

Midnight Mass Hailed By Reformatory Inmates

(The following is taken from the Don Bosco Bulletin, published by and for inmates of Elmira Reformatory. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, Catholic chaplain and the Rev. Joseph M. McNamara, chaplain of the Elmira Classification Center are cited in the story.)

The sixteenth annual Midnight Mass held in the Don Bosco Chapel here at the Reformatory was a huge success. More than seven hundred inmates attended the beautiful service and all of their faces reflected the beauty and wonder of this the most important feast of the church calendar.

We were privileged again to be able to have the cherubic looking little girls to perform the procession that started from the back of the chapel, continuing through the aisles and finally ending the awesome train at the left side of the altar, where Monsignor Lane accepted the image of the Christ child and placed the babe in the crib which was situated in the stable that was surrounded by Shepherds and animals, topped by the Angels overlooking the striking scene.

The little girls in the procession almost brought tears to the eyes of many an inmate. They were dressed all in white and held their delicate little hands clasped at their breasts while making almost pins-taking miniature steps.

THE MASS was celebrated by the Rev. Bryan Murphy, a Pastor from Scranton, Pa. He was assisted in the distribution of Holy Communion by Father MacNamara. More than four hundred inmates received Holy Communion.

Credit for decorating the chapel so beautifully is given to Mr. John Daly and Sergeant Ryan and the inmates from the pattern shop. The work of decorating the chapel is understood to be a tedious and hard process, but the expected results were far surpassed in the artistic design and setting of the scene.

Mr. Gerald Thomas cannot be congratulated enough for the superb job he performed during the weeks he spent with the inmates in preparation for this event, also to Mrs. Ferguson, who in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Thomas performed the beautiful rendition of the Church music on the organ.

UNFORTUNATELY, we are limited by the variety of words to convey to Monsignor Lane our thanks for all he has done to make this possible for the men here. It is widely known that this was the first institution that held

a Midnight Mass in the confines of prison walls. Needless to say, this is all because of the exhausting work performed by Monsignor Lane. I can speak for the vast majority of the population in saying that the Midnight Mass here has always been more beautiful and significant than many of the ones in the outside world.

All that is left to be said to you Monsignor is that we offer our sincere thanks for all you have done for us and that the fulfillment of your ambition to help the men here has been realized to the fullest extent.

Elmira Knights Set Variety Show

Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus will again sponsor the noted Endicott Johnson Chorus and Variety show of 90 voices to be held on Friday, Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. in St. Mary's Auditorium.

The chorus will present an outstanding program to include the choral singing, quartettes, solos and musical specialties.

Joseph B. Rempe and Thomas E. Coggins have been named co-chairmen by Grand Knight John E. Strong.

Others assisting are Frank K. Rhode, Cornelius J. Sullivan, Frank C. Kessing and Thomas A. Cowley.

Tickets may be obtained from members of the committee, at Columbus Center or from any member of the Council.

Cubs Get Honors At St. Ann's School

Royal — Cub Pack 9 held a holiday party in the Pine Room of St. Ann's School. Awards were presented following an address of welcome to the Cubs and their parents by the Rev. Lawrence W. Gannon, pastor of St. Ann's.

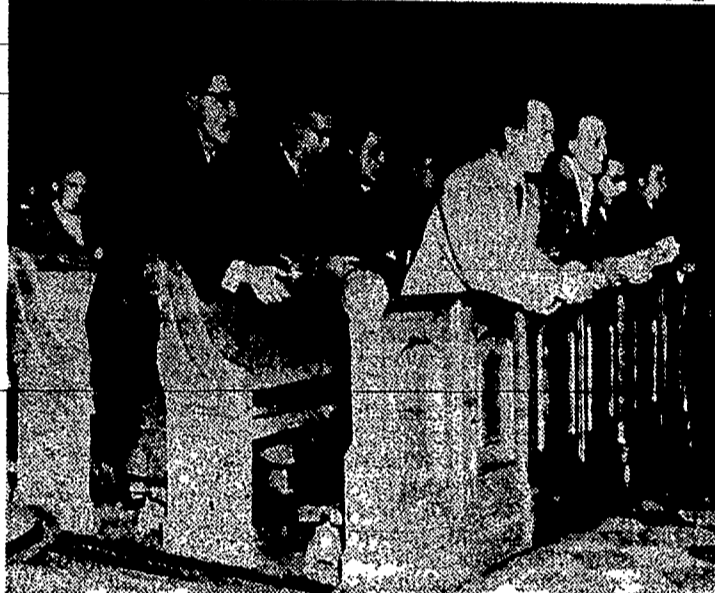
Lion Badges were received by Ronald Arzault, who was awarded one gold arrow and two silver arrows; Mack Spelley, one gold arrow and one silver arrow; Donald Griswold, one gold arrow and William Stedman, one gold arrow and one silver arrow.

Thomas Linehan was awarded a Wolf Badge.

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Pontifical Mass Honors Holy Name



PRINCIPALS at Pontifical Mass marking Feast of the Holy Name in St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, Sunday, were (top photo from left) Rev. Arthur F. Florack, Rev. Edward A. Zimmer, Msgr. Maynard Connell, His Excellency Bishop Kearney, celebrant; Rev. Patrick J. Flynn and Rev. Robert A. Keleher. Lower photo, front row Holy Name officers, John W. Degus, Richard S. Torpey, Joseph Attinai, Martin Q. Moll; second row, Richard T. Toole, deanery president; Edward J. Deviny, James O. Stein.

Holy Name Men Hear Bishop Urge Christian Principles In Public, Private Life

A call for the recognition of Christian principles in public and private life was sounded by the Holy Name in St. Joseph's Church, last Sunday.

Sponsored by the Rochester Deanery Holy Name Union, the Mass attracted 800 men from the city and area parishes.

IN HIS SERMON the Bishop warned that neglect of Christian principles, as found in the Ten Commandments and explained by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, always leads to failure. "Today," he explained, "we see the United Nations striving to organize the world for peace, but unless this great Council of Nations recognizes the principles of Christ, it shall fail as other councils before it also failed."

"Even democracy and freedom which we value so highly are endangered in a society where Christ's principles of morality are ignored. True democracy and true freedom are destroyed when God's laws are overthrown," he said.

The Bishop deplored those who "fought Christian values in the name of freedom." "In the name of freedom," he said, "we see Christian morality and Christian virtue mocked in literature, on the stage, on the screen and on the radio."

Defending Congressional investigations, the Bishop said: "We sometimes forget that the public officials we put in office are bound by an oath to defend the country and ferret out any threat to it."

HE DENOUNCED those who protect their rights as being violated by investigators and yet disseminate Communist propaganda shielded in the name of freedom.

"I have watched two generations of boys, who have served under me at Masses, go forth to fight for the freedom we enjoy," the Bishop said. "It would be tragic if that freedom were lost now in the name of democracy and freedom."

Among the freedoms Americans do not have is the one to upset the traditions of the country, he said in discussing "the necessity of interpreting freedom in the right way."

"MORE DANGEROUS than the bombs from the sky," Bishop Kearney said, "is the dynamite from underneath. We must find it and expose it. Rather than hide our heads in the sands like an ostrich, we must put our knees on the ground and ask God for advice in interpreting democracy and freedom."

Assisting Bishop Kearney, who celebrated the Mass, was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maynard A. Connell, assistant priest; the Rev. Arthur F. Florack and the Rev. Robert A. Keleher, assistant deacons; the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, deacon; the Rev. Edward A. Zimmer, subdeacon and the Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, master of ceremonies.

New Orleans — (NC) — For the first time in 125 years, extensive repairs are being made on St. Patrick's church, the second oldest parish church in New Orleans. St. Louis Cathedral is the oldest.

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World Wide Observance Set Of Chair Of Unity Octave

Chair of the Unity Octave observances will surpass all past observances according to plans being made throughout the U. S. and reported by NCWC News Service.

Here in the Diocese of Rochester, the observance will be conducted in a solemn manner at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Churches, 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. This was announced by the Rev. DeSales Standerwick, S.A. chairman of the local committee at Montour Falls.

THE EIGHT days (January 18 to 25) set aside for prayer that all people may be united in the Catholic Church will be observed with special liturgy and services in more than 20 places including St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C.

From Unity Octave national headquarters, administered by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, more than 32,000 letters and pamphlets on the octave have been distributed, with additional leaflets sent to 1,500 chaplains in the armed forces.

Plans in the Eternal City reported that Rome's solemn observance of the Unity Octave will be "the best ever held" with eight Cardinals presiding at each day's ceremonies. National colleges in Rome will cooperate in processions, services, and a special Oriental night observance in which 16 different Oriental rites will be represented.

ONE CONTRIBUTION of the North American College in Rome will be a daily magazine presenting the day's intentions, prayers and explanations of the services. Octave prayers will be recited at morning Mass in the 400 churches of Rome and sermons from the Church of Gesù will be transmitted by radio to parish churches of the city each evening.

Center of the solemn observance of the octave in Japan will be St. Joseph's Church in Tsu-umi, including the Sacrifice of the Mass in the Russian Rite with Bishop Luke Aral of Yokohama presiding.

In the U. S. for the first time, St. Patrick's Cathedral will be the focal point of the New York observance with eight Bishops presiding.

TO PROMOTE the New York observance, posters will be displayed in subways and on automobiles in the city.

At the Catholic University of America in Washington, the crypt of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be the central point of U. S. Unity Octave observances with eight Bishops presiding and officiating at Benediction.

Washington street cars will carry Octave posters. Ten local radio broadcasts, three local telecasts and one national radio program on the CBS network will record the Washington observances.

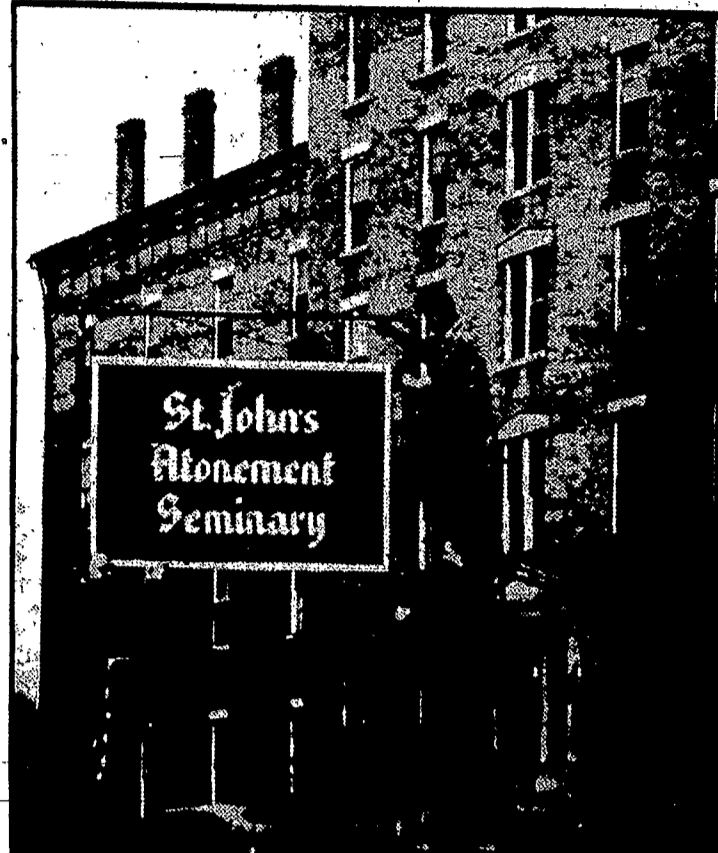
Scheduled to preside at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception are Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle of Washington, Auxiliary-Bishop J. Carroll McCormick of Philadelphia, Bishop James A. McNulty of Paterson, Bishop Blaise Kuz O.E.M., Auxiliary Bishop Joseph F. Hodges of Richmond, Bishop Bryon J. McEntegart, Rector of the Catholic University, and Archbishop Richard J. Cushing.

Speakers will include Father Edmond D. Benard, Bishop Daniel Ivancho of the Greek Rite Exarchate in Pittsburgh, Father David F. Gannon, S.A., Father Joseph Manton, C.S.S.R., Father Ignatius Smith, O.P., Father Victor Donovan, C.P., and Archbishop Cushing.

Historians Elect
Chicago — (NC) — Dr. Thomas P. Neill, history professor at St. Louis University, was elected president at the 34th annual convention of the American Catholic Historical Association here.

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PLANS OF THE ATONEMENT WHO OPENED ST. JOHN'S ATONEMENT SEMINARY AT MONTOUR FALLS IN 1919. (Sign placed there at that time shown above) will conduct Chair of Unity Octave services in one of the five such services to be held in the Diocese of Rochester.

Chair Of Unity Octave Beginning Recounted

Montour Falls — The origin of the Chair of Unity Octave which Christians will observe all over the world between January 18-25 presents an interesting story.

The idea was first conceived in the fertile mind of a young clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. When in 1885, Lewis T. Watson, later known as Father Paul James Francis of Graymoor, was graduated from the General Theological Seminary, N. Y., his ardent spirit was already somewhat distressed by the evident disunity of Christendom.

In the autumn of 1898, Lewis T. Watson in conjunction with an Anglican nun by the name of Lurana Mary White, laid the foundation of a religious community at Graymoor, New York. The community was called the Society of the Atonement and it was as the spiritual father of this institute that Lewis T. Watson assumed the name of Father Paul James Francis.

By his preaching and writing, Father Paul became recognized as the leader of the "Pro-Roman Party" in the Protestant Episcopate.

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