

Pontifical Midnight Mass Celebrated By Bishop Kearney To Usher In Nativity

Birthday of the world's Saviour will be heralded in the Diocese of Rochester with Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in Sacred Heart

Cathedral and Solemn High Masses in churches and chapels throughout the diocese at Midnight tonight.

Priests will celebrate three Masses on the Feast of the Nativity. Solemn High Masses will be offered on Christmas Day at the usual times.

To mark the Feast, special music carefully rehearsed for weeks prior to Christmas will be sung by church choirs. At the Cathedral the choir will be directed by Raymond J. Hasenauer, music director of Aquinas Institute with Vernon McArdle at the organ.

ASSISTING BISHOP Kearney in the Solemn Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred Craugh, assistant priest; the Rev. Mr. Gerald T. Connor, deacon; the Rev. J. Emmett Murphy, sub-deacon; and the Very Rev. John E. Maney, master of ceremonies. Deacons of Honor to Bishop Kearney will be two brothers, the Rev. Robert C. Miller, C.S.B. and the Rev. Richard A. Miller, S.J. St. Andrew's Seminary will fill minor offices.

In many of the churches, carols and hymns will be sung prior to the Midnight Mass. A Christmas pageant in preparation for the Feast was held Sunday night in Sacred Heart Cathedral with His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey giving the sermon for the occasion.

Television and radio stations will carry broadcasts of Christmas Midnight Masses. (see page 11).

Scheduled for Thursday morning, this week at 8 a.m. was celebration of Mass and visitation of patients at St. Mary's Hospital by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Clothing Drive Nets Total of 63 Tons

Ten tons more than last year, a grand total of 126,789 pounds of clothing were reported donated in The Thanksgiving Week Clothing Campaign, the Rev. Louis J. Hohman, diocesan director of the drive said today.

Reports up to the time of going to press showed 2,210 cartons destined for the National Catholic Welfare Conference-War Relief Services distribution.

Father Hohman expressed his sincere appreciation to all priests in the diocese who cooperated with him in the campaign and to all who so generously donated.

The report follows:

	CASES	LEBS.
Blessed Sacrament	67	4500
Holy Apostles	36	1201
Holy Cross	49	2500
Holy Family	29	1255
Holy Redeemer	65	939
Holy Rosary	53	5000
Immaculate Conception	44	4420
Lady of Lourdes	35	1894
Lady of Mt. Carmel	17	2000
Lady of Perpetual Help	98	2473
Lady of Good Counsel	94	4920
Mother of Sorrows	25	1790
St. Andrew	19	3483
St. Boniface	94	2245
St. Charles	121	3892
St. Helen	18	360
St. James	80	2672
St. John Evangelist	123	2275
St. Lucy	30	579
St. Michael	14	1556
St. Monica	270	6217
St. Patrick	40	680
Corpus Christi	39	2376
SS. Peter & Paul	55	3060
St. Theresa	2	30
St. Thomas	198	5032
Sacred Heart Cathedral	107	3600
St. Hyacinth, Auburn	60	1149
Holy Family, Auburn	194	4343
St. Mary's, Auburn	75	1873
St. Agnes, Aves	25	628
St. Stanislaus, Bradford	6	145
Nativity BVM, Brockport	66	1600
St. Columba, Caledonia	41	234
St. Francis, Geneva	22	10,500
St. Stephen, Geneva	13	5080
St. Pius, Cohasset	51	240
Holy Ghost, Coldwater	18	1689
St. Vincent, Corning	28	780
St. Mary, Danville	14	1185
St. Patrick, Danville	12	690
St. John, Elmira	7	536
St. Casimir, Elmira	31	1427
St. Anthony, Elmira	38	600
Lady of Lourdes, Elmira	15	503
St. Mary, Elmira	19	1800
St. Charles, Elmira Heights	11	800
St. Francis, Genesee	5	710
St. John, Greece	67	2900
St. Anthony, Groton	17	382
St. Ann & St. Ignace, Hornell	89	3340
St. Mary, Horseheads	9	600
Immaculate Conception, Ithaca	96	4975
Our Lady of Lake, King Ferry	6	180
St. Joseph, Livonia	14	490
Leicester, Retsof, Piffard	24	655
St. Patrick, Mt. Morris	14	343
St. James, Naples	10	280
St. Michael, Newark	37	1512
St. John, Newark Valley	17	349
Holy Angels, Nunda	11	230
St. Mary, Ontario	29	737
Holy Cross, Ovid	35	710
St. Joseph, Pennell	72	1362
St. Francis, Phelps	11	515
St. Mary, Scottsville	6	263
Epiphany, Solus & Wolcott	9	335
St. James, Trumansburg	14	683
St. Patrick, Victor	18	510
St. Mary, Waterloo	12	707
St. Mary, Watkins Glen	19	1377
St. Joseph, Woodport	10	280
St. Louis, Pittsford	13	600
Aurora	5	335
Honoree Falls	24	340
St. Mary's, Watkins Glen (Donation)		\$10.00
St. Rose, Lima		\$54.00
	2210	126,789

Patient Dresses Dolls For Needy



SURROUNDED in her hospital bed at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, Mrs. Helen Brown, an arthritic patient cheerfully makes up dolls and dresses them for needy. With her is sister Ellen Sullivan, staff nurse and Sister Ellen Teresa, night supervisor. Dolls go to the Arctic League for distribution to Elmira's needy.

Dolls Dressed By Arthritic For Arctic League

When needy families in Elmira area experience a happier Christmas because some attractive dolls are delivered by Santa Claus it will be because of the skill and application of Mrs. Helen Brown, an arthritic patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Her handwork will be distributed by the tamed Arctic League of Elmira and it represents many

long hours of making clothes for and dressing the dolls while suffering from arthritis.

Mrs. Brown, though badly handicapped is glad, she said, to do her share in helping make Christmas happy for deserving children.

She has been a patient at the hospital for more than two years and is cooperative at all times and

her spirit is good even with the pain suffered, it was said at the hospital.

Mrs. Brown is the mother of a 12-year-old boy. Her husband died in February of this year.

A greeting card from readers would be a big tonic to the courageous woman. Friends in Elmira said.

Youth Official Fixes Blame For Delinquent

Washington — (NC) — When parents fail to recognize the authority of God over themselves and their children, then they are to blame for juvenile delinquency, according to Msgr. Joseph E. Schieder, director of the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The Monsignor has expressed his views in a guest editorial in the January issue of Catholic Men, publication of the National Council of Catholic Men.

"PARENTS DERIVE their authority from God," Monsignor Schieder wrote. "If they divorce

themselves from Him it is any wonder that their children disregard and disobey them—and the laws of the community too? To know is to love, respect and obey."

"If God and His teachings are unknown to a teenager, what is there to prompt respect for, or 'awe'?" To observe the laws of the community? To leave untouched an automobile because it is the rightful property of another?

To keep pure and unsmiled virgin purity of a girl friend because she is the prototype of the Virgin of Virgins—Mary?

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"A SOLUTION to the problem of juvenile delinquency," he had only when the minds of our youth are turned to God Who made them," Monsignor Schieder declared, "and they choose to live by the authority and the teachings which are His."

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Ah, What A Christmas!

BY NORMAN C. SCHLICHTER

Henri Regnault had already attained the heights of fame as an artist when, as a young man, he left his studio to fight for France

in the Franco-Prussian War. When he was killed in battle his country lost a man of great promise and a lovable character as well.

He is beloved by French men especially for the way he celebrated Christmas eve.

It was a cold, snowy night. Regnault was stationed at an outpost on the banks of the Seine. The men lay two or three yards apart, in ditches, exchanging shots with Prussians on the opposite shore. The night wore on.

Falling snow helped to hush the sounds of the occasional musket rattle.

Suddenly a church bell in near-by Suresnes began to toll the hour. Then, off in the distance, another rang, and still another.

The hollow, cheerless voices of some soldier called out, "Midnight! It's Christmas! Ah, what a Christmas!"

THEN AWOKE in Regnault's soul the great meaning of this word—Christmas! He seemed to forget his surroundings, even the guns of his enemies, and leaped from his shelter to the breastworks, facing the Prussians.

Then, as the bullets sped past him, he began the great hymn of Adolph Adam.

"Midnight, Christians. It is the solemn hour. Dying the guns of the enemy, with a full, clear voice he sang the hymn through. And when he stopped, he was surprised to note that all firing had ceased. A deep silence pervaded both shores. His own comrades and the enemy had stopped shooting to listen.

Then from across the river a voice broke the stillness. A German soldier sang out clearly and

in his own tongue a Christmas hymn whose tune was known also to the French. Regnault and his comrades listened attentively.

When the German singer stopped, Christmas silence reigned for a long while before the firing again marred the majesty and solemnity of Christmas morn. But every man of those two opposing forces must have spent Christmas wishing that true Christmas peace might soon come to both lands.

And surely it will be the earnest prayer of each of us who reads this story that this same abiding peace may not be long off for all the lands of earth.

Darkness and shadows of night fall.

With only the beating of sheep; Starlight in wonderful brilliance Guarding shepherds who sleep.

Darkness and shadows of star light

Falling on grass-laden field. Moonlight through flickering shadows

Discovering beauty concealed.

Nativity

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Maple Shade Priest Serving In Peru

Maple Shade—The Rev. John R. Kenny, M.M., is on the staff of a community welfare and social service project in Puno, Peru, which has benefited more than 2500 persons.

According to a recent survey of 3000 people, many in South America, the project at Colegio San Ambrosio in Puno operates a day school, theater, boarding school and print shop. Numerous athletic activities also are sponsored.

Camp Stella Maris Boys To Have Mendon Ponds Reunion

The annual Camp Stella Maris Boys reunion will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 29 in Mendon Ponds Park. The counselor staff under the direction of head counselor — Dan Torney have planned a "Winter Sports Day."

There will be skiing, snowmobiling, football and other games (weather permitting). In one of the park cabins there will be a warming fire, hot drinks and food. This for getting together and enjoying some time together. The program will be included.

Campers and their friends are asked to meet at the Columbus Civic Centre no later than one o'clock on the day. Chartered buses will take the campers to the Park and then return them to the Civic Centre at 4:30 p.m.

DEADLINE ADVANCED

With New Year coming on Friday, this year the new deadline of the Courier-Journal will be advanced one day.

All news must be in the Courier-Journal office, 15 South St., latest Monday, at 5 p.m. The delivery will be Thursday, Dec. 31.

Legion Condones Foreign Movie

New York — (NC) — The Legion of Honor, which annually awards the Oscar, has condoned a foreign movie, "The Legion of Honor," which is a comedy about the Legion of Honor itself.

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St. Louis—(NC)—More than 60 million Americans either deny God outright or refuse to pay Him homage, and the "evil trinity" of birth control, abortion and euthanasia have assumed "trappings of respectability," according to Father Gerard Glynn, director of the Washington University Newman Foundation.

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