

Chair of Unity Octave Rites Planned By Friars In 5 Churches of Diocese



FRIARS OF ST. JOHN'S Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls, discuss plans for the coming Chair of Unity Octave observance in five churches in the Rochester diocese. They are: (from left) Rev. Pacificus Von Essen, N.A., Rev. De Sales Standerwick, S.A., chairman and the Rev. Roger Matzerath, S.A., rector of St. John's Seminary.

Montour Falls — Elaborate plans for the winter observance of the Chair of Unity Octave were announced by the Rev. DeSales Standerwick, S.A., chairman of the local committee at St. John's Atonement Seminary, here. The Octave will be observed in solemn manner in

five churches of the diocese. The five churches are: St. Patrick's and St. Mary's in Elmira; St. Vincent de Paul's in Corning; St. John's Atonement Seminary in Montour Falls and St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen.

Decision to have these observances was made because of the enthusiasm with which last year's observance was met provided so gratifying, Father Standerwick said.

The Friars themselves will conduct the Octave observance in all these churches with the exception of the last which will be conducted by Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake.

Father Standerwick expressed the hope that the Octave observance this year would be as well attended as years past and assured the committee that no effort would be spared in realizing this end.

FOR THOSE unacquainted with the Chair of Unity Octave, the Chair of Unity Octave has been highly indulged by the last four pontiffs and last December, His Holiness, Pius XII, issued an encyclical emphasizing the need for religious unity and the great importance of the Octave in achieving this goal.

Anyone interested in literature on the Chair of Unity Octave and the method in which it is observed is urged to write to the local Chairman of the Chair of Unity Octave, at St. John's Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls, N. Y.

It is a universal movement of prayer for the reunion of Christendom under the Pope. This movement of prayer was begun at Graymoor, N. Y. in 1908 by the late Rev. Paul James Francis, the Founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement.

At the time of the Octave's initiation, Father Paul and his small religious community were Episcopalians. However, it was only a little more than a year after Graymoor's first observance of the Octave that Father Paul and his entire religious community entered the Catholic Church.

The Octave, so called, because it consists of eight days of special prayer, is held each year from the feast of St. Peter's Chair, Jan. 18, to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Jan. 25. The purpose of the Octave is to pray for the reunion on Christendom under the Vicar of Christ, the Pope of the Catholic Church. It was for this very intention that Christ Himself prayed the night before His death.

"That they all may be one as thou Father in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (John xvii: 21)

The Chair of Unity Octave has been highly indulged by the last four pontiffs and last December, His Holiness, Pius XII, issued an encyclical emphasizing the need for religious unity and the great importance of the Octave in achieving this goal.

Anyone interested in literature on the Chair of Unity Octave and the method in which it is observed is urged to write to the local Chairman of the Chair of Unity Octave, at St. John's Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls, N. Y.

St. Rita's HN Men Sponsor Card Party

A card party will be conducted in St. Rita's Barn, West Webster on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 8:15 p.m. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society, the party is being held for the benefit of St. Rita's Church. Tickets are sixty cents each. Table prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. The public is invited.

450 Elmira Children To Sing 'Motu Proprio' Mass

Solemn High Mass in observance of the Motu Proprio by Blessed Pius X will be celebrated in St. Peter and Paul's church, Elmira on Tuesday morning. (The Feast of the Immaculate Conception) at 10 a.m.

The Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor will be the celebrant of the Mass; Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien will be the deacon and Rev. Philip E. McGhan, chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital will be subdeacon.

A specially trained choir of 450 voices representing school children from the Elmira parishes, Elmira Catholic High school students and St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing students will sing the Mass. Preliminary training for these groups was given by the Sisters in charge of music in the respective places and the Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen was in charge of the combined rehearsals that were held in St. Peter and Paul's church, Elmira. The program of music is:

- Cum Jubilo Mass
- Introit—Gaudens gaudebo
- Kyrie IX
- Gloria VIII
- Gradual—Benedicta es tu
- Allleluia
- Verse—Tita pulchra es
- Credo III
- Suppl. Offertory—Ave Maria
- Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei
- Communion—Gloriosus
- Hymn—Hail Immaculata

Corning Church To Open Triduum

Corning—The Rev. Thomas Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's Church here, will impart the papal blessing to members of his parish at closing exercises of a triduum honoring the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, Dec. 8, the feast day.

In preparation for the Marian year which opens on Dec. 8, 1953, the triduum will be conducted beginning on Sunday, Dec. 6 in St. Mary's.

Father Brennan was granted permission to impart the Papal Blessing on a visit with Pope Pius XII while on a trip to Europe during the past month.

Ambassador Luce
Rome—(NC)—U.S. Ambassador to Italy Clare Boothe Luce was among those who attended the American colony's annual Thanksgiving Day Mass at the Church of Santa Susanna here.

First Area Evening Masses Set To Mark Marian Year

The Triduum to be held in all Elmira Catholic churches will mark the first occasion that evening Masses have been said in this area since authorized by Pope Pius XII.

The three-day solemn preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will mark the opening of the Marian Year decreed by the Pope in observance of the 100th anniversary of the proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

At St. Patrick's church, the evening Masses are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Sunday and Monday and at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. A Novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will conclude on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Edwin C. Hauga, S.J. is conducting the Novena. Evening Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated on Sunday at 6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

St. Peter and Paul's lists evening Masses on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Novena services will also be held on Sunday.

EVENING MASSES at St. Anthony's will be celebrated Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday there will be a High Mass with St. Anthony's youth choir singing the Mass.

St. Casimir's observance will be held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and will include Rosary, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Schedules of other churches were not available when the Pastors were contacted. These churches will make their announcement at all the Masses on Sunday.

Ladies of Charity Unit Sets Yule Fete

Our Lady of Good Counsel Committee of the Ladies of Charity, Elmira will hold their annual Christmas party on Tuesday evening, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Pierre's Restaurant.

Mrs. John M. Wipfler has been named general chairman and Mrs. James L. Lynch is chairman of the entertainment committee. Members of the group are requested to bring an article of food for use in preparing the Christmas baskets. Gifts will be exchanged.

Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald and Miss Frances Battersby will be guests at the affair.

FORTY HOURS

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be held in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Friday, Dec. 4—St. Peter and Paul, Rochester; Penn Yan; Franciscan Fathers, Watkins Glen.

Saturday, Dec. 5—Nazareth convent, Pittsford.

Sunday, Dec. 6—Blessed Sacrament, Mercy Motherhouse, Rochester.

Immaculate Conception Masses Set In Elmira

Schedule of Masses in the Elmira area for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, December 8, a holy day of obligation, is:

- St. Mary's—5:30, 7, 8, 9 and 12:15.
- St. Patrick's—5:30, 6:15, 7, 8, 9 and 12:15.
- Our Lady of Lourdes—6, 7, 8 and 12:15.
- St. Anthony's—6, 7, 8, 9 and 12:15.
- St. Cecelia's—5:30, 7:15 and 8:15.
- St. Casimir's—5:30, 7, 8 and 9.
- St. Peter and Paul's—5:30, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12:15.
- St. John the Baptist—6, 7 and 8.
- St. Charles Borromeo—6, 7 and 8.
- St. Mary's-Horseheads—6:30 and 7:30.

Capuchin Friar To Give Highschoolers Retreat

The Sodality of Our Lady of St. Mary's parish, Elmira will sponsor a retreat for high school students on Dec. 13, 14, and 15. The retreat is sponsored by the Sodality but is open to all high school students of the parish. The Rev. Cypryan Truss, O.F.M. Cap., will be the retreat master.

Father Truss was born in Chester, England, and educated at Oxford until the beginning of the First World War. At that time he joined the Royal Flying Corps and served as a pilot on overseas duty until the end of the war. Upon his return to England he joined the staff of St. Francis Xavier's College, Liverpool, where he taught English and History for four years.

Sacred Heart Ladies Christmas Fete Set

Sacred Heart Ladies of St. Anthony's parish, Elmira, will hold the annual Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6 o'clock in the Annex.

Mrs. Samuel LaMark and Mrs. Matthew Derlo are co-chairmen and will be assisted by these officers, Mrs. John Bonaguidi, Mrs. Nazareno Rocchi, Mrs. Louise Capucci, Mrs. Thomas Maymumber and Mrs. Anthony D'Andrea.

A reception for new members will be held at 5 o'clock in the church. Following the affair in the Annex, a social hour will be held in the Audio Visual room of the school.

Sheehan's

In ELMIRA

We Give and Redeem S & H Green Stamps

Christmas Gift Robes

Choose the robes for your "Christmas belles" from Sheehan's sparkling collection. Every type and size and at Sheehan's modest prices.

Quilted cotton ROBES	10.98
Seersucker HOUSECOATS	5.98
Corduroy ROBES	10.98
Nylon HOUSECOATS	10.98
Chenille ROBES	4.65
Cotton Flannel HOUSECOATS	3.98
Quilted Rayon Crepe HOUSECOATS	12.95
Rayon Taffeta HOUSECOATS	17.95
Velvet HOUSECOATS	39.95
Printed Cotton Seersucker DUSTERS	3.98
Chenille DUSTERS	4.65
Nylon DUSTERS	7.98
Quilted rayon taffeta DUSTERS	10.95
Corduroy DUSTERS	8.98

ROBES and DUSTERS—Second Floor

NO FINER XMAS GIFT

EASY TERMS

All-New 1950

Smith-Corona

World's Fastest

PORTABLE TYPEWRITER

This machine has so many new, sensational features you must see it... try it! Come in today for free trial!

L. W. HASTINGS

211 State St. Elmira

Dial 23944

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

FROM THE FINEST STORE IN ELMIRA

J. P. & M. Sullivan's

- SEWING CABINETS — RUGS
- DROP LEAF TABLES — LAMPS
- CEDAR CHESTS — APPLIANCES
- LOUNGE CHAIRS — SMOKERS
- KNEEHOLE DESKS — POKER TABLES
- RADIOS — HASSOCKS
- SOFAS — TABLES
- END TABLES — PICTURES
- MIRRORS

Headquarters for FINE CARPETS AND RUGS for Over Half a Century

J. P. & M. Sullivan

115-117 EAST WATER STREET, ELMIRA, N. Y.
OTHER STORES IN CORNING AND WILLIAMSPORT

BURT'S

Gifts That Are Tops

FOR A MAN'S CHRISTMAS

ARROW WHITE SHIRTS

BURT'S NOW STOCK ARROW WHITES IN 10 COLLAR STYLES

From **\$3.95**

Sleeve lengths 31-36

ASK TO SEE THE LARGE ASSORTMENT IN ARROW COLORED SHIRTS INCLUDING THE NEWEST "CAROL TONES."

OFFICIAL Boy Scout Outfitters

BURT'S, INC.

157-59 N. MAIN ST.

OPEN FRIDAY EVENINGS