

# GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

ONE of the great heretics of Christianity identified material prosperity with Godliness. If you made money, it was a sure sign that God loved you. It flowed from this that the poor were wretched; they were receiving their just deserts. How far this is from genuine Christianity is evident not only from the words of our Lord—"Take up your cross daily and follow Me," but also from the words of St. Paul—"The grace that has been granted you in that of suffering for Christ's sake, not merely believing in Him." In other words, belief is not enough; there must be also incorporation with the Cross of Christ through sacrifice.

How often we send congratulations to friends when they are successful in business, but how few ever think of the pressing sympathy and love that a defeat or a trial. One of our missionary sisters in China told us that every day for months her Communist jailer would spit in her face as she was released, for a five minute walk in the prison yard. One day she turned and said, "Thank you," she was filled with joy because she was permitted to be like our Lord when the soldiers buffeted Him, struck His face and spat upon Him. As she passed the Communist jailer, she saw tears in his eyes as he said, "Now I know what it means to be a Catholic."

It is not those who have the greatest material blessings that are the best friends of the mission; it is those who consider it a joy not only to believe in our Faith, but also to make sacrifices for it. It is good to receive the creed; it is better to kiss the cross after reciting the creed. Will you be not just a believer, but also a martyr of the cross of Christ and send a sacrifice to us, which we will send to the Holy Father for those who are sacrificing their lives to being others to the Cross.

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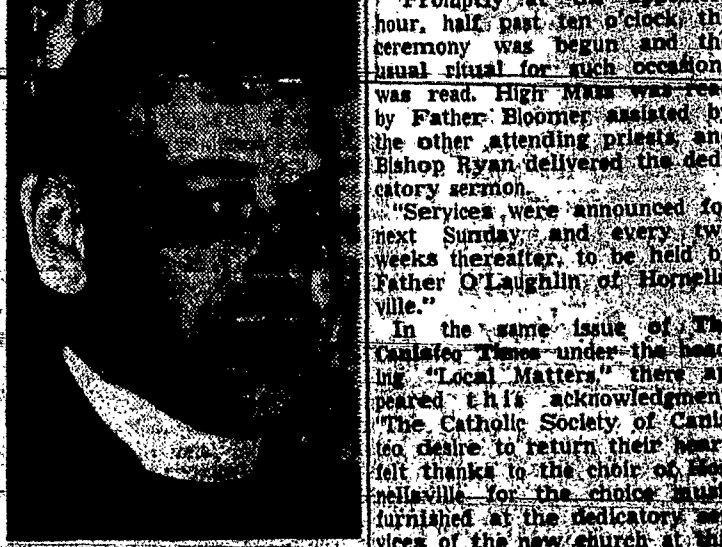
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# St. Joachim's Church To Celebrate Jubilee Mass Canisteo Parish Started 75 Years Ago

Formal observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of St. Joachim's Parish in Canisteo will be marked this Sunday (Oct. 2) with celebration of High Mass at 11:15 A.M. Father Joseph Haffey, pastor of St. Joachim's, will celebrate. His Mass and His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey will preside and preach.

On the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Catholic population of Canisteo, a Steuben County village lying in the beautiful Canisteo River valley, the parish has seen many infants baptized, many marriages and many persons laid in rest. Parish grandparents, even great-grandparents of the present parishioners have come to the same church to participate in the same Sacrifice of the Mass.

FOR MANY YEARS prior to the founding of St. Joachim's, the Catholics of Canisteo attended Mass wherever they could. St. Ann's Church, Hornell, was closest for many. In November,

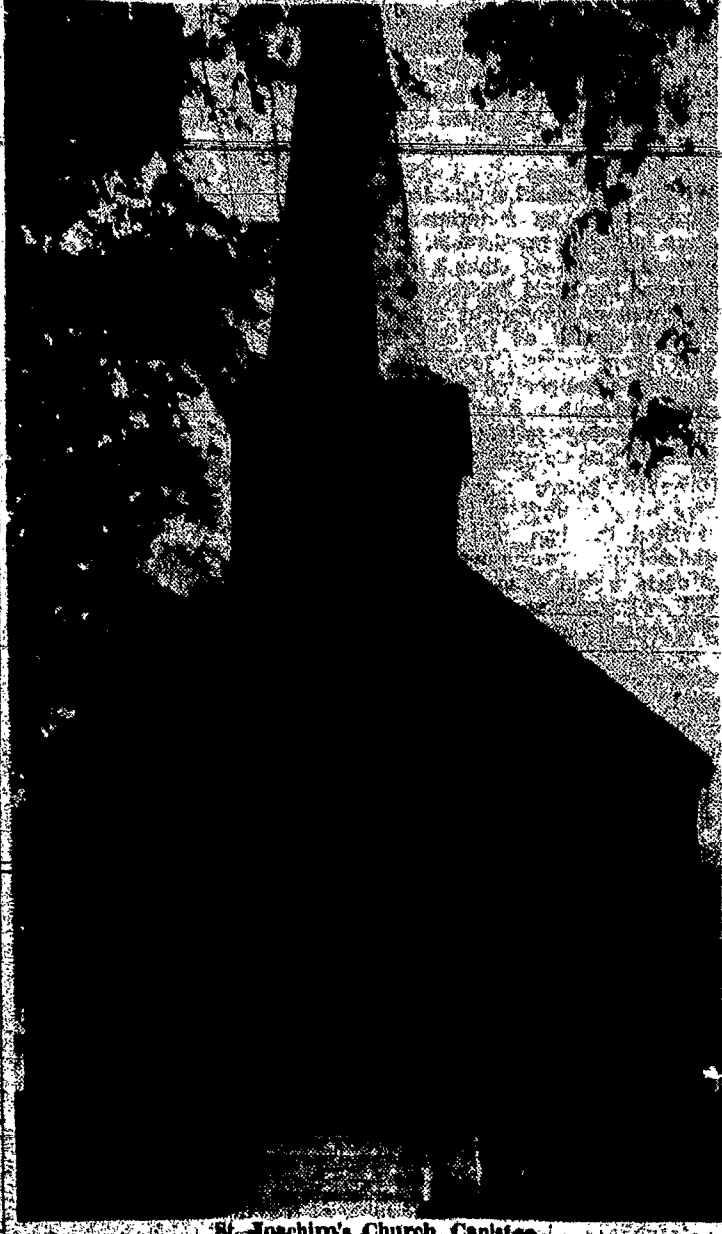


FATHER JAMES M. EARLY, Pastor

1878 the Rev. James M. Early was appointed pastor of St. Ann's Church. Father Early soon saw the need for a mission church to satisfy the spiritual needs of the growing Catholic population of Canisteo.

On March 20, 1880, the Certificate of Incorporation of St. Joachim's Roman Catholic Church Society of Canisteo was signed by the Right Reverend Bishop of Buffalo, by Monsignor William Gleason, Vicar General of the Diocese of Buffalo, by Rev. James M. Early, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell (then Hornellville), and by John Hubertus and John Mullin, the first trustees of St. Joachim's Church.

The new church in honor of St. Joachim, the father of our Blessed Mother, was completed the same year. A new item in



St. Joachim's Church, Canisteo.

the November 4, 1880 issue of the Canisteo Times relates: "The new Roman Catholic Church in this village will be dedicated on Sunday, November 21, 1880, by Rev. Bishop Stephen Ryan of Buffalo. The church is situated at Hornellville, will dedicate in this parish after the dedication."

Three weeks later, November 25th, The Canisteo Times carried the following account: "The dedication of the new Roman Catholic church in this village took place on Sunday, November 25th, at which Right Reverend Bishop Stephen Ryan of Buffalo, Bishop of this Diocese, was assisted by Rev. Fathers Bloomer of Elmira, and O'Laughlin, Early and Struss of Hornellville.

The arrangements had been completed for a large attendance upon this important and interesting ceremony and from Hornellville, the United States and other places but the severity of the weather prevented them from being here.

Promptly at the appointed hour, half past ten o'clock, the ceremony was begun and the usual ritual for such occasions was read. High Mass was celebrated by Father Bloomer, assisted by other attending priests, and Bishop Ryan delivered the dedicatory sermon.

Services were announced for next Sunday and every two weeks thereafter, to be held by Father O'Laughlin of Hornellville.

In the same issue of the Canisteo Times under the heading "Local Matters" there appeared this acknowledgment: "The Catholic Society of Canisteo desire to return their hearty thanks to the choir of Hornellville for the choice music furnished at the dedicatory services of the new church at this place on Sunday."

DURING THE FIRST fifty years of its existence, the needs of St. Joachim's parishioners were cared for by the pastor and the assistants of St. Ann's Church. Summer and winter, the priests traveled from Hornell to Canisteo by horse and buggy, by street car or by auto. Father Early who established St. Joachim's in 1880 died February 10, 1890. During his pastorate, Father Early was assisted by Rev. Dennis J. Daley, Rev. Joseph Fischer, Rev. William A. Morrison, Rev. James C. Kinney, Rev. J. B. Mide and Rev. Michael J. Keen.

FATHER JAMES O'LAUGHLIN, a former assistant, became pastor of St. Ann's on November 28th, 1890. Father Michael Keen, Father J. J. Fishery and Father John F. Gardner served as his assistants.

Upon Father O'Laughlin's death in May, 1903, Father Ar-

trator on August 9, 1901. On August 22nd of the same year, Father Mailey was named pastor of St. Mary's Church, Rexville and St. Joachim's Church, Canisteo. After nearly three years among the people of Canisteo, Father Mailey was transferred to the pastorate of St. Joseph's Church, Fenfield.

REV. JOSEPH P. HAFFEY became pastor on June 30, 1904. For many years he had served as assistant pastor of St. Aloysius Church in Auburn.

St. Joachim's Church today is the original red brick building erected in 1880. On February 15, 1918, the Stations of the Cross were formally erected by the Rev. James O'Brien. In 1933, the exterior of the church was redecorated. Pews were refinished and new cushions for the kneelers were installed. The walls were painted beige and the ceilings blue.

The sanctuary is the highlight of the renovation. The altar, surmounted by a canopy, is enhanced by indirect lighting. A hand-carved crucifix imported from Italy occupies a prominent position above the altar.

A new Wurlitzer electric organ was presented to St. Joachim's Church by the Altar and Rosary Society. On Sunday, October 25, 1953, Bishop James E. Kearney blessed the organ when he came to Canisteo to confirm forty-eight candidates. Bishop Kearney then congratulated the

people of the parish who took part in the beautiful church. He commended them on the erection of a beautiful shrine for the Sacrament.

In November, 1951, adjacent to the church was purchased for use as the first old rectory in Canisteo. It is a spacious West Main Street corner site. The structure was occupied on 21, 1952. Remodeling work completed by St. Joachim's Club and the A. A. R. and R. Society. In 1953, the exterior of the rectory was repainted. St. Joachim's Men's Club and Catholic friends.

Today, the parishioners of St. Joachim's Church are carrying on the spirit of sacrifice, the tradition of loyalty begun years ago by their ancestors. Through God's help and the prayers of its patron saint, the parish of St. Joachim will continue to be a beacon of faith in the Canisteo area.

Prison Chaplain  
JESSE MOSES, JR., (M.C.), Father Bernard E. Brignone, chaplain of the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, Ia, was elected president of the American Correctional Chaplains' Association at the 25th annual Congress of Correction held here.

From August 1, 1951 until November 15, 1952, the priest of St. Ignace parish succeeded the priests of St. Ann's in caring for the Catholics of Canisteo. The first assistant was welcomed to St. Ignace on Sunday, September 25, 1951. He was the Rev. John Keefe.

In 1933, the Rev. William M. Cannon, then assistant pastor of St. Ann's, was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, Rexville.

The Rev. Raymond M. Lynd succeeded Father Cannon in 1934 as pastor of St. Mary's and St. Joachim's. In 1939, Father Lynd was transferred to Good Shepherd Church, Henrietta.

Father Frederick C. Wise was pastor from 1939 until his death in 1943. His successor was the Rev. Bernard Cleary who died on August 8, 1951.

The Rev. John D. Malley, then assistant pastor of St. Ann's Church, was appointed adminis-

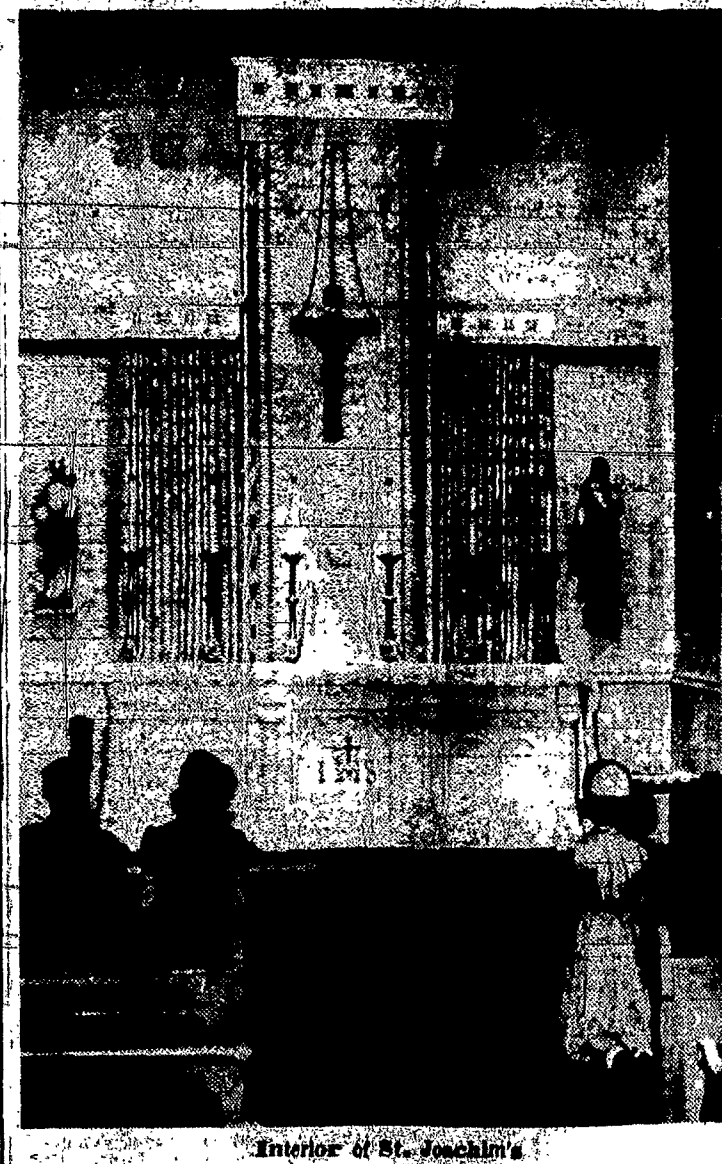
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