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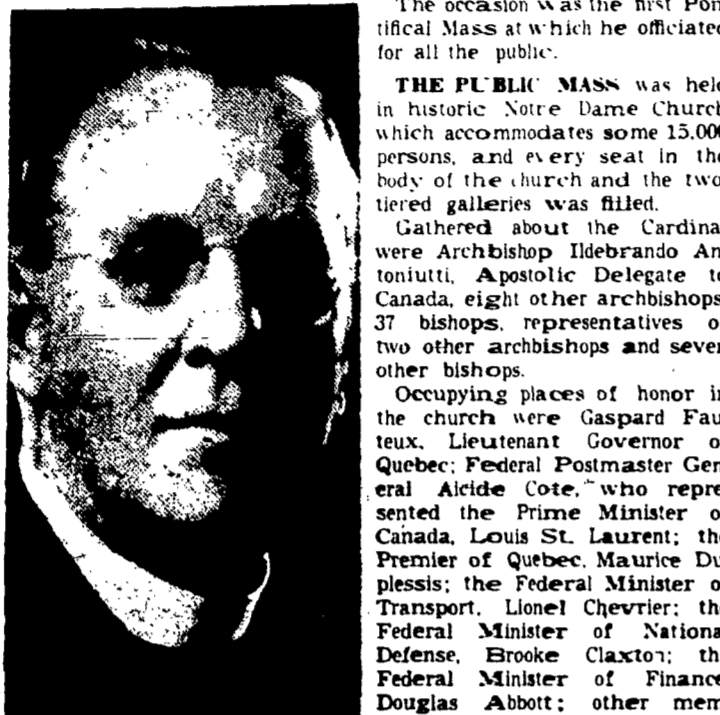
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Fr. Wall To Mark 25 Years As Pastor In Canandaigua

The Rev. Michael C. J. Wall will celebrate his silver jubilee as pastor of St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua on Sunday, Feb. 15 at the 11 a.m. Mass, according to the parish publication.

Father Wall, ordained June 12, 1897 by the late Bishop Bernard McQuaid is the oldest priest in the Diocese of Rochester.

To mark the observance of 25 years in his present pastorate, members of St. Mary's Holy Name and Rosary Societies are sponsoring a dinner for the clergy of the Geneva Parishes at the Canandaigua Hotel. Father Wall will be guest of honor.



FATHER WALL

PASTOR OF St. Mary's Church since 1928, Father Wall has renovated the parochial school, the rectory and convent. He has enlarged the sanctuary and decorated the church. A marble altar was built under his direction and a new baptistry installed. Completing the improvements to the church, he installed the Westminster chimes.

Prior to being assigned to Canandaigua, Father Wall in 1897 was named assistant pastor, Holy Family Church, Auburn; 1898, pastor of St. Theresa's, Stanley and St. Mary's, Rushville; 1903, pastor, St. Mary's, Horseheads and Elmira Heights; 1909, pastor, St. Patrick's, Canastota; 1921, pastor, St. Agnes, Avon.

Bishop Presents Cadet Award



ONE OF SEVEN young Nazareth Hall School Cadets meriting scholastic awards presented by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. Paul S. Nockelski of the Democrat and Chronicle sports editorial staff proudly watches. Thirteen boys received swimming awards at the Fathers and Sons annual dinner. (Courier Staff Photo).

Burial Rites Conducted For Fr. William T. J. Boland

Burial services for the Rev. William T. J. Boland, pastor of Old Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Leavenworth, Kansas, who was brought to his native city after his death on Feb. 3, 1953, were held Monday in the family plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Final prayers at the grave were conducted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred Craugh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Assisting were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy, the Rev. John A. Guy, the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, the Rev. Albert J. Gieger, the Rev. Dr. Walter J. Kohl, the Rev. Eugene N. Golding, the Rev. James C. Lane, and the Rev. J. Kenneth Spurlock of Kansas City, Kan., who accompanied the body to Rochester.

SOLEMN PONTIFICAL Mass for Father Boland was celebrated at funeral services in his church in Leavenworth on Feb. 5. Archbishop Edward J. Hunkeler of Kansas City in Kansas celebrated the Mass at which an overflow congregation attended. Chanting of the Office of the Dead by the clergy preceded the Mass.

Assisting were the Rev. Herman J. Koch, Kansas City, Kan., Assistant Priest; the Very Rev. Msgr. James P. Flanagan, Denver, Colo., deacon; the Rev. Edward O'Donnell, Blair, Neb., subdeacon.

Deacons of Honor were: the Very Rev. Joseph Seltz, V.F., and the Rev. W. J. Kalina, chaplain of the Federal penitentiary in Leavenworth.

THE SERMON was delivered by Father Spurlock, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Kansas City, Kan.

Father Boland was born June 13, 1895, here in Rochester. He was ordained June 27, 1921, in St. Benedict's Church, Atchison, by the then Bishop John Ward of Leavenworth, Kans. Father Boland attended Cathedral Grammar School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries here.

His first appointment was as assistant at Assumption parish in Topeka, an assignment he held from 1921 to 1933. He was named pastor of St. Philip's Parish, Osawatomie, in February, 1939, and in June, 1940, became pastor of the Old Cathedral.

Father Boland was a member of the Diocesan Consultors and president of the Archdiocesan school board. "His long career in Topeka and in Leavenworth was very fruitful," the Eastern Kansas Register, official paper of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas said.

He was buried from the family home, 256 Parkway. Father Boland is survived by two brothers, Edward J. and Michael F. Boland.

25th Annual Retreat Set For Mercy High Students

The twenty-fifth annual retreat for students of Our Lady of Mercy High School will open Ash Wednesday morning under the direction of Rev. Celsus A. Folan, O.F.M., and Rev. Aloysius J. Hopkins, O.F.M., of the Franciscan Mission Band of New York City.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will address the retreatants at the closing ceremonies on Friday afternoon.

Maintaining a completely separate schedule from the two lower classes, the seniors and juniors will have Mass, conferences, devotions and daily Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the school auditorium. The sophomores and freshmen will assemble in the gym for all their retreat exercises.

AN ATTRACTIVE raised altar with velvet back-drapes and temporary seating facilities will transform the gymnasium into a quiet, devotional chapel for the 470 underclassmen.

Clever advertising through posters and bulletins spread throughout the school this week by the art classes have alerted the Mercians to the spiritually busy days ahead.

To encourage the students to carry retreat ideas home for family discussion and later remembrance, the Creative Writing and Journalism classes will edit a "daily bulletin of files and quotes from the retreat conferences. This "Retreat Re-Flash," introduced last year, will be distributed at noon each day and will contain highlights of the daily talks, news of retreat progress and timely suggestions on motivation and application for retreat resolutions.

TWO CONFERENCES will be given each morning and one in the afternoon followed by Benediction. Students will return to their homerooms for spiritual reading and "quiet projects" like mission work on stamps and bandages. The rosary, meditations and private devotions before the Blessed Sacrament will complete the days' varied schedule for each student.

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John Costigan's Requiem Offered

A Solemn Mass of Requiem for James Costigan was celebrated in the Church of the Nativity B.V.M., Brockport, on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Mr. Costigan was a native of Brockport and for 25 years was a member of the Brockport Police Department. At the time of his death, Feb. 6, 1953, he was village Chief of Police.

Final blessing at the grave was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Costigan, P.A., of Rapid City, South Dakota, a brother. He was assisted by the Rt. Rev. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Krieg, deacon, and the Rev. James Doyle, subdeacon.

Final blessing at the grave was imparted by Monsignor Krieg. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Brockport.

Released Time Concord, N. H. - (RNS) - A bill to authorize released-time religious education programs in New Hampshire public schools was introduced in the House of Representatives here by Rep. John Pillsbury and Rep. John J. Kearney, both of Manchester.

Islam Wins Converts In Negro Africa

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Lenten Devotions Explained To CD

Auburn - The large number of members and guests of Court Auburn 263, Catholic Daughters of America, who attended the February dinner party heard the Court Chaplain, the Rev. Andrew W. Truschel, speak on Lenten Devotions. In his talk Father Truschel spoke in particular on the Stations of the Cross and also suggested spiritual exercises for those unable to attend church services.

At the meeting which followed Mrs. Frederick L. Keese was appointed chairman of the February 23 meeting when a speaker will be presented. The vice-regent, Mrs. Lawrence C. Salzer will be in charge of the March meeting.

Reports were heard from Mrs. John Reohr, January Card Party chairman; Miss Bernadine Cox, February Dinner chairman; Mrs. John F. Foster, seminary fund chairman; and Miss Ann McDonald, Council of Social Agencies representative.

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HEAD NEW MOTHERS' CLUB

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