

Mary's Concern For Early Christians Told By Priest

Herzell — Love the Blessed Mother of Christ has for all her spiritual children was evidenced in her concern for the early Christians, the Rev. John Murphy told a First Saturday luncheon group.

Father Murphy was guest speaker at the luncheon in the St. James Church. It was the final one before the summer recess. First Saturday luncheons are sponsored by the St. James Parish, Diocese of Albany.

FATHER MURPHY based his talk on the life of the Blessed Virgin. After her Divine Son's ascension into Heaven, she remained on earth to help the early Christians. She was the first to witness Our Lord's ascension. Mary probably stayed at the scene after her Divine Son disappeared from sight, meditating on the events she had shared with her remarkable Child before His death and resurrection. His death and resurrection. His death and resurrection.

"The Blessed Mother did not waste time in useless grieving after her Son had departed from the world, but became a comfort and guiding influence to the Apostles and other members of the early church, the priest explained.

"On the tenth day after Our Lord's ascension, the Holy Ghost came upon the Apostles in the upper room in the form of tongues of fire, kindling a great love for Christ and the courage to act according to that love," Father Murphy said.

"Mary prayed for the Apostles as they left the upper room filled with the desire to spread the word of Christ. She witnessed the miracle of the Gift of Tongues which Father could speak to persons of all foreign backgrounds and be perfectly understood," he continued.

"She watched the Apostles baptize the multitudes and her heart rejoiced in the spread of her Divine Son's teaching. Mary had many moments of

sorrow, too. She grieved when Stephen the Deacon, who so resembled her Son in his love for the sick, was martyred for his faith. She consoled and comforted the early Christians who feared for the Church when St. Peter was imprisoned.

"GOD RESPONDED to their prayers with the miraculous release of Peter from prison, Father Murphy said. "Mary's heart again was pierced by the martyrdom of St. James the Greater, brother of St. John the Apostle. It was Mary who prepared the body of St. James for burial after it had been cast into the cobblestone street.

"The Mother of Christ encouraged with her sweet wisdom the early missionaries of the Faith, Father Murphy said. "Just as Mary helped the Apostles and early Christians, so will she obtain special graces for each of us if we like the Apostles, Apostles and other members of stay close to her spiritually. In that way, we can fulfill the great motto: To Jesus through Mary."

Father Murphy concluded. The Rev. Robert MacNamara, spiritual director of the St. James parish, outlined aspects of devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

"The devotee is essentially an appeal from Our Lady to do penance in reparation for the sins of the world by accepting our daily crosses with humility and submission to the will of God; reciting her Rosary with devotion daily; and receiving Holy Communion in reparation for the sins of the world or the first Saturday of each month.

Miss Virginia Hussong, president, thanked all who had made the luncheon a success including Mrs. Eileen Welch and Mrs. Raymond Coyle and their reservations committee.

Ladies Of Columbus Initiation



PICTURED ARE 19 candidates initiated into the Ladies of Columbus of Corning at a meeting in the Corning Council, Knights of Columbus home a week ago. The Ladies of Columbus is the auxiliary unit of Corning K.C. Council. Seated, Mrs. Irene Cunningham, Mrs. Betty Park, Mrs. Barbara Graham, Mrs. Rose Cutler, Mrs. Louise Brodick, Mrs. Mary Kerwan, Mrs. Rose Ruocco and Mrs. Julia Corby. Standing, Mrs. Ann DiGiorgio, Mrs. Patricia Dunbeck, Mrs. Joan Schaller, Mrs. Helen Older, Mrs. Joan Hansten, Mrs. Catharina Murphy, Mrs. Joan Willis, Mrs. Alvin Donache, Mrs. Lydia Narusak, Mrs. Rose Sweet and Mrs. Helen Oliner.

DURING THE initiation ceremony the Rev. Joseph Donovan, moderator of the Ladies of Columbus and assistant pastor of St. Patrick Church, Corning, gave an inspiring address. Father Donovan is here pictured with the participating officers for the initiation. First row, Mrs. Anthony Galle, Mrs. Raymond Galkins, Mrs. Thomas Gill, Mrs. Joseph McIntyre and Mrs. Charles Castellani, and back row, Mrs. J. Colton Marx, Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, Father Donovan, Mrs. Michael Gonta and Mrs. Timothy O'Connell. (Corning Leader photos).

Thiaca C.D.A. Court Reflects Officers

Thiaca—Officers of Court Santa Maria 240, Catholic Daughters of America were reflected for the coming year. They are: Grand regent, Mrs. Marie Senecal; vice grand regent, Mrs. Mary Fineran; proprietress, Mrs. Esther Wilcox; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Frances Spanio; historian, Mrs. Ann Riley; secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Peters; monitor, Mrs. Margaret Goodspeed; sentinel, Mrs. Mabel O'Neill; lecturer, Mrs. Eileen Kohles; and organist, Mrs. Anna Treacy.

Ladies Of Columbus Admit 19 In Corning Ceremony

Corning — Nineteen Corning Area Catholic women were accepted in membership in the local Ladies of Columbus during initiation ceremonies conducted in the local Knights of Columbus Home a week ago.

The Rev. Joseph Donovan, moderator of the unit and assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, was speaker. Father Donovan spoke on "Faith: Responsibility to Their Children." Mrs. Joseph Paulisi, program chairman, presented the following: Phyllis Sargent, vocal solo, "Yesterday," accompanied at the piano by Harold Malo; Connie Potter, saxophone solo and Angelo Fabilli, trumpet solo, "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White." Pouring at the attractively decorated table were Mrs. William O'Hara and Mrs. Paul Lovette.

Owego First Communion Class Feted At Breakfast

Owego — The Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's, the Rev. Bruce A. Armitage, assistant pastor and the Sisters of Mercy, teachers in the parochial school, joined the mothers of the members of the First Communion class for breakfast following the 8 o'clock Mass on Saturday.

Plates were set for more than a hundred in the hall. The tables were decorated with baskets of Spring flowers, lighted taper in crystal holders. Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters of America, at the annual meeting held Tuesday night. Names to serve with Mrs. Simpson during 1955-56, were Mrs. Margaret Doty, vice-grand; Mrs. Phyllis Hare, Proprietress; Mrs. Pauline Morton, lecturer; Mrs. Eleanor Connet, historian; Mrs. Mary Robinson, financial secretary; Mrs. Beatrice Cleveland, treasurer; Mrs. Suzanne Munroe, monitor; Mrs. Regina Jastrzemsky, sentinel; organist, Mrs. Frances Keagle; trustees, three years, Mrs. Helen Knox and Mrs. Gertrude McGovern. Mrs. Knox is the retiring Grand Regent.

Robert Simpson Elected Owego

Owego — V. Robert Simpson was re-elected president of the Holy Name Society at St. Patrick's at the annual meeting held on Wednesday, May 4, in St. Patrick's Church Hall. Other officers named included Walter J. O'Connell, vice-president; J. Edmond Morton, secretary-treasurer; William Kuhlman, marshal.

Elmira CDA Elects Miss Mary Margraff

Elmira — Court St. Rita 137, Catholic Daughters of America elected Miss Kathryn Margraff, Grand Regent, at the last meeting. Others elected were: Mrs. Francis Crowley, vice grand regent; Mrs. James Brown, proprietress; Mrs. Charles Sullivan, lecturer; Mrs. John Murphy, financial secretary; Mrs. Florence Curren, treasurer; Miss Helen House, historian; Mrs. Clayton Gallagher, monitor; Miss Lena Allington, sentinel; Mrs. Lynn Coleman, organist; trustee for three years, Mrs. Theodore Doran and Mrs. Edward Widman, hold over trustees. Miss Elizabeth Hollerah, Miss Susan Coughlin, Mrs. Agnes Maloney and Mrs. Josephine Elias. Rev. William A. Burns is Chaplain.

St. Monica Mothers To Hold Meeting

St. Monica's Mothers' Group of St. Monica School will hold a meeting Monday, May 16 at 8:15 p.m. in the school meeting room. Mrs. Doris Corrigan, chairman of the nominating committee will present the new officers for the coming year. Refreshments will follow.

Head CDA Court Owego

Owego — Mrs. Agnes Simpson was named Grand Regent of the CDA Court.

Mrs. Kelley Named Head Of Catholic Women's Club

Painted Post — At the annual meeting last week, Mrs. Thomas E. Kelley was elected and installed as president of the Catholic Women's Club of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, succeeding Mrs. Robert McKinley.

Others elected were: Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Francis J. Kelly, secretary; Mrs. Stanley J. Apowich, treasurer; Mrs. Robert D. Maurer, director for two years; Mrs. Marjorie Galar, Mrs. James V. Rader and Mrs. Thomas J. O'Malley, directors for one year.

The date of officers was presented by a Rotating committee consisting of: Miss Ruth Warner, Mrs. Stanley Manning, Mrs. John Polnikas and Mrs. Edward Gillen, Jr.

Mrs. Robert Maurer chairman of a committee consisting of Mrs. Maurer, Mrs. Charles Taylor and Mrs. Joseph Kane gave a report on their study of the feasibility of establishing a club library. It was voted to organize one with the aforementioned committee in charge. Mrs. Maurer requested that members having books to do-

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State KC Expect Throng At Meet

Advance registration for attendance at the 66th Annual State Convention of the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus, is the largest of any previous K.C. of C. Convention held in Saratoga Springs.

The Convention is slated for May 26, 27, and 28. Harold Niblo of Saratoga has been named General Chairman of the Convention by State Deputy Denis A. Mansfield.

Beginning at 2:00 p.m. on May 26, offices will be open for registration. Delegates will register at the State Secretary's Office in the West Warden Hotel. Visitors and guests also will register at the New Warden.

First Communion Received By 105 St. Ann's Children

Herzell — First Holy Communion was received by 105 children in St. Ann's Church, Saturday morning.

The Very Rev. Lawrence W. Gannon, V.F., celebrated the Mass. He distributed Holy Eucharist to the children as they knelt on a gold-draped, flower-flecked kneeling bench in the sanctuary of the church.

Father Gannon was assisted by the Rev. Robert MacNamara and the Rev. Leo Mink. MASS BROADCAST during Mass was given by Father Mink. He addressed his remarks to the First Communion class, stressing the beauty and significance of their "receiving the same Jesus who walked the earth and who suffered and died for love" of them. The First Communicants were dressed in white with the girls wearing dress-length veils. Massive bouquets of white chrysanthemums, carnations and snapdragons decorated the altar and the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Music during Mass was by the Girls' Choir of St. Ann's School, directed by the Sisters of Mercy.

Waverly Grand Regent Re-elected, Auction Slated

Waverly — Mrs. Tobias Capoletti was re-elected grand regent Court Joan of Arc, CDA, Tuesday evening in St. James Hall.

Other officers elected were regent, Mrs. John Mahoney; proprietress, Mrs. Veronica Hogan; historian, Mrs. Margaret; Mrs. Nease; lecturer, Mrs. Anna Francis Payne; financial secretary, Mrs. Robert Hogan; treasurer, Mrs. William Donnelly; monitor, Mrs. Joseph Paul; sentinel, Mrs. Carol Leary; organist, Mrs. George Sutton; and chaplain, Rev. G. Stuart Hogan.

Two new trustees were elected, Mrs. Bernard Stork and Miss Ellen Falcey. Already serving are Mrs. Eddy Payne, Mrs. George Falcey, Mrs. Joseph Conroy and Mrs. Mary Lucy.

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