

Holy Name Feast Mass In St. Joseph's

Holy Name men of the Rochester Diocese will gather at St. Joseph Church, Franklin St., Rochester on Sunday, Jan. 2 at 11:30 a.m. for their annual Mass marking the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside and preach.

The annual Mass will observe the Feast of the Holy Name according to the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, spiritual director of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, who has called attention to the Mass in a letter to pastors, spiritual directors and Holy Name Society officers.

To assure a record turnout, President Frank J. Lange of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union is urging the forming of motorcades in the various parishes. Lange extends a general invitation to all laymen to attend. He is a member of St. Andrew Parish.

Leading the diocesan officers will be John M. Hayes, president of the diocesan union. Parish society officers are particularly urged to attend and to head their delegations. Members of the societies affiliated with the Diocesan Union are asked to occupy seats in the center aisle.

DELEGATIONS OF police and fire bureau Holy Name Societies and that of the Postal Employees will be in attendance, President Lange said.

Besides Lange other officers of the Diocesan Union cooperating are: Richard E. Torpy, vice president; Arthur F. Ennis, secretary; Sam Lipani, treasurer and Joseph Moran, marshal.

U.S. Xaverians Send TV Set To Pope

ROME—(NC)—The Brothers of St. Francis Xavier in the United States and their 15,000 students have sent a specially built television set with solid gold knobs to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The instrument, made by the Philips Corp., was termed one of the "finest television sets ever made." Its housing bears the coat-of-arms of His Holiness carved in wood, and is finished in gold wood antique white flecked with gold.

The gift is a token of fealty to the Holy Father from the Xaverian Brothers and their students to commemorate the teaching order's 100th anniversary in the United States. It is understood that the TV receiver would be presented to the Pope by Brother Oswald, superior general of the congregation, when the Holy Father was well enough.

Trucking Firms Give Free Service To Cloistered Sisters

Manchester, N. H.—(NC)—Nine trucking firms offered the services of their trucks and drivers free of charge to move the Sisters of the Precious Blood from their 56-year-old cloistered home to a new monastery here.

Bishop Matthew E. Brady of Manchester blessed the new monastery and formally "sealed the cloister" in a ceremony attended by some 500 sisters including members of the clergy, city government officials and friends of the religious community.

THE TRUCKING firms took part in the transfer through the cooperation of the New Hampshire Truck Owners Association and the Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

Deadline Advanced

During the forthcoming holiday week, the Catholic Courier Journal will go to press one day earlier.

Deadline for news next week will be Monday, Dec. 27 at 5 p.m. Out of Rochester news will be accepted until noon, Dec. 28.

Come, Let Us Adore Him



At That Time The shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord has showed to us. And they came with haste; and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in a manger. And seeing they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this child. And all their heart wondered, and of those things that were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Gospel of St. Luke, 11, 15-20.

Arnold Lunn Anti-U. S. Stand Means Pro-Red In Sympathies

LONDON—(NC)—Anyone who is anti-American is pretty certainly pro-communist here in this weekly column in the Universe, British national Catholic weekly.

"The nearer a man is to Moscow," he said, "the more he will dislike those whose country is today the principal obstacle to communist expansion—not only in the realm of force, atom bombs and guns, but also in the realm of propaganda."

Sir Arnold Lunn said he could not name a single friend of mine in England, Ireland, Switzerland, France, Norway or Sweden, "who dislikes the Americans."

"If Americans were universally detested in Europe," he declared, "then indeed Europe would deserve to go down into the pit of communist slavery, for such gross ingratitude would be unpardonable. I say this, not only because Hitler would have been installed in Buckingham Palace if America had remained strictly neutral in the war, but also because a million of Americans have contributed to relieve the distress."

Four Million Visited Lourdes

Lourdes, France—(RNS)—Nearly 4,000,000 persons made pilgrimages to the famous shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes during the Marian Year just ended, it was reported here.

More than 500,000 of these came from other countries. Included in the over-all total were 63,000 stretcher cases.

During the year, the report said, 900 planes bearing 25,000 pilgrims landed at the local airport.

Catholics Gain 91,000 In Britain

LONDON—(RNS)—Membership in the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales increased by more than 91,000 during 1953 bringing the total to 3,031,600, according to estimates in the Catholic Directory for 1953.

The Roman Catholic population of Scotland, was estimated at 764,831 and that of the whole English speaking world at 61,885,571.

The directory reported that there were 30,936 infant baptisms, 11,500 adult conversions, and 36,056 marriages during the year. The number of primary schools was given as 1,341 and secondary schools as 221. Independent Catholic schools, which receive no aid from the government, were listed at 566.

Christmas Masses On Radio, TV

Midnight Mass will be heard over radio from the following churches of the diocese at 12 o'clock on Christmas Eve:

CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART (WHAM Radio)—His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate Solemn Pontifical Mass and preach the Christmas sermon. The Rev. Edward J. McAniff, assistant rector, will be narrator.

Old St. Mary's Church (WHEC Radio)—The Rev. Jerome F. Schilleff, assistant pastor, will celebrate High Mass, with the Rev. J. John Hodges as co-celebrant. The Rev. James C. McAniff, pastor, will preach the sermon.

St. Boniface Church (WHEC Radio)—The Rt. Rev. Mgr. John F. Grogan, P.A., rector-emeritus of St. Bernard's Seminary, will pontificate at High Mass, with the Rev. Walter Kohl, pastor, as preacher, and the Rev. Edward E. Stetkiewicz, assistant pastor.

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St. Patrick Church (WENY Radio)—The Rt. Rev. Mgr. William J. Brien, V.F. pastor, will celebrate High Mass, with Cornelius J. Milliken, co-celebrant.

On TV
Mass will be televised over WHAM-TV at 11:15 a.m. Christmas Day from the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse chapel. The Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College will be celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Richard Torney, deacon, and the Rev. John McKeever, subdeacon. Father Torney will preach the sermon and the Rev. William H. Shannon will act as co-celebrant. Introductory remarks of explanation will be made before Mass begins.

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Prayer Ordered In Churches For Persecuted

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will join in a national day of prayer for the Church's persecuted millions in Europe and the Orient on Sunday, December 26.

HIS EXCELLENCY Bishop Kearney this week directed that Cardinal Spellman's "Prayer for Our Persecuted Brethren" be recited from the pulpit after all Masses on next Sunday.

(Cardinal Spellman's "Prayer for Our Persecuted Brethren" is printed on page six of this issue.)

The nation's 30 million Catholics will observe next Sunday as a special day of prayer for the persecuted in response to an appeal of the American Bishops.

AT THEIR annual meeting in Washington last November, the American Hierarchy dedicated next Sunday in behalf of those suffering religious persecution and appealed to all who love justice and hate iniquity that they stand with us in prayer and protest against the world wide persecution which seeks to "break men's faith in God."

Appropriately, next Sunday is the Feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr to give his life for the Church.

Polish Primate Said Jailed In Russia

Washington, D.C.—(RNS)—The Rev. John Malinowski of Buenos Aires, Argentina, said here he believes Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, is imprisoned in the Soviet Union rather than in Poland.

Interviewed following a visit at the White House with President Eisenhower, the refugee priest said information from underground sources indicates that Polish Communists did not feel it safe to keep the primate in a prison which had previously held only Polish Catholic clergy.

"They have sent him to Russia and he has been held by other prisoners," Father Malinowski asserted.

CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI, who is Archbishop of Warsaw and Gniezno, was arrested by Communist agents on Sept. 26, 1953, and his exact whereabouts have been unknown.

Father Malinowski said the recent closing of Catholic theological faculties at Warsaw and Cracow Universities indicates that the Communist regime is more determined than ever to win the Polish people away from their faith.

"They now offer young men a chance to become priests in just three years," he declared with respect to the new government sponsored theological institute in Warsaw, staffed by "patriotic priests" which has replaced the other seminaries.

"IN THE FIRST year they study Marxism; and then for two years they study religion and philosophy under Communist sponsored instructors," he said. "Then they are sent out to administer the Sacraments. This is a new Communist trick designed to try to break the Polish Church away from the Pope and away from the faith."

TV Show Aids Guadalupe Shrine

MEADE CITY, (NC)—Over 100,000 was raised toward the decoration of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe by a group of film and stage performers during a television "marathon" here.

Say Merry Christmas "With Flowers from Blanchards." The perfect gift sent her in orchids only \$4.95. Blanchards, 38 Lake Ave. also open evenings till 11 p.m.—ADV.

Midnight Masses To Herald Birthday Of Our Saviour

Celebration of Midnight Masses on Christmas Eve will herald the anniversary of the Saviour's traditional custom, will offer Birth-in all churches of the Rochester Diocese. His Excellency Bishop Kearney, following his Pontifical High Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. He will deliver his annual Christmas message following the Midnight Mass.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, Bishop Kearney will celebrate Low Mass at 9 a.m. in St. John Fisher College Chapel for parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish. By special privilege all priests are permitted to celebrate three Masses on Christmas. Besides the Midnight Masses, parish churches will follow their regular Sunday schedule of Masses on Christmas Day.

Programs of carol and hymn singing will precede celebration of Midnight Mass in many of the churches.

Bishop Kearney's Christmas Message

My Dear Friends:

I am happy to avail myself of the pages of the Courier-Journal to extend to all of you my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. God bless you all.

Your devoted shepherd in Christ,
JAMES B. KEARNEY
Bishop of Rochester

Eyewitness Report

Vienna—(RNS)—The Austrian Catholic Press Service said it had received "eyewitness confirmation" of its report that His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, had been released from prison.

According to our informant, who has just returned from Budapest, the cardinal is staying either at the Budapest archbishop's residence or St. Matias parish, the agency reported.

Both of these are situated in Buda, that part of the Hungarian capital which is on the right bank of the Danube River.

HUNGARIAN CATHOLIC exiles here said they had no doubt that the reports of the cardinal's release were accurate, although they had not been confirmed so far by the Hungarian government.

These sources said they understood the prelate had not been permitted to resume his duties as Archbishop of Esztergom and Primate of Hungary.

Earlier attempts by the Catholic news agency to check the reports that Cardinal Mindszenty had been freed were unsuccessful.

Officials of the Esztergom Archdiocese, contacted by telephone, would say only that they could not confirm or deny the story.

Cardinal Mindszenty, who is 62, was sentenced to life imprisonment Feb. 8, 1949, on charges of treason, espionage, and black market dealings.

His whereabouts since then have been largely a mystery. He has been reported held in various prisons and other places of confinement.

THE STATE OF his health has caused concern among Catholics throughout the world. "Some sources here said that although he is in fair condition, his mind has been permanently affected by Communist brainwashing at the time of his trial."

A United States congressman, Alvin F. Bentley (R-Mich.) said last February that the cardinal had "completely lost his mind."

Mr. Bentley was a member of a diplomatic corps attached to the American Legation at Budapest from 1947 to 1949.

His information for which he did not give the source was denied at the time by Mgr. Varga, exiled speaker of the Hungarian Parliament. Mgr. Varga told New York reports that the impairment of the cardinal's mental health had been temporary condition "into which he was deliberately put by a plot and suggestion at the time of his trial."

Cardinal Mindszenty Release Confirmed

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THE POPE'S message will be broadcast in the United States on Christmas Eve from the Vatican. The Pope will appear at the apartment window at noon Christmas Eve to bless the crowds in St. Peter's Square.

Mr. Bentley said that because of the Pope's illness, his radio message, which will be received in the United States on Christmas Eve, will be broadcast in the United States on Christmas Eve from the Vatican.

THE POPE'S physicians, it is said, have been concerned to get him to relax and rest in his Church duties.

Pope Pius, these sources said, has become depressed when not able to do as much work as he feels is necessary. On the other hand, he becomes cheerful when able to do more, but the exertion tires him physically. The Pope, in the Vatican gardens, have been prescribed "rest" in an effort to get the Pontiff to relax more.

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