

Musical Programs To Mark Feast Of Christmas Set In Elmira Area

The Lord and Redeemer's Birthday will be fittingly observed in churches of the Elmira area with solemn midnight Masses, Christmas Eve and Masses on Christmas Day.

In preparation for the feast, choirs have been rehearsing special liturgical music appropriate to the Feast of Christmas. Carols will be sung prior to the Masses.

Programs in the various churches, submitted this week follow:

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, ELMIRA
 Rev. Mr. William J. Brian, V.P. pastor.
 A midnight solemn High Mass will be celebrated Christmas Eve in St. Patrick's Church with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brian, V.P., officiating.
 At 11 P.M. carols will be sung by the vested boys' choir over the church amplifier. The carols will include: "Noel," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Little Town of Bethlehem," "Christmas Wards," "Jesus Redemptor," and "The Birthday of a King."
 A procession of the priests will go down the center aisle preceded by young girls. One girl representing the Blessed Mother will carry the image of the Infant. Accompanying her will be children dressed as angels. They will go to the crib where the image will be taken by the priest and placed in the manger.
 The Mass at midnight will be broadcast over W.F.N.Y. and will be sung by the two choirs as follows:
 Introit — Dominus dixit — Gregorian.
 Boys' Choir — Kyrie and Gloria — Mass in honor of St. Benedict — Muller.
 Adult Choir — Graduale — Tezum Principium — Rossini.
 Boys' Choir — Credo III — 17th Century.
 Male Voices — Offertory — Lactentur Coeli — Rossini.
 Boys' Choir — Suppl. Offertory — Adeste Fideles — Novella.
 Adult Choir — Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei — Mass in honor of St. Benedict — Muller.

Offertory — Lactentur coeli — Recto tono.
 Supplimentary Offertory — Tollite Hostias — Saint-Saens.
 Sanctus, Benedictus — Missa — "Cunctipotens Genitor Deus" — Gregorian.
 Agnus Dei — Missa in honorem Reginae Mariae — Brangers.
 Communion — In splendoribus — Gregorian.
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 St. Mary's Boys' Choir Director — Sister Margaret Cecilia, Organist — Miss Loretta Ryan.
 Carols sung before Mass by St. Mary's High School Girls' Choir will include: "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Silent Night, Shepherd in the Field Abiding, When Christ Was Born, A Virgin Most Pure, The First Noel, When Blossoms Flew, O Child, and See Amid the Winter Snows."
HIGH MASS — 11 A.M.
 Introit — Puer natus est nobis — Gregorian.
 Kyrie — Missa "Salve Regina" — Andrews.
 Gloria — Missa "Salve Regina" — Andrews.
 Graduale — Viderunt omnes fines — Gregorian.
 Credo III — 17th Century.
 Offertory — Tul sunt coeli — Gregorian.
 Supplimentary Offertory — Jesu Redemptor.
 Sanctus — Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima — Sister M. Florentine.
 Agnus Dei — Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima — Sister M. Florentine.
 Communion — Viderunt omnes fines — Gregorian.
 The Boys' Choir will be directed by Sister Mary Cecilia and the Girls' Choir by Sister Mary Angela. The Organist is Mrs. Frances F. Lynch.
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ELMIRA
 Rev. Thomas J. Koels, Pastor.
MIDNIGHT MASS
 Introit — Dominus dixit — Gregorian.
 Kyrie — Missa in honorem Reginae Mariae Brangers.
 Gloria — Missa "Cum Jubilo" — Gregorian.
 Graduale — Tezum principium — Recto tono.
 Credo IV.
 Offertory — Lactentur coeli — Recto tono.
 Supplimentary Offertory — Tollite Hostias — Saint-Saens.
 Sanctus, Benedictus — Missa — "Cunctipotens Genitor Deus" — Gregorian.
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ST. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, ELMIRA
 Rev. Herbert A. Eddy, Pastor.
MIDNIGHT MASS
 Carols will precede the Mass for one half hour.
 Introit — "Dominus dixit" — Gregorian.
 Kyrie — "Missa in honore of St. Ann" — Phillip G. Kreckel.
 Gloria — "Missa IX" — Gregorian.
 Graduale — "Tezum principium" — Recto tono.
 Credo III — Gregorian.
 Offertory — "Lactentur coeli" — Recto tono.
 Supplimentary Offertory — "Adeste Fideles" — (Traditional).
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Midnight Masses To Open Nativity Observance

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GIFTS FROM SANTA CLAUS are welcomed by Carolyn Appleby (left) and William Updyke at party for children patients in St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira given by the Infant of Prague committee of Elmira Ladies of Charity.

Children Entertained In St. Joseph's Hospital

Annual Christmas party for the children patients at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira was held last Sunday afternoon by the Infant of Prague committee of the Ladies of Charity.

A beautiful crib was displayed and a multi-colored tree was fully decorated for the children. Santa Claus made his usual visit and presented gifts to each child. The all girl choir of St. Peter and Paul's Church entertained with carols. They were directed by Miss Florence Hughes. Co-chairmen were Mrs. Anthony Bellini and Miss Lauretta Bixby, assisted by Mesdames James Colletta, Arlene Caparulo, Josephine Spocello, Lucy Gramer, Paul Getzler, Jay Allen, Willis Larabee and the Misses Adelaide Cicotti, Ann Foody, Mary Ginaro, Betty Sykora and Ann Kondrak.

Commemoration of the Nativity of the World's Redeemer in the Diocese of Rochester will be opened with solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney at midnight in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Christmas Eve. In most of the churches the Midnight Masses will be preceded by programs of carol singing and organ music and visits to the Crib. Church choirs after rehearsing for weeks will be heard in the special liturgical music at the Masses.

At the Cathedral, the Men's Choir directed by Raymond J. Hasenauer will be heard in the hymns and Louis J. Huybrechts, Cathedral organist in numbers prior to the Mass. The choir and organist also will be heard in a program during the Mass. St. Monica Church choir has also submitted a program for Christmas Eve.

ASSISTING BISHOP Kearney in the solemn Christmas Mass at the Cathedral will be Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred Craugh; Deacons of Honor, the Rev. Richard T. Miller, S.J., and a Basilian Father; Deacon, the Rev. J. Emmet Murphy; Subdeacon, the Rev. Michael C. Hogan; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Edwin R. Wedow. Students of St. Andrew Seminary will fill the minor offices.

Arrangements for the ceremonies were made under the direction of His Excellency, Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Cathedral rector. Commentary on WEAM will be handled by the Rev. Elmer McDonald, assistant at the Cathedral.

Television and radio stations will carry broadcasts of Christmas Midnight Mass. (Page 3).

Solemn Mass at Old St. Mary Church, Rochester will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, pastor and Vicar General of the diocese. WEBC will carry the program.

At St. Boniface, the solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. F. Goggin, P.A. assisted by the Rev. Edward Burns, C.S.B., deacon and the Rev. Leon Hart, C.S.B., subdeacon. Prof. Philip Kreckel will direct the choir. WEBC will broadcast this Mass.

In Auburn, the Mass at St. Mary Church will be celebrated by the Rev. David M. Murphy assisted by the Rev. Mr. Richard E. Murphy, deacon and the Rev. Mr. Michael J. Murphy, WMBO will carry the program.

Scheduled for Friday morning, Dec. 24 at 8 a.m. is celebration of Christmas Mass by Bishop of the Redeemerist Fathers.

Christmas Masses

The following schedule of Masses is for Christmas Day Sunday, December 25 in the Elmira area:

St. Patrick's — Midnight, 6:10, 8:45, 10:11 and 12:15 noon.
 St. Mary's — Midnight, 6:7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
 St. Anthony's — Midnight, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11.
 St. Peter and Paul's — Midnight, 7:30, 8:30, 10 and 11.
 Our Lady of Lourdes — Midnight, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12:15 noon.
 St. John the Baptist — Midnight, 7, 8:30 and 10:30.
 St. Cecilia's — Midnight, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
 St. Casimir's — Midnight, 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 9:45 and 11.
 St. Charles Borromeo — Midnight, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
 St. Mary's — Horchbach — Midnight, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Hornell KC Plans Party

Hornell — Hornell Council, Knights of Columbus will hold a New Year's Eve party Saturday, Dec. 31.

The annual party for children of the members was held Dec. 18 at the home. Approximately 150 children and adults were present. There were gifts, ice cream, cookies and candy for the children. Mrs. Raymond Callahan played the piano for singing.

The committee included Robert W. Kulrak, chairman, Richard E. Matthews, Donald Clark, John Morrissey, Jack Mahoney, William Jarrabot and Robert Coey.

New Proctor — (N.C.) — Father John McCormick, C.S.S.R., a native of Detroit, has been appointed vicar of the St. Louis province of the Redeemerist Fathers.

Services Listed At Mt. Saviour

Christmas services at Mount Saviour Monastery, Elmira were announced as follows:
 Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. First Vespers and blessing of the Crib.
 10 p.m. Vigil.
 12 midnight — Midnight Mass followed by Lauds.
 6 a.m. High Mass at Dawn.
 10:15 a.m. High Mass.
 4 p.m. Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
 The public is invited.

Hospital Units Elect Officers

Corning — Local Catholic women were elected presidents of two hospital chapters at annual elections held during the past week.

Mrs. Joseph Tunney was elected president of Hospital Chapter L at the home of Mrs. Lester Langhans of Hickling Heights.

Others elected were: Mrs. Robert Carroll, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Marvin Cummings, recording secretary and Mrs. Robert Beasley, treasurer.

Serving on the tea committee were: Mrs. Wayne Temple, Mrs. Tunney, Mrs. Edward Phillips, Mrs. Frederick Fleischman, and Mrs. Daniel Lammon.

John Murray Home From Notre Dame U.

John F. Murray of 656 Elizabeth Street, Elmira, a first year student in the University of Notre Dame Law School, will begin a two week Christmas vacation upon closing of The Law School for the holiday season on December 17, 1955. He will resume his studies at The Law School on January 4, 1956.

Murray is in the combination group at Notre Dame and began his legal studies at Notre Dame Law School this September. He will receive degrees in accounting and law in June, 1957.

Retired Corning Fireman Feted At Annual Dinner

Corning — Arthur C. Fermer, who retired from the Corning Fire Dept. Oct. 16 after 26 years of service, was the honored guest at the annual dinner of the department in the City Hall last Thursday evening. Several other Catholics affiliated with the Fire Dept. were also honored during the evening.

Also honored were George W. Deurlein and Ernest A. Haynes, retired firemen; Mayor Joseph L. Andrew, whose term expires Dec. 31; Mayor-elect Daniel Slinn; Fire Commissioner Richard A. O'Brien, who ends his official duties this year, and his successor, Commissioner Dewey Van Wie.

The Rev. William Canan, pastor of St. Patrick Church, who gave the invocation and benediction, paid tribute to the memory of Capt. Erwin N. Schumehl and fireman Fred W. Brown, both of whom died during the year.

Mayor-elect Stenson commended Fermer.

"This city," he said, "is losing one of its finest and most capable firemen, a gentleman who for many years has worked faithfully and well."

Chief Deolittle also lauded Fermer, saying, "I hate to see him go." He asserted that the men make the department and that they often go beyond the call of duty, working without pay when any of their associates are ill or unable to serve for any other reason.

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