

Patron Saint of Eyes To Be Honored By Triduum

In preparation for the celebration of the patronal feast of St. Lucy's Church, 258 Troup St., three days of special devotion will be conducted.

THE TRIDUUM in honor of the patron saint of the eyes has been set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10, 11 and 12 beginning at 7:45 p.m. by the

Very Rev. Magr. Benedict J. Maselli, pastor of the Troup Street Church.

Services each evening will consist of special prayers to St. Lucy, a sermon, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the saint's relic. Sermons will be preached by the Reverend Fathers James O'Connell, Donald J. Murphy and Patrick J. Flynn.

Those who suffer from any eye ailment as well as those blessed with good sight will welcome this Triduum as a special time to seek help and express thanks to the great patron saint of the eyes, according to Monsignor Maselli.

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Christmas Fete Set By St. James Group

Annual Christmas Party for the members of the Rosary Society of St. James Church will be held in the Parish Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 8 P.M.

The program for the evening will include a variety of musical numbers including group singing. Then will follow the distribution of gifts by Santa Claus, after which refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Joseph Quinlan, General Chairman, asks that each member bring a gift to be exchanged.

Also serving on the committee are: Mrs. Edward McEland, Refreshments; Mrs. Arnold Enders, Entertainment; Mrs. Neil Robinson, Music; Mrs. August Wyand, Santa Claus; Mrs. David Colgan, Decorations; assisted by John Lynch, Gerald Heveron, Leonard Vollmer, Edmund Principe, Homer Stark, Isaac Van Meenan, and Gus Geogoules.

Franciscan Chapel
Lourdes, France — (RNS) — Plans for a Franciscan chapel to be completed at the Shrine of Lourdes before the end of the 1954 Marian Year as a tribute to Franciscan theologians who contributed so greatly to the development of the Marian and Eucharistic doctrines were announced here.

SPEAK TO NEWARK KC



PRINCIPAL TALKERS at the annual banquet of Newark Knights of Columbus were given by above (from left) Rev. John A. Connelly, chaplain; Rev. James C. Lane of Rochester, formerly in Newark; Grand Knight John L. Crosslone and Rev. Emmett Halloran, assistant at St. Michael's Church, Newark.

St. John Fisher College Men Slate Christmas Ball

Invitations have been issued to the faculty and students of St. John Fisher College for the third annual Christmas Ball for the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 16 at the Country Club of Rochester.

Chairman, James A. Gaffney, Junior announced that dancing will be from nine until one to the music of Carl Dengler and his orchestra.

Assisting Gaffney as members of the committee are John A. Palumbo, William F. Foley, Andrew M. Vergo, members of the Junior Class and Donald A. Coffey, a member of the Sophomore class.

HONORARY CHAIRMAN of the Ball is Francis J. Pilecki, President of the Student Board of Governors.

The Christmas theme will be carried out with the St. John Fisher College Glee Club singing appropriate selections during intermission.

A professional photographer will be present to capture the seasonal gaiety of the formal atmosphere.

St. Monica's Youth Team Visits Ithaca

Members of St. Monica's Youth Club staged a basketball excursion to Ithaca, N. Y., on Sunday, Nov. 29, where the team met a strong C.Y.O. squad.

It was a disheartening game for St. Monica's shooters, as their team lost a thriller by the close margin of 44-42.

The Rochester boys led all the way until the last minute when Ithaca pulled ahead by two points and held the lead until the final gun.

A dinner was served following the game and the evening was rounded out by a dance in the C.Y.O. gym.

The Youth Club members returned to Rochester at 11 p.m.

Famed Marian Painting To Be Venerated At Monastery

To mark the solemn opening of the Marian Year the Solemn Mass at Mount Saviour Monastery is postponed from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Solemn Vespers will be sung at 7:45 p.m. followed by a candle procession to the Shrine of Our Lady.

Tuesday Novena At Annunciation
A Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of Peace and St. Anthony will open in the Church of the Annunciation, 1754 Norton St. on Tuesday, Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The Novena will be conducted each Tuesday of the year at 7:30 p.m. according to the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor. Services will consist of prayers to Our Lady of Peace and St. Anthony (taken from special novena booklets); Benediction of the blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic of St. Anthony.

Petitions handed in will be placed on the shrine of St. Anthony. Those unable to attend the church for services may obtain a Novena booklet by writing to the Church of the Annunciation, 1754 Norton St., Rochester 9, N. Y.

The original painting is held in great veneration at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. St. Gregory the Great, the first Benedictine Pope, carried it through the streets of Rome imploring Our Lady's help against the pestilence in the 6th Century. Our present Holy Father offered his first Mass before it, and in his recent encyclical he proclaimed it as the center of devotion for the Catholic world during the Marian Year.

The Prior of Mount Saviour Monastery, the Very Rev. Damasus Winzen, O.S.B., invites the faithful to visit the shrine for the veneration of this icon during the Octave of the Feast, from Dec. 8 to the 15th.

Recollection Day Set By CDA Court
Members of Court Rochester, Catholic Daughters of America will have a Day of Recollection at the Cenacle Convent, 693 East Ave. on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

The Rev. Francis X. Kenny, C.S.S.R., rector of Notre Dame Retreat House will give the meditations. These exercises are open to all who are interested in honoring Our Lady in this manner on this special Feast Day, officers said. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. James Reine, Charlotte 3199; Mrs. John Shapely, Genesee 9061 or Mrs. Joseph A. Murphy Genesee 7640.

St. Andrew Mothers List Musical Revue
Mothers' Club of St. Andrew's School will meet Monday evening, Dec. 7. A musical revue will be presented by Bernard Ziegler's dancing classes.

Refreshments will be served by a committee of Seventh Grade mothers headed by Mrs. Richard Holcomb.

Young Matron Group Plans Benefit Party
A card party will be held at the Catholic Women's Club in Alexander Street in conjunction with their regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9.

Mrs. George J. Johaneck will be the chairman, with Mrs. Eugene Lang in charge of refreshments; Mrs. Fred Blum, tables; Mrs. William Slattery, decorations; and Mrs. Phillip Scharf, prizes.

Proceeds from this benefit are again this year to be used when these young matrons provide and trim a Christmas tree for the enjoyment of the children at Holy Childhood School in Pleasant Street.

Convert Guild Sets Talk By Fr. Vogt

Explanation of some of the Catholic devotions will feature the monthly meeting of the Convert Guild, Thursday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. in Columbus Center, 30 Chestnut St.

Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month instead of Mondays.

Rev. George Vogt, guest speaker, will preside at the December meeting, the topic being the Catholic Church and Labor according to the Rev. Francis A.

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U. S. Southland Described As 'Reservoir of Youth'

Boston — (NC) — The South is the nation's real "reservoir of youth," and has very little juvenile delinquency, according to Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, N. C.

In an interview here, where he took part in the National Catholic Youth Convention, Bishop Waters said the six southern States from Virginia to Alabama supply one-half of the entire U. S. population increase each year. This means more young people in the population.

THE AVERAGE age of the 4,000,000 people in his own State of North Carolina is 23, Bishop Waters said. "In North the average is "much higher," he said. Despite this huge proportion of young people, communism and juvenile delinquency are less of a problem than elsewhere in the country, because both thrive in cities, he pointed out. Almost three-fourths of North Carolina's people are rural, living in communities of less than 500.

Even so, Bishop Waters said, his diocese is facing up to the need of educating parents, so as to keep juvenile delinquency from becoming serious. The North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association has launched a new Department of Home and School to stress parent responsibility and help educate parents, he asserted.

"THE CATHOLIC Church has the answer to juvenile delinquency," Bishop Waters said, "as to other problems. We must use it. In North Carolina we are trying very hard to use it." As an instance of the vigor of the Church in the South today, he cited the fact that one in five of North Carolina's 30,000 Catholics is a dues-paying member of the laymen's association.

"They are carrying on a forceful apostolate," he said. "Recently 3,000 laymen's association members knocked on 50,000 doors in all parts of the State to rouse interest in the Church. "Don't think of the Church in the South as it was 30 years ago," he advised. "We are out where we can be seen now."

He told of highway signs everywhere pointing the way to the nearest Mass, and said Catholic Churches aren't more than about 30 miles apart throughout the State.

In one place he said a series of signs reads "Five miles to the nearest Catholic Mass." "Four miles to the nearest Catholic Mass," and so on. A highway intersection may have two arrows one pointing the way to "Mass at 8" and the other to another church with "Mass at 10." The Raleigh diocese has published a highway map of the State for tourists, showing the location of every Catholic Church and the times of Masses along all highways.

The diocese has 17 religious communities of men 22 of women, working with non-Catholics in territory where Catholics are scarcer than in China, India or Africa.

How is this promotion campaign working out? Bishop Waters notes two things. The first: Having just completed a \$1,000,000 school building program, the diocese now has 80 parochial schools with 7,000 pupils and more than half of the 7,000 are children of Protestants.

And the second: "In 1945 we had 13,000 Catholics. In 1953, 32,000. Adult converts have been averaging 600 a year and this year we hope to have 1,000."

Latin Contest
Rome — (RNS) — An annual competition and prize for Latin poetry and prose, open to Latinists of the world, has been established here by Latinas, a quarterly magazine published at the Vatican.

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