

# Elmira Nocturnal Adoration Society Solemnly Receives 137 New Members

## Ascension Day Masses Set In Elmira

Schedule of Masses in the Elmira area for the feast of the Ascension, Thursday, May 10, a holy day of obligation, is:

St. Mary's—5:30, 7, 8, 9 a.m., 12:15 noon and 5:30 p.m.  
 St. Patrick's—5:30, 6:15, 7, 8, 9, 12:15 noon and 5:30 p.m.  
 Our Lady of Lourdes—6, 7, 8 a.m., 12:15 noon and 5:30 p.m.  
 St. Anthony's—6, 7, 8, 9 a.m., 12:15 noon and 7:30 p.m.  
 St. Cecilia's—5:30, 7:15 and 8:15 a.m.  
 St. Casimir's—5:30, 7, 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
 St. Peter and Paul's—6, 7, 8:30 a.m. and 12:15 noon.  
 St. John the Baptist—7, 8 a.m. and 5:05 p.m.  
 St. Charles Borromeo—6, 7, 8 a.m., 12:15 noon and 7:30 p.m.  
 St. Mary's—Horseheads—6, 7, 8 a.m. and 12:15 noon.

A total of 137 men from the 10 parishes of the Elmira area were solemnly received into the Nocturnal Adoration Society at St. Peter and Paul Church, the Elmira headquarters of the Society last Sunday.

In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed upon the altar, the members made the following "Act of Consecration":

"I... consecrate and devote myself... to the service of adoring Jesus Christ... present in the Most Blessed Sacrament for the love of men. I associate myself to the life of adoration of the Society of the Most Blessed Sacrament, promising to make in union with it and its associated members my monthly hour of vigil."

After the Solemn Reception, 174 members, wives and friends, gathered with the priests of the area at the Mark Twain Hotel for the annual Holy Communion supper. At that time, a Crucifixion was presented by the Secretary, James D. Barrett, to Major Claude E. Graves "for his faithful service to the society since its early beginnings in Elmira."

**GUEST SPEAKER** for the evening was the national director from New York City, Rev. Hector C. Lemieux, S.S.S., who was introduced by the moderator, Rev. Hubert A. Bisby.

"The Nocturnal Adoration Society," said Father Lemieux, "is a society for Catholic men who love Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Membership is open to men, young and old, but men of character, of will power, men who have enough courage to sacrifice a couple of hours of sleep once a month in order to go to church and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament."

This month, the society will begin the all-night vigil, starting Saturday, May 26 at 10 p.m. and continuing until 7 a.m. Sunday. The total membership will be divided into parish groups, and each parish will be responsible for its own hour. Month by month, these hours will rotate. The parish captain will be responsible for the attendance at his hour of adoration. It is hoped that each parish will have at least a minimum of 12 men at its hour.

Membership is always open in the society. Any man who is interested may contact the priests of his own parish, or call Barrett, 3-1537, or the society's headquarters at St. Peter and Paul's, 2-2132 and literature will be sent to him.

Candidates may attend the holy hours at any time. They will be received privately at the next reception, Saturday, June 23, 9:45 p.m. just before the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the all night vigil in June.

Emilio Paganelli, president, and the other officers, extend their appreciation to the pastors and priests for their cooperation in this Eucharistic program.



**SPECIAL GIFTS COMMITTEE** for the \$75,000 campaign drive of Elmira's St. Cecilia Parish discuss plans at meeting. Campaign leaders shown here (from left) are: Donald R. Precht, co-chairman; Monsignor William J. Egan, Dean of Chemung-Schuyler Deanery; Rev. Thomas Manley, pastor of St. Cecilia; Benjamin L. Flynn, general chairman and Peter A. Chalk, co-chairman. (Borst Photo.)

## Ladies Of Charity List Bp. Kearney At 16th Affiliation

Committee members for the 16th annual affiliation and breakfast of Elmira Ladies of Charity to be held Sunday May 6 in Elmira were announced today by Mrs. Walter C. Ervin and Mrs. Joseph R. Spiegel, co-chairman.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate Mass in the Little Flower Chapel of the Dunn Memorial at 9 a.m. and will officiate at the affiliation ceremony immediately after the Mass.

The Communion breakfast will be held at the Mark Twain Hotel with Bishop Kearney as guest speaker.

**ALL LADIES** of Charity and their friends are invited. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the ticket committee. Members of the committee are:

**TICKET COMMITTEE:** Mrs. James Walsh and Mrs. Frank W. Butulis, co-chairmen, assisted by Miss Mary Alice McCauley, Miss Rosemary Tierney, Mrs. Charles Stevens, Mrs. Leo McMahon, Mrs. Bennett Eisenhart, Miss Nan Qualey, Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Lauretta Blyby and Mrs. Theresa Lynch.

**CORSAGES, DECORATIONS:** Mrs. Howard A. Campbell and Mrs. Stanley J. Rodzal, assisted by Mrs. Paul Getola, Mrs. Earl Allen, Mrs. Josephine Eposito, Mrs. Lucy Gennett, Mrs. Mollie Atterbury.

**CHURCH USHERS:** Miss Helen Rohel and Miss Genevieve, co-chairmen, assisted by Miss Mary Ellick, Miss Rosemary Tierney, Miss Agnes Hourihan and Miss Theresa Hourihan.

**HOTEL USHERS:** Mrs. Clara Rensel, chairman, assisted by Miss Catherine Hughes, Mrs. Louise Aiello and Miss Margaret C. Kennedy; music: Mrs. Joseph P. O'Neill.

**PUBLICITY:** Miss Margaret C. Kennedy; membership: Mrs. Francis D. Preston.

## Hornell HN Men Attend Retreat At Notre Dame

Hornell—Nineteen members of St. Ann and St. Ignatius Loyola Holy Name Societies participated in a laymen's retreat last weekend in Rochester.

The spiritual exercise was held at Notre Dame Retreat House, beginning Friday evening and closing Sunday afternoon. Conferences, meditations, and discourses were included in the devotional program.

Conferences were given by three priests of the Redemptorist order—the Reverend Fathers Francis Kenny, William Jamison and Thomas Sanderson. The theme of the retreat was the Parables of Christ—and their practical application.

**THE REV. LEO MEANS**, moderator of St. Ann's Holy Name Society and the Rev. Norbert Nolan, of St. Ignatius Loyola Church headed the retreat movement in an advisory capacity.

William Jankowski of St. Ann's parish was retreat captain. Attending the retreat from both parishes were: John Murphy, Joseph Bulock, Charles Weber, Daniel Dean, Charles O'Brien, Charles Lloyd, William Quackenbush, John Bruno, William Hurley, William Hurley Jr., William Jankowski, John Johnson, Daniel Shea, Thurston Gibson, Martin Dean, Thomas Weyand, James O'Brien, James Hogan and John Hederman.

## First Saturday Breakfast Set

Ithaca—Rev. Charles G. Langworthy, chaplain to Catholic students at Cornell University, will be the speaker at the First Saturday Breakfast to be held at the Clinton House on Saturday, May 5 following 7:30 a.m. Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

This breakfast is the conclusion of the present series of five being sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society in Ithaca. All women of the parish are invited. Reservations may be made today (Friday) by calling Mrs. Julian Kieran 4-9679 or Mrs. William Klernan 4-1197.

## District Leader Heard By 4th Degree Assembly

"New Members Night" was observed by Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, Thursday, April 26, in Columbus Civic Center. Speaker was Basil J. Vallancourt of Elmira, Master of the Fifth New York District.

## Guatemalan Envoy Appointed

Vatican City (NC)—The appointment of Domingo Colcoles as Guatemala's ambassador to the Holy See has been approved by the Vatican. He is the first permanent envoy to represent Guatemala here.

## Organization Booklets Presented in Ithaca

Ithaca—Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca were presented organization booklets on Sunday, April 29. This project, sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and prepared by Miss Angelina Torchia, chairman of the Library and Literature Committee, culminates a many weeks of gathering, assembling and editing the material furnished by the organizations represented in the booklet.

The table of contents lists the names of the organizations and the page on which pertinent information about each one may be found.

**A FOREWORD**, written by Rev. Otto J. Vogt, moderator of the Ithaca Council and instigator of the project explains the purpose of the booklet—namely to show the place of each organization in Catholic life and how each serves to make better Catholics and bring them closer to the heart of Christ. Secondly—to place in the hands of each parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church a program of events that each organization has to offer.

Societies for groups of men and women include the following: Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Sacred Heart Catechetical Guild, League of Sacred Heart, Third Order Fraternity, Blessed Martin Guild, Parent Teacher Association, PTA Reading Club and Ithaca Catholic Activities.

Women's Societies include Rosary Altar Society, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Daughters of America, Child Study Club of the PTA.

Societies for men are Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Nocturnal Adoration Society.

**ON THE COLLEGE level**—there is the Ithaca College Newman Club. For the young Catholic adult women there is the Young Ladies Committee of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. For the younger group of high school age there is Catholic Youth Organization and Sodality of Our Lady. For boys in Immaculate Conception School, there is a group for Altar Boys.

## Orators Vie For Bishop's Speech Awards

Winners in the Bishop's Public Speaking Contest held April 25 at De Sales High School, Geneva were: Patricia Hurley of De Sales High School who spoke on "Juvenile Delinquency" and Denis Walsh of St. John's Atoneum Seminary whose topic was "Are Teachers Betraying America's Trust?"

The contest was sponsored by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools was chairman and presiding was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward K. Bahl, V.P. who awarded the Bishop's medals.

## Participating Schools

The following students with their sanctuary furnishings such as vestments, processional canopy and altar linens; renovation of the sacristies; new lighting facilities; renovation of the vestibule including 10 new stained glass windows and three new doors. Plans also call for the replacement of copper gutters and leaders, reinforcing of the trusses, and tightening joints and beams.

**School**—To improve facilities for both students and teachers in the school a complete renovation of present rooms is planned. This will include repainting, improving lighting, completion of present heating units and new interior furnishings, such as desks and blackboards.

Halls will be repainted and cloakrooms and cabinets will be added. A new staircase will be installed and the rear stairs will be renovated. New lavatories and a faculty lounge are planned.

**Convent**—Complete renovation of the convent is planned. This will include repairing and furnishing of five bedrooms, a new laundry room, one new bathroom, new furniture and modernizing the kitchen.

**Rectory**—Office, studies, bath and bedrooms will be repaired and renovated and the kitchen will be modernized.

## Bishop Casey To Open \$75,000 Parish Drive

His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence R. Casey will be the keynote speaker tomorrow evening (Saturday) at a dinner-meeting launching the \$75,000 fund campaign for the renovation of buildings in Elmira's St. Cecilia Parish.

The dinner-meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m., will be held in St. Cecilia Parish Hall.

The committee on general solicitation of all parishioners will call on every home in the parish on Sunday afternoon between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Plans for the parish renovations, according to the Rev. Thomas Manley, pastor, include:

**Church**—complete redecoration of the interior—cleaning and painting of the walls, ceiling and stations of the cross; new sanctuary furnishings such as vestments, processional canopy and altar linens; renovation of the sacristies; new lighting facilities; renovation of the vestibule including 10 new stained glass windows and three new doors. Plans also call for the replacement of copper gutters and leaders, reinforcing of the trusses, and tightening joints and beams.

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## First Saturday Devotions Set

First Saturday devotions in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be held in St. Patrick Church, Elmira from noon until 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 5.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament by the Reparation Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held simultaneously with the prayers and meditations which are recited by a different group for each hour.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will conclude the services.

## Telephone Workers Slate Breakfast

Members of "Our Lady of the Bell" of the New York Telephone Co. will hold their annual Communion breakfast on Sunday morning at 9 a. m. in the Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira.

The group will attend the 7:30 a. m. Mass and receive Holy Communion in St. Casimir Church, Elmira.

Joseph F. Hogan, chaplain at Notre Dame High School will be the breakfast speaker.

## Ithaca Rosary Unit Holds Parish Fete

Ithaca—About 100 persons attended the covered-dish supper of the Rosary-Altar Society of the Church of the Immaculate Conception last week.

Miss Mary Cline, chairman, was assisted by Miss Catherine Sigler, Miss Helena Murphy, Mrs. Gus Ginnetti, Mrs. Jean Cone, Mrs. Joseph Benedict, Mrs. William Klerman and Mrs. John Furey.

Guests present included Very Rev. Msgr. John McCafferty of Rochester who was in Ithaca to give a Pre-Cana talk; Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Elyne, pastor in Ithaca; Rev. William Thomas and Rev. Otto J. Vogt, moderator of the Rosary Society.

A number of Cornell foreign students were also guests. Two of them provided entertainment following the supper. Mrs. Nora Dasa of the Philippines, a student in the School of Nutrition performed two of her native dances and Gabriel Pellathy, of Hungary played piano selections.

Reception for new members into the Rosary Society will be held in May.

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