

Lady of Lourdes Parish's 25 Years To Be Marked

With Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brighton still in the process of redecoration, the 25th anniversary of the parish will be quietly observed with parish events, next week according to the Rev. Francis W. Luddy, pastor.

Formal celebration will take place at a later date, he said, when the decoration work has been completed. Assistants at Our Lady of Lourdes are the Rev. Raymond F. Moore and the Rev. William Charbonneau.

A HIGH MASS for deceased members of the parish will be celebrated Sunday, Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. and the parish will observe General Communion for favors received during the 25 years.

Children will sing the High Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 9 a.m. marking the exact date the anniversary. On Thanksgiving Day "as good American," the parishioners will assist at a High Mass at 9 a.m. in thanksgiving for the past year's blessings.

The parish was started on Nov. 25, 1928 when Mass was celebrated in the church blessed by the then Monsignor John F. O'Hern, apostolic administrator. The Rev. Francis W. Mason, now pastor of St. Ambrose was first pastor.

GROWTH OF the parish necessitated a school which was opened under the direction of the present pastor, Father Luddy who was assigned to the parish in June of 1937. The new school was started in 1947 and another section was added recently making the school 18 classrooms in all. The rectory was built in 1951.

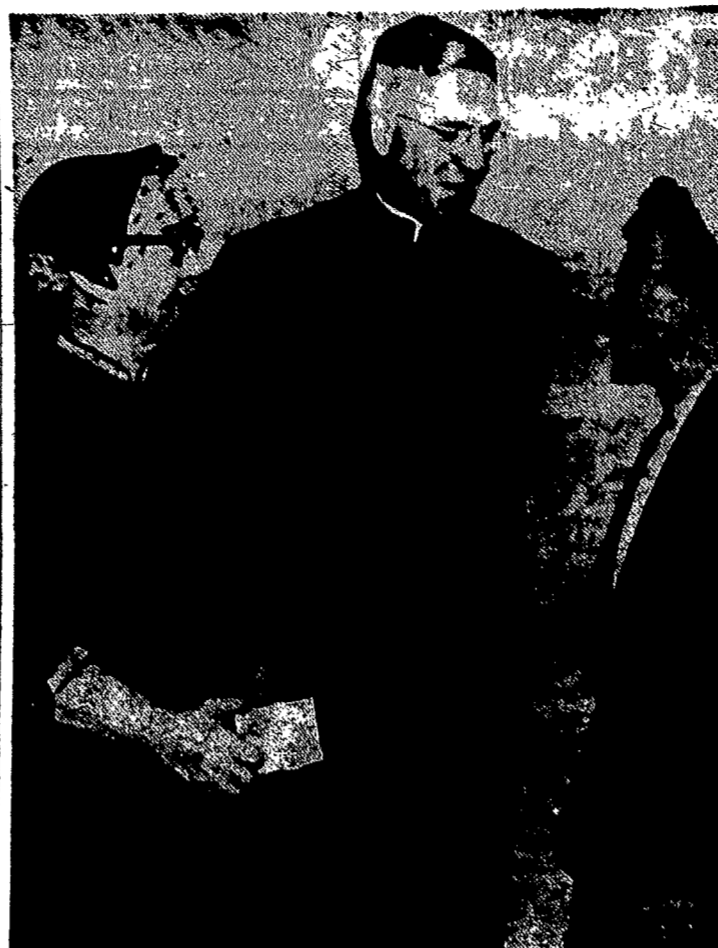
Sunday afternoon, a Silver Anniversary Tea will be held in the school auditorium with ladies of the Altar Society in charge. Adults of the parish are invited to inspect the school building and to review the achievements of 25 years, Father Luddy said.

Members of Good Shepherd Guild will meet on Monday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. at Hotel Seneca. Mrs. Lynn French, President, will preside.

Reports on the recent Rummage Sale and also the Fashion Show and Card Party will be given by the respective chairmen. Miss Dorothy Miller will show color slides of Rochester Churches in Christmas decorations, following the regular business meeting.

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BISHOP GREET SPEAKER



AUXILIARY BISHOP Lawrence R. Casey, guest of honor at the Catholic Women's Club Communion Breakfast in Sheraton Hotel, Sunday is shown greeting Mrs. Philip McNiff, noted speaker and author of *Christmastime*, Mass. (right) as Miss Alice F. Kirk, chairman of the breakfast watches.

Officers Named For Mercy Reorganized Parents Unit

Frederick Bendon, St. Ambrose parish, and Mrs. Herbert Gpowney, Corpus Christi parish, were elected President and Vice-President of the re-organized Parents' Association of Our Lady of Mercy High School at the Fall parent-teacher meeting Monday evening.

Other officers chosen by the gathering of nearly 600 parents were John Doyle, St. Monica's parish, as treasurer and Mrs. Thomas Allison, St. John's parish, as secretary.

REVISING A Mothers Club which has functioned since 1941 in parent-teacher relations, the school authorities asked approval of a new organization which would consist of a Board of nine parents plus the chief office holders. Enlarging the scope and influence of this Board, the plans call for the husbands and wives of the Board members to meet with the Board to constitute a general Council. Thus both mother and father in 13 different families will serve in guiding the work of the association.

Besides the four officers the following will comprise the Board: William Lang, Walter Scholand, William Flynn, Samuel Paolini, Russell Howe, Mrs. Maurice Hyde, Mrs. Justin Williams, Mrs. Richard Young, and Mrs. John Kistaling.

Explaining the ambitions of the new organization, the Rev. Richard Torney, Mercy chaplain, told the parents: "We hope a larger, more active parents' association will help us make more parents more school-conscious. Better meetings, more use of school facilities, more appreciation of our mutual problems and our mutual aspirations for your daughters' should result from this vitalized group."

Sister Mary Francesca, RSM, principal of Mercy, thanking the newly elected Board, stressed the hope that closer ties with a large share of the parents of the student body would make the pupils needs better known to both school and home.

"We hope that parental participation, often too passive in groups of this kind, will lend prestige to the school, introduce broader ideas for increasing our usefulness, and benefit every pupil who comes here." The first Board meeting, she announced, would be Wednesday evening, Dec. 2.

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St. Theodore Women Invited To Meeting

All women of St. Theodore Parish, Gates are being invited to the Rosary Society meeting in the parish hall, Monday, Nov. 23. Recitation of the Rosary and Benediction will start promptly at 8 p.m. in the church.

General theme of the business session following will be "Put Christ Back Into Christmas." Many ideas and suggestions are expected to be offered to help each one have a holier and happier Christmas.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Vincent Collins, assistant pastor. Home-made refreshments for the social hour will be served by the committee bands of Mrs. Rose Donovan and Mrs. Margaret Guerinet.

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Mrs. McNiff Urges Better Understanding Of The Mass

"Why be so bright and efficient in all other fields and yet slightly morose on the subject of the Mass?" This was the query addressed by Mrs. Philip McNiff, outstanding Boston Catholic woman, to 25 Catholic Women's Club members at their fourth annual communion breakfast Sunday in the Sheraton Hotel.

Guest of honor was His Excellency, Bishop Casey, who commended the Club on its pioneering work in catechetical instructions for the young in Catholic Girl Scout work, and in its work among the old.

Mrs. McNiff, a noted lecturer and writer, advocated reading of the Catholic missal at home as an ordinary book in the effort to translate the Mass into everyday life.

"The Mass is a practical act of worship—a way of life, a way of life that could not be better expressed," said Mrs. McNiff. She said she spoke as a laywoman outside the sanctuary where, so many sit lost, without missal or prayer book, subject to varying abstractions, often unable to understand the Latin or to hear the words of the priest. "It is compulsory, so we go, but it can be a frustrating experience."

"Is it any wonder," she questioned, "that so many go to various popular novenas more readily where prayers are better understood?"

As children, Mrs. McNiff reminded, we learned that the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of Calvary, "but how much does it mean to the laywoman who at the average age of fourteen?"

"We prepared after fourteen for our place in this life; yet, spiritually, we may be cases of retarded development. Why be so bright and efficient in all other fields and yet slightly morose on the subject of the Mass?"

Clothing Drive Set In Parishes

(Continued from Page 1-A) certain countries daily into the free zones of western Europe." Monsignor Swanson, who recently made a globe-circling inspection tour of relief and refugee centers, said that the need today is as great as at any time since the close of World War II. He said that in Korea alone there are 4,000,000 refugees who are in need of immediate assistance, facing bitter cold winter months.

Contributions made in the coming campaign can be processed and sent on their way to the needy abroad in the short space of from two to three weeks. WRS-N.C.W.C. officials said. After donations are made to the parish collection depots, it was pointed out, they are shipped to the WRS-N.C.W.C. warehouses in Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Seattle, Wash.

At the warehouses, the Monsignor said, the donations are sorted, then cleaned. After the cleaning, they are baled and sent on the mission of mercy. As a result of a staff trained in previous clothing campaigns, Monsignor Swanson said the entire operation, from donation to a parish depot to being packaged and ready for overseas shipment now has been reduced to a matter of from two to three weeks.

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City's Leaders Aid School Drive

(Continued from Page 1-A) Russell Barone, Dr. Michael Crino, Dr. Joseph Incavo, Paul Brescia, Joseph Anzalone, Dr. James Chiappetta, Joseph Falvo, Thomas Nanna, Frank Nanna, Dr. Joseph L. Guzzetta, Jesse Cimino, Vito Cimino, Jr., Philip Profeta, Al J. Gabello, Joseph Gigliotti, Charles Lombardo, Charles De Carlo, Jerry Leonardo, Horace Giola, Daniel Piscitello, Christ Piscitello, Sam Piscitello.

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Auditors are: Joseph Cordaro, Genevieve Ross, Dolores DiMasco, Antoinette Cosolani, Rose Tedesco and Mary Macaluso.

Square Dancing Set At St. Rita's

Cancelled by the snowstorm, the opening square dance of a series will be held in St. Rita's Barr. West Webster on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 9 p.m. according to the Rev. Francis Klehammer, pastor of St. Rita's Church.

This will open the fourth social season at St. Rita's since the church was founded in 1950. Chairman of the series of dances is John M. Nadiz, assisted by members of St. Rita's Holy Name Society.

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