

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.

THE COLORED reproduction of the famous painting of Our Lady Salvation of the People of Rome (Salus Populi Romani) which was blessed by our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, and placed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney of Rochester, in the Oratory of Mount Saviour Monastery, on August 6, 1951, will be solemnly exposed for the veneration of the people in the Chapel of Our Lady Queen of Peace. 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. Damascus 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.

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Library Adds 15 New Books

Many new books are now ready for circulation at St. Christopher's Library. The library, located in the Catholic Daughters Room, E. Church and State Streets, is open Wednesday from 10:30 to 6; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. The books are:

- THE MASK OF INNOCENCE, Francois Mauriac.
- SET ALL AFIRE, Louis de Wohl.
- A RICH YOUNG MAN (St. Anthony of Padua) John E. Beahm.
- THE TABLE OF THE KING (story of Mother Camellin) Katherine Burton.
- WHOM LOVE IMPELS (life of Mother Pauline von Mallinckrodt — foundress of the Sisters of Christian Charity) Katherine Burton.
- THE LESS TRAVELED ROAD (life of Dom Mary Frederic Dunne — first American Trappist Abbot) Rev. M. Raymond, O.C.S.O.
- MARY TUDOR H. F. M. Prescott.
- Spiritual Reading: RETREAT NOTES, Rev. Joseph Keating, S.J.
- LIFE IS WORTH LIVING, Bishop Fulton Sheen.
- THE SUIV IS HER MANTLE, John Beavers.
- Informative Books: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE AMERICAN IDEA, Theodore Maynard.
- MY FRIENDS THE SENSES, Charles Demian Boulogne.
- A TREASURY OF CATHOLIC THINKING, edited by Ralph L. Woods.
- THE GREATEST FAITH EVER KNOWN, Fulton Oursler.
- THE CASE OF CARDINAL STEPHENAC, Richard Pattee.

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Sodalist Lights First Candle



TRADITIONAL ADVENT WREATH, a project of the High School Sodality of Our Lady, was blessed in St. Peter and Paul's Church on the First Sunday of Advent in the presence of those Sodalists who also serve as Knights of the Altar. Lighting the first candle is James Holleran, a student of Catholic High and the First Master of the Knights. Attending the ceremony are also four Academy High School Sodalists: (from left) John McElligott, Robert Ganser, James Holleran, Robert Westlake, Lawrence Sheahan.

Advent Wreath Displayed At St. Peter and Paul's

The Holy Season of Advent was introduced at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, by the construction and the display of the traditional Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath is a project of the Sodality of Our Lady, and was blessed on the First Sunday of Advent in the presence of those High School Sodalists who also serve as Knights of the Altar. THE WREATH is a symbol of Advent. It is a daily reminder of the meaning of Advent. The Wreath is constructed of twigs of evergreens (symbol of hope in the coming of the Savior), and is tied with violet bows (symbol of penance), and contains four blessed candles (symbols of the four Sundays of Advent as well as the four thousand years of waiting). During this first week of Advent, one candle is lighted during daily Mass and devotions. The Advent Wreath is displayed on the site of the Christmas Crib, and will give way to the Crib at the close of the Advent Season. The Advent Wreath is also a project of the Catholic Action Club of the seventh and eighth grades in the Parish School where a Wreath is displayed as a daily reminder to the children.

Catholic Nurses Rename Mrs. Arnault

Hornell—Mrs. Ronald Arnault was reelected President of Hornell unit, of National Council of Catholic Nurses at an election meeting here. Other officers elected were Miss Mary Shea, Secretary; Mrs. Leo S. Davis and Mrs. Cornelia French of Canisteo, Directors; French of Canisteo, Directors. Mrs. Raymond Widmer is Treasurer of the local unit. Other Directors are Mrs. George Hedges, Sister M. Valerian and Sister Elizabeth Ann. The Rev. Leo Lynch is Chaplain for the group. Following the election a short business meeting was held to discuss events to be held during 1954.

Silence Needed in Prayer Hornell Nurses Unit Told

Hornell—The Hornell Unit of the National Council of Catholic Nurses' Day of Recollection was held at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel in St. James Mercy Hospital on Nov. 18. The Rev. Fr. Michael S.A. from Montour Falls conducted the services, which opened with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Conferences were held during the morning and afternoon. The Day of Recollection closed with Holy Hour and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. FATHER MICHAEL stressed the great need of silence for effective meditation and prayer. Christ spoke no more than was necessary. Father Michael pointed out, and answered questions only as asked Him. He never wasted words, either in preaching or teaching. The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph followed His example of prayer and silence, the priest continued. Father Michael listed charity as one of the most needed qualities in today's world. He said: "Christ told His apostles 'By your charity they will know you are one of us.'" The priest added that charity in speech is most neglected. More sins are committed by the tongue than all the other senses, he added. HE ADVISED nurses to practice divinely-inspired charity, which is "doing just a little more than is your duty." He added that one's enemies needed charity more than one's friends. "The great model of charity is Christ," Father Michael continued. "Even in His cruel death. He uttered not one unkind word. His charity to sinners was infinitely gracious. The Blessed Mother followed His example of kindness and understanding." MEDITATION on a Crucifix proves that God never has mercy will require of anyone the suffering which His Divine Son underwent for the sins of mankind, the priest continued. God's evaluation of an immortal soul remains Catholic nurses of their tremendous opportunities and corresponding obligations. They may add many to returns to the Sacraments before death.

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St. Vincent School Forms Civics Club

Corning — Joseph Brude has been elected president of St. Vincent de Paul's newly formed Civics Club which recently received its charter from the Commission on American Citizenship in Washington, D. C. Other officers elected to the organization which is comprised of students of the seventh grade, were Kenneth Blake, vice-president; Mary Beth Jamison, recording and corresponding secretary and Mary Agnes Murray, sergeant-at-arms. Sponsored by the Commission on American Citizenship of the Catholic University of America more than 2300 Catholic Civic Clubs have been chartered in the United States during the past year. Monthly projects are suggested for the clubs in the national Catholic weekly, The Young Catholic Messenger. The program set up for this year comes under the general heading "We're All People."

2 Area Girls To Sing With College Glee Club

Albany—Two area girls will sing with the College of Saint Rose Glee Club when it presents its annual Christmas concert in the College Auditorium on Friday evening, Dec. 11. The girls are: Miss Constance Sears, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Sears, 70 North Brook St., Geneva, and Miss Mary Duggan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Duggan, 100 North Main St., Albany. Miss Sears, who is a freshman at the College, is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales High School. A graduate of Monticelli Central School, Miss Duggan is a freshman at the College.

Patronal Mass Set By Verein

Patronal Feast Mass of the Rochester Branches, Catholic Central Verein, and National Catholic Women's Union will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Church, Portland Ave. at 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 6. The Mass is scheduled by the two groups as near to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception as possible.

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Convert Guild Sets Talk By Fr. Vogt

Explanations of some of the Catholic devotions will feature the monthly meeting of the Convert Guild, Thursday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. in Columbus Civic Center, 50 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.

Marks of St. Andrew's Seminary who is guild counsellor. James Reilly, guild president, invites all converts and friends to these meetings.

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