

# Living Rosary To Feature Elmira World Sodality Day

Members of the Sodality of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, New York, are planning World Sodality Day for Sunday, May 13, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The program will consist in the Living Rosary made up of the boys and girls from the upper grades of the Parish School. Following the Rosary, the high school Sodality will make public and solemnly their act of Consecration to Our Lady.

John McElligott, Prefect of the members of the eighth grade to the Annual Sodality Banquet which will be served after the beautiful ceremony in the church.

The members of the Banquet Committee are: John McElligott, Prefect; Robert Ganer, Treasurer; Robert Bailey Edward Kasout, Thomas Holleran, Ticket Chairman.

**THE SHRINE** of Our Lady, which will be built in the Church, is under the direction of the Vice Prefect, Lawrence Sheahan, and his assistants, James McCann and William McMan.

World Sodality Day will close with an entertainment in the Parish Hall under the direction of the following: Charlotte Elston, Mary Guirey, Margaret Knapp, Margaret Morgan, and Arlene Osman.

The floral tribute to Our Lady for Mother's Day will be obtained and presented in the name of the Sodality by George Yakritz. The Sodality has invited the mem-



RENOVATIONS NEEDED at St. Cecilia School, Elmira are pointed out by the Rev. Thomas J. Manley, pastor at a dinner Saturday evening in his Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey who came to Elmira to spur the campaign and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., dean of the Chemung-Schuyler deanery.

# First Saturday Unit Women Hear Msgr. Gannon

**Hornell**—The Blessed Virgin Mary may be enshrined by active devotion, within every heart, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence W. Gannon, V.F., told a First Saturday luncheon group.

Monsignor Gannon spoke at the final luncheon meeting of the current series in the Moose Home. Luncheons have been sponsored by the Steuben Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, on the first Saturday of each month in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

**THE DESIRE** to visit a shrine of the Blessed Mother, such as Lourdes, is common to all Catholics, Msgr. Gannon said. He described his own "unforgettable experience" of visiting the famed French shrine: "As you walk through the wrought-iron gates at the entrance to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, it seems as if a sound-proof curtain descends. The grounds look like a lovely park, yet there is an atmosphere of serenity and holiness comparable to that of a great cathedral.

"High on a rock is the statue of the Blessed Virgin at the very spot where she appeared miraculously to humble little Bernadette. As you kneel in prayer, you are aware of a deep and exultant happiness because you know your Blessed Mother is interceding with her Divine Son for whatever is best for you."

"Yet, Our Lady's power is not limited within the confines of a shrine," Msgr. Gannon continued. "The heart and hands of Mary opened to all mankind when her Divine Son gave her to us on Calvary with the words: 'Mother, behold thy Son.'"

**WE CAN HAVE** a shrine of Mary in our hearts if we follow the example of St. John who took her into his own when he heard the dying Christ say: 'Son, behold thy Mother.'

"Take Mary into your homes and your lives by imitation of her virtues and you will have a shrine truly blessed by your Mother—the Mother of Jesus Christ," Msgr. Gannon concluded.

The Rev. Richard A. Hart, spiritual director of the Steuben Deanery, introduced the speaker. He announced that a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, would be celebrated in St. Ann's Friday at 8 a.m.

Mrs. Frank Hornell, deanery president, thanked officers and committee chairmen for their efforts in making the First Saturday luncheons successful.



TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES organized under the title "Our Lady of the Bell" at a Communion breakfast, Sunday in Mark Twain Hotel had these leaders: (from left) Mrs. Agnes McCarthy, chairman; Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, Miss Florence L. Jenny, Miss Betty Fischer and Mrs. Albert Lagonegro.

# Parish Tops Drive Goal By \$15,000

A total of pledges amounting to \$90,379 and another report meeting scheduled for Thursday of this week assured campaigners for St. Cecilia School of going over the top, it was reported Wednesday.

Goal of the campaign was \$75,000. The campaign was headed by Benjamin L. Flynn, general chairman, with Donald R. Precht and Peter A. Chalk, cochairmen.

Encouragement in the drive was given by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey who spoke at a dinner in the Parish Hall Saturday night.

The Rev. Thomas J. Manley, pastor was enthusiastic about results. "I am delighted at the results," Father Manley said. "It is a marvelous tribute to the small number of parishioners. Our program can now be completed and we will go forward as planned thanks to the generosity and sacrifices of the good people of St. Cecilia's."

Improvements planned include the church, school, convent and rectory.

# Phone Operators Urged To Imitate Blessed Virgin

Sixth annual Communion breakfast of "Our Lady of the Bell" group was held Sunday morning at the Mark Twain Hotel following reception of Holy Communion at St. Casimir's Church.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney, who was scheduled to speak at the Ladies of Charity breakfast in the hotel paid a brief visit to this group.

Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, chaplain at Notre Dame High School addressed the members and showed slides of a trip to Europe.

**FATHER HOGAN** urged those present to develop Mary-like qualities in their work as telephone operators and to cultivate the patience, understanding and kindness even under great difficulties.

The local organization was founded in 1950 under the leadership of Miss Florence L. Jenny. At that time Rev. Frederick Gehring, C.M., who was responsible for the Bell design of the insignia, was present here in Elmira to institute this first "Our Lady of the Bell" group in the area.

# Chaplain, College Dean Heard By Hornell CDA Unit

**Hornell**—The Rev. Joseph M. McDonnell, chaplain was heard in the sermon at the corporate Communion of Hornell Catholic Daughters in St. Ignatius Loyola Church, May 6.

About 110 women received Holy Communion at the 8:30 a.m. Mass and went to the American Legion Home for breakfast following.

Father McDonnell told the women of their obligation as mothers to educate their children in response to the children's questions on sex. That the child's education be proper and his or her questions answered was the duty of parents, he said.

Grand Regent, Mrs. Mary A. Crandall introduced the speaker at the breakfast, Dean John F. McMahon of the State College of Ceramics at Alfred.

**DEAN McMAHON** is the newly installed president elect of the American Ceramic Society and will assume his duties next year to head 2000 members from all parts of the world.

He holds membership in the Canadian and British Ceramic Society and is a member of Keramas, the National Honorary Ceramic Fraternity.

Dean McMahon described the differences between China and porcelain, the temperatures needed and the methods in firing such pieces.

Comparing the British-made Bone China to American-made he said that American China was of an equal quality if not superior. It was the work of ceramists to educate the public, he said.

Chairmen of the affair were Mrs. Earl Logan and Mrs. Raymond Smith. They were assisted by a large committee.

# Human Nature

A man may be his own worst enemy and still try to shift the blame to others.

# St. Joseph Hospital Explains Accreditation

(What accreditation means in a hospital is explained in the following release from St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira)

Every community is interested in its hospital and the quality of care it offers. People want to know how well their hospital measures up to standards. What are these standards? Who establishes them? Who checks that standards are maintained?

All this is done by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. The Commission surveys hospitals in the United States and Canada to see if they are properly administered and if a sufficiently high grade of clinical medicine is practiced in them.

**THE PRIMARY** responsibility of a hospital is to provide good medical and nursing care. One simple way exists for knowing whether the service it offers is adequate. If it is approved by the Commission, a hospital has voluntarily submitted to a survey of its facilities and an appraisal of the quality of care it offers.

The program of accreditation was begun in 1918 by the American College of Surgeons. It was transferred by the ACS in 1952 to the newly formed Joint Commission, members of which are the American College of Physicians, American Hospital Association, American Medical Association, and the Canadian Medical Association.

Each year it costs a half million dollars to keep commission surveyors in the field, constantly checking and rechecking hospitals.

This means that when anyone enters St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira which is accredited, he or she is assured of modern, up-to-date care. St. Joseph Hospital is one of about 3,500 institutions which have passed the requirements necessary for accreditation.

Here is what the commission tries to assure a patient in an accredited hospital.

The building is clean and properly maintained. Every precaution has been taken against fire hazards. There are adequate diagnostic facilities, well supervised, including a clinical laboratory and an X-ray department.

**THE MEDICAL STAFF** is organized to ensure that the professional work is constantly reviewed. If previously a patient here, medical records are complete and are available to the physician. And they must be kept up to date.

If to undergo surgery, a patient will receive excellent care before, during and after the operation. Fire and explosion hazards have been eliminated in the operating room. Instruments and dressings are sterile. If the physician has any question about findings, he will discuss the case with another physician. A competent patient administrator anesthetist. After the operation tissue removed in surgery is sent to the pathologist for examination, and the surgeon's diagnosis is confirmed.

# Catholic Schools

Berlin — (NC) — Msgr. Paul Weber, superintendent of Catholic schools in Berlin, has noted that only seven of the 55 parochial schools closed here by the nazis have been reopened.

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# New Mission Chapel To Receive Memorial

By HELEN A. BROSNAN  
Owego—A memorial will be presented to the new St. Margaret Mary Chapel, at Apalachin, by parishioners of St. Patrick Church.

St. Patrick's, under the direction of the Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor, has sponsored the establishment of the new chapel for the residents of Apalachin.

A special collection will be taken up in the local church on Sunday, May 13, to help defray the expense of the memorial, the nature of which has not yet been determined. The chapel will be formally dedicated by His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney on Sunday, May 27.

**First Communion**  
Owego—Forty-four children of St. Patrick Parish received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 5, at the 8 a.m. Mass.

The Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor, offered the Mass and distributed Holy Communion to the members of the class. The Rev. Francis Brennan, Newburgh, attended the Mass and gave his niece, Christine Montgomery, her First Communion.

Following the Mass, the Catholic Daughters of America served breakfast to the members of the class, the pupils of the school, who served as flower girls, together with the mothers.

Father O'Brien and the Rev.

**Communion Breakfast**  
Owego—Miss Barbara Hennessey, Blenheim, will be the guest speaker at the annual Communion breakfast of the Catholic Daughters of America on May 20.

The breakfast will be served at the Deep Well Restaurant, following the 8:30 Mass. Miss Hennessey is New York State chairman of the educational committee of the Catholic Daughters of America.

Mrs. Lucille Shelton is general chairman of the committee completing the arrangements for the breakfast.

# Wedding Held In Addison

Addison—St. Catherine Church was the scene last Saturday morning for the wedding of Miss Charlotte Ann Bracke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Bracke of North East, Pa., and James Michael Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Griffin of Catherine Creek Road, Rathbone, Md.

The marriage vows were received by the pastor, the Rev. Francis E. Turner, who also performed the double ring ceremony and celebrated the Nuptial High Mass.

The bride chose her future sister-in-law, Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffin of Webster as her maid of honor and Mrs. Fred Harding of Addison as her bridesmaid. William McCarthy Jr. of Addison was best man, and seating the guests at the church were William Bracke of North East, Pa., Robert Hanchan of Rathbone and Leo Troy Jr. of Addison.

# Couple Wed In Corning

Corning—Miss Rita Regina Maio, daughter of Mrs. Anna Maio of Corning and the late Eugene Robert Colter, son of Eugene Robert Colter, son of Post and the late Nell Colter, at 10 a.m. last Saturday in St. Mary Church, Corning.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas Brennan, pastor, who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass.

As her attendants, the bride chose Mrs. Veronica Barlow, her sister, matron of honor. The three bridesmaids were Mrs. Robert Clark, another sister; Miss Rita Colter, sister of the groom; and Miss Clara Frataraglio.

Raymond Colter was best man for his brother. Seating guests at the church were Edward Spaulding, Charles Lagerborn and Elmer Borden.

# Mrs. Arthur Roberts Heads Watkins CDA

Watkins Glen—Mrs. Arthur Roberts was elected grand regent of Court Lourdes, Catholic Daughters of America. Others named to offices were Mrs. Ted Sharack, vice regent; Mrs. Harold J. Schultz, prophetess; Miss Margaret Sullivan, Monitor; Miss Norank Ashley, lecturer; Mrs. Frank Cole, historian; Mrs. John Carpenter, treasurer; Miss Emma Eaton, financial secretary; Mrs. Harvey Holmes, sentinel; Mrs. Grace Weger, organist; Rev. Benedict Emmann, Chaplain; Miss Alice Quirk and Mrs. Walter Overhiser, trustees for three years.

Mrs. Schult and Miss Mary Frank will be delegates to the State Convention in Elmira.

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