

Msgr. Byrne To Mark 25 Years As Ithaca Pastor

Ithaca — Twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of Immaculate Conception Church here, will be observed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne on Wednesday, Jan. 7, it was announced at the Masses, Sunday.

Msgr. Byrne will celebrate Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving at 9 a.m. Three other high Masses will be celebrated as follows: 7 a.m. for living members of the parish; 7:30 a.m. for deceased members of the parish and at 8 a.m. for deceased priests who served in the parish.

As "an excellent memorial" for the silver pastoral jubilee, Msgr. Byrne has asked for reorganization of the four parish societies.

HE HAS APPORTIONED this work among the four priests of the parish. The pastor will be responsible for the League of the Sacred Heart, the Rev. John S. Maloney for the Holy Name Society, the Rev. James F. Baker will have charge of the Rosary Society and the Rev. Paul A. Morgan, the C.Y.O.

In his sermon, Sunday, Msgr. Byrne recalled his first sermon 25 years ago in which he said: "let us do everything in our power to strengthen the unity of faith, to build up the spirit of religion, not only in our own lives but also in the lives of those for whom we are responsible."

Msgr. Byrne during his 25 years as pastor has built up well, "the spirit of religion." His work was recognized in June, 1952 when he was raised by Pope Pius XII to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. He was invested by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in the robes of a domestic prelate in July, 1952.

IN ADDITION to administering the parish and school, Msgr. Byrne in April 1951 expanded his work through the Ithaca area by bringing in four Sisters of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

Born in Victor, Msgr. Byrne was ordained June 8, 1907. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs. He served as assistant at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca and Corpus Christi before being made pastor in Ontario and Sodus.

In 1925 he was named president of Aquinas Institute where he served until his appointment as pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca in 1928.

Odessa Mission Has First Mass

Odessa — First Mass to be celebrated for Catholics of a mission here was offered by the Rev. Benedict Ehmman at the Horton Funeral Chapel on Christmas morning. Attendance was 50 persons.

Father Ehmman who is pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen announced that the next Mass for persons in this Schuyler County hilltop community will be celebrated on Easter Sunday.

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St. Anthony's HN Men Slate Communion

Members of St. Anthony's Holy Name Society, Elmira have arranged a Corporate Communion for the 8:30 Mass on Sunday preliminary to attending the Deanery sponsored day of recollection to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the afternoon from 2 until 5.

Following reception of Holy Communion at the Shrine of St. Anthony a Communion breakfast will be held in the Annex. A buffet supper will also be served in the Annex following the afternoon services.

Joseph A. DeNunzio is general chairman and will be assisted by the officers — Joseph Domicone, Harry Cleri, Anthony Fabrizio and Anthony Masoni. Also, Anthony D'Andrea, Alexander Rossi, Carmen Rossi, Samuel Le-Mark, Thomas Mayumbe, Philip Marino, Edward Rose Sr., Philip Morfe, Frank Bonsignore, Peter Rossi, Michael Orlando, Louis Della Rocco, William Maloney, John Pariso, Daniel Purzo and Francis Antuzzi.

St. Patrick HN Banquet Slated

Annual banquet sponsored by St. Patrick's Holy Name Society, Elmira, is scheduled to be held at the Mark Twain Hotel on Sunday, Jan. 11.

The Hon. John L. Naskiewicz, Recorder for the City of Auburn, will be guest speaker. Lee T. Kimball, society president, announced the appointment of Samuel A. Felletta as general chairman. Members will receive Holy Communion in a group at the 7:30 Mass and the breakfast will follow.

Catholic Veterans To Call On Bishop

Monroe County Chapter-Catholic War Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary and all 9 posts and auxiliaries will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday January 4, to pay their traditional visit to His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

C.W.V. members and all members of the auxiliaries are requested to be at the corner of Barrington Street and East Avenue no later than 2:30 p.m. Veterans and auxiliary members will march to the residence of His Excellency from this location.

Parliament Aids Catholic Students

Park (RNS) — French Roman Catholic students have been put on an equal footing with those attending colleges for the first time since the separation of Church and State at the beginning of the century.

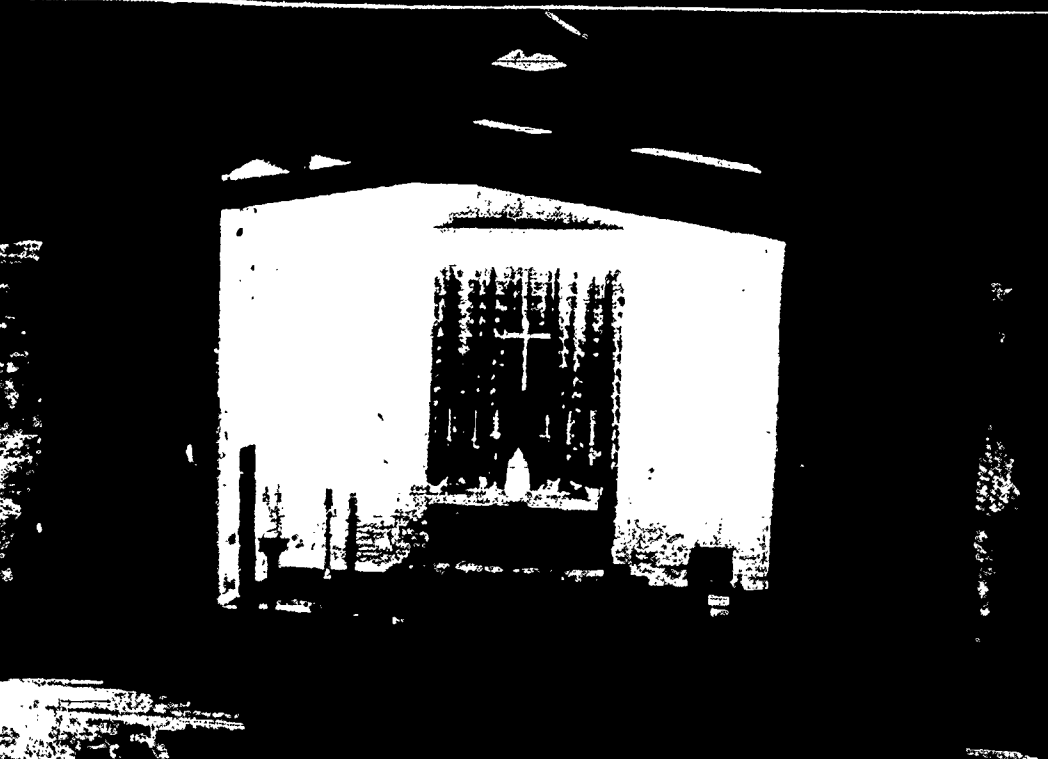
This has resulted from legislation passed by the Senate which allows students to use universities. The bill previously had been approved by the National Assembly. The new measure extends a 1951 law which granted State aid to Catholic primary schools in the form of scholarships for needy students. It also provided education allowances for parents through church, school or parent associations. The new legislation is expected to ease the pressure on the already overcrowded State universities by encouraging Catholic students to attend their own institutions of higher learning. High costs had previously made it impossible for many students to attend Catholic colleges.

Joseph Cook Named By Veterans' Post

Geneva — Joseph Cook is the new Commander of the Thomas Cannell Post 147 Vets. Other officers are: senior vice-commander, Ralph Deledorne; junior vice-commander, James Lidestr; quartermaster, Samuel Priano; officer of the day, Alfred Antinell, sergeant of arms, Frank Cook; chaplain, Danny Chacchia, historian, Edward Bonetti; rehabilitation, Nicholas Palermo; Judge advocate, John Certo.

Forty Hours
Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in churches of the Diocese of Rochester as follows:
Sunday, Jan. 4 — St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

Midnight Mass Opens New Church At Painted Post



INSIDE AND OUT, the newly constructed Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Painted Post is an imposing structure. Exterior view above shows work still to be done on the classic structure. Interior below shows the heavy rafters which support the roof over the main nave. (Corning Evening Leader photos).

New Parish Church Called Immaculate Heart Of Mary

Painted Post — Laying of the cornerstone and dedication by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in the spring are being planned for the newly-built Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, here, used for services the first time on Christmas Eve.

First Mass in the newest addition to churches in the Diocese of Rochester was celebrated by the pastor, the Rev. Harold F. Rogers, who also preached the sermon. Father Rogers was appointed pastor by Bishop Kearney in June, 1951.

At the first Christmas Midnight Mass, the choir under the direction of William Orcutt sang Christmas Carols. Mrs. Joseph Prick was organist.

The Nativity feast observance brought to fruition an idea first conceived about a year and a half ago. Since June 26, 1951, when the Bishop selected Father Rogers to make a survey of the Painted Post district for the purpose of establishing a new parish, much work has been done, not only by the pastor but by many of the parishioners and others.

THE PARISH covers a wide area serving Catholics in Painted Post, Riverside, Coopers Plains, Gang Mills, Forest View, Erwin, Presho and Lindley.

When completely furnished the new church is expected to cost about \$185,000 of which \$28,000 was pledged in a building fund drive during January and in which Father Rogers visited every family in the district. The church rectory and basement hall are not yet complete but progress made thus far is a tribute to the pastor and parishioners.

After Father Rogers made the original survey, an analysis and complete report of the census results were forwarded to the Chancery in Rochester. On Dec. 12, Father Rogers was given permission to purchase from John J. Bonady and Michael P. Bonady, the property at 115-117 East High Street in the village of Painted Post. The purchase was completed on Dec. 14, 1951.

Edward M. Lorschelder, architect and engineer, of Rochester was asked to draw up preliminary plans for the new church, hall and rectory.

THE PLANS were accepted by the Diocesan Building Committee on Tuesday, Jan. 15, and steps were taken to complete the plans so that actual construction might commence as soon as the weather permitted.

During January, 1952, the building fund drive was carried on. On Thursday, Feb. 28, Bishop Kearney announced that the name of the new church in Painted Post would be "The Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary." Papers of incorporation were filed on Wednesday, March 5, and notice of the election of lay trustees was received on the same day.

The first lay trustees of the new church corporation are: Frank Love, of 439 Brainard St.

Place, Painted Post and William Cumiskey, of 121 East High Street, Painted Post.

On Tuesday, March 25, the bids for the new church were opened at the Chancery and contracts were subsequently awarded to the Manning Construction Corporation as general contractors (\$123,000); to Ralph L. Adamy for heating and plumbing (\$20,000); and to Terwilliger Electric, Inc. (\$25,500). When completely furnished the total cost is expected to be \$185,000.

Work on demolition of the 100-year-old house standing on the property at 115-117 East High Street began April 2. Stakes for the new edifice were laid out April 16 and excavation started on April 27. The first footings were poured May 13 and the first concrete blocks for the basement hall were put in place June 3 with the first bricks laid August 1. The roof trusses were erected on Thursday, Oct. 9, and the church was enclosed a few days later.

The new parish was officially created May 1 and Father Rogers was named its first pastor.

Father Rogers was born at Rochester and was graduated from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained on June 15, 1935, by Archbishop Edward Mooney, now Cardinal Archbishop of Detroit. Before coming to Painted Post, Father Rogers served for 16 years as assistant pastor of St. Monica's Church, Rochester.

The church proper is 90 feet long and 45 feet wide and will seat 340 persons in the main nave. The balcony will seat an additional 50. The parish hall, located under the church, will accommodate 450. The rectory, 34 feet by 32 feet, is attached to the church.

The church, both in the interior and in the exterior, is beautiful in its simplicity. The altar, with its large red and gold cloth back-drop, which serves as the background for a large Crucifix, immediately attracts attention to the focal point of worship, where the Sacrament of Calvary is re-enacted in the Mass. The altar, its furnishings and the Stations of the Cross are from (Continued on Page 3)

2 Parish Groups Heard In Carols

Corning — Groups from St. Patrick's Church and St. Vincent de Paul's Church took part last week in the carol singing at the Creche in Court House Park. An adult and teen age group from St. Patrick's was heard on Monday night and the Girls' Choir of St. Vincent de Paul's sang on Tuesday evening.

Also in connection with the urge to put the proper meaning into Christmas preparations, pupils of St. Mary's School arranged a Nativity scene in the window of the L. D. Sprague and Son insurance office on West Market Street.

Saturday Club Lists Fr. Shamon

Auburn — The Rev. Albert J. Shamon, professor of English at St. Andrew's Seminary, will be the speaker at the First Saturday Luncheon sponsored by Auburn Diocesan Council, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women January 3, 1 p.m. at the Hotel Osborne.

Father Shamon, a native of Auburn, is the son of Mrs. Asad B. Shamon of 5 South Marine Avenue.

Mrs. Harry M. Dillon, chairman of the deanery spiritual development committee and chairman of the luncheon reservations, has announced that reservations will be accepted by telephone to Mrs. Dillon, 3-3701, or to Mrs. Snyder, 3-3316.

Fully convinced people who used to think that two could live as cheaply as one are now convinced that even one can do it.

SANCTUARY of the beautiful new Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Painted Post shows walls of gray stone and back-drop of red and gold cloth directing immediate attention to the Crucifix and altar. (Corning Evening Leader Photo).

Providence Approves Released-Time

Providence, R. I. (RNS) — The members' rejection of a compromise proposal that a dismissed-time program be set up. Under a dismissed-time arrangement, all pupils would have been excused from school, not just those whose parents want them to attend religious instruction classes. The compromise had been suggested by a group of Protestant and Jewish leaders opposed to the released-time plan. Committee approval followed.

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