelica McCormick, Sister Cyril Dunnigan, Sister-Eugene Higginbolham, Sister Phillip Carr, Sister Richard Lyons, all Sisters of St. Joseph; Sister Cecilia McCormick, Sister Succursu O'Hargan; and Siater Theodosia O'Hargan of the Sisters of Mercy; Sister DeSales Dunn, Sister

Martha King, Sister Gertrude King, Sister DeChantal McCormick and Sister Bloridene McCormick of Sisters of St. Mary de Namur:

Sister Mary McCormick and Sister Lactitia McCormick of the Ursuline Order; .

Sister Hyarinth Maxwell, Sister Amanda, Mahoney, Sister Mary John McKinley, Sister Philomens Sweeney, Sister Glovanna Sweeney and Sister Terrence Marie Dempsey, Franciscan, and Sister Louise O'Hargan. Sisters of Charity.

Missionary Sisters of the Divine Guild from Belmont are saunusual evidences of a true sisting Father Malley, the pastor in the religious instruction pro-

One of the evidences of the gram. The nuns teach elementary "spirit of Faith" to which Father pupils of Greenwood Central Malley referred is the large num- School. A laywoman instructs ber of religious vocations from grade school children in religion St. Mary's throughout the years. in Troupsturg.

Among the former parishioners Secondary school students of who have been ordained to the the are schools are instructed by towards their House of God. | priesthood were the Rt. Rev. the pastor, Father Malley.



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