

St. Patrick's, Victor, Marks 100 Years

Parish Anniversary Recalls Pioneer Jesuit Missioners

Centenary celebrations this Sunday at St. Patrick parish, Victor, will recall the advent of Christianity to the area three hundred years ago when Jesuit missionaries founded a mission only a mile from the present parish church.

Today a monument on Boughton Hill marks the place where St. James Mission was established in 1657 by the Rev. Joseph Chaumonot, S.J., to care for the Seneca Indians of the locality. It was 200 years later that the first Catholic Church was erected in Victor and named after the Irish patron, St. Patrick. Another 70 years passed before the

received a resident pastor in 1858 and Victor was coupled with it as a mission.

FATHER PATRICK Lee was the first priest to be in charge of the two parishes.

Father William Hughes was appointed pastor of East Bloomfield and Victor in 1861, seven years before the Diocese of Rochester was established with Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid as its first bishop. Formerly this area was part of the Buffalo Diocese under Bishop John Timon.

A house adjacent to the church was bought for use as a rectory in 1881. The following year the Rev. Angelo Lugero became the first resident pastor of St. Patrick's, where he remained until 1886 when he was replaced by the Rev. John J. Donnelly.

Due to failing health Father Donnelly retired in 1917 and the Rev. John W. E. Kelly was appointed his successor. Under Father Kelly the present church and rectory were built. Ground breaking took place on July 27, 1924 and dedication by the late Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey on Dec. 6, 1925. Cost of the buildings amounted to approximately \$95,000.

After an 18 year pastorate, Father Kelly was forced by ill health to retire in 1935 and Father Esser was appointed in his place.

THE REV. E. JOSEPH ESSER, present pastor, was appointed to St. Patrick's in 1935. Ordained in 1914 by Archbishop Hickey, Father Esser was assistant pastor at St. James the Apostle Church, Trumansburg for over 14 years before his Victor assignment.

Previously he served assistant pastorates at St. Anne Church, Hornell; St. Mary Church, Bath; St. Mary Church, Rochester and Our Lady of Sorrows Italian Mission, Rochester.

A graduate of St. Bridget Parochial School, Father Esser attended St. Andrew and St. Bernard Seminaries.

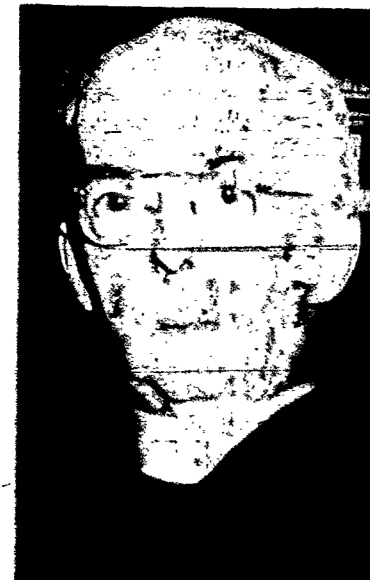
During Father Esser's 21 years as pastor the church interior was decorated for the first time, a public address system installed,



Interior of St. Patrick Church, Victor



Exterior of Victor Church



REV. E. JOSEPH ESSER
Pastor

present stone church was built on Victor's Maple St., where the Rev. E. Joseph Esser is present pastor.

SITE OF THE ORIGINAL St. Patrick Church in Victor was purchased in 1856 by parishioners from Dr. and Mrs. William Bell for \$20,000. The people of the parish did all of the construction work and the clapboard building, measuring 36 by 64 feet, was completed in 1856.

Before the original church was erected, regular services were held in the old Pimm Barber Shop, in the basement of the Universalist Church and in the schoolhouse.

From 1850 to 1857, St. Patrick's was a mission of Palmyra and was attended by Fathers Casey, Kilbride and Walsh. The Catholic Church at East Bloomfield re-

a new Baptistry constructed and many other appointments purchased for the church.

PRIESTS WHO were former parishioners of St. Patrick's, Victor include the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne V.F., dean of Tompkins and Tioga Deanery, the Rev. Edward H. Hartmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Scottsville, and the late Fathers Patrick A. Neville, Edmund Keefe, James W. Fischer and Howard F. Barry.

Former parishioners who entered Sisterhoods are Sister M. Ephrem Liddy, Sister M. Theresa Marie O'Connor, Sister M. Edward McCarthy, Sister M. Doris McCarthy, Sister M. Ruth Wendelgass, Sister M. Margaret Wendelgass, Sister M. Ann Martin Morris, Sister M. Ann Mora Morris, Sister Mary Margaret Townsend.

Priests Show Tricks At Magic Show

Nuremberg, Germany — (NC) — Father George Koehler, of this city, magician by avocation, was chairman of an international magician's congress held here.

He presided in the local opera house at four public sessions in which some of the world's best known magicians displayed their latest tricks.

Father Ramuncho of Melun, France is another priest who is a delegate to the congress. He is a prison chaplain in Melun and often entertains the prisoners with his tricks. He said that they become more amenable when he does his stunts for them.

Korean Housing Project Gets Card. Spellman Aid

Pusan, Korea — (NC) — A housing project for disabled veterans of the Korean Army has been started here as a result of \$10,000 donated in 1955 by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Part of the 46-unit housing development has been opened. Korean army authorities say they hope to have it completed for Cardinal Spellman's annual Christmas visit to Korea. Each unit will accommodate two families of soldiers who suffer from spinal ailments.

Tallest Building To Honor St. Paul

Sao Paulo, Brazil — (NC) — A tower honoring St. Paul, which will be 144 feet higher than the Empire State Building, tallest building in the world, will be erected here.

The monument will stand 1,394 feet high. A statue of the Apostle, for whom this city is named, will top the building. It will be 204 feet high and will be of reinforced concrete, covered in bronze.

The Empire State Building in New York City is 1,250 feet high.

Victor Parish Sets Jubilee Mass Sunday

(Continued from page 1) given by Miss Kathleen Hanlon and Candida Pilla. Harriet Eileen Malone, a St. Patrick's parishioner and member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, will offer solo selections.

General chairman of centenary festivities at St. Patrick's is Edward T. Malone. He is assisted by Kenneth McGhan, in charge of dinner arrangements and Joseph Lortscher, dinner ticket distributor.

An historical review of St. Patrick's 100 year has been prepared by a committee including John Colligan, Lawrence Keefe, Miss Jane Colligan and Miss Esther McCarthy. The Booklet will be available at the centennial Mass.

Centennial committeemen are Victor Fischer, Milton Swartzberg, Leonard Barry, Leo Guinan, Bernard Ryan, Donald Butler, John McCarthy, Eugene Zumbo, Rocco Comisso, Frank Kocher, Francis Underhill, Walton Brady and Owen Keenan.

Public School Pupils To Attend Retreat

Baltimore — (NC) — Nearly 4,000 Catholic students attending non-Catholic schools in the Baltimore area will make their annual retreat from September 26 to 28.

Almost 100 priests are to be engaged in holding the retreats in 38 churches in the Baltimore archdiocese. The retreats are held under the auspices of the Catholic Youth Organization.

Arrangements were made with the superintendents of schools to excuse from class any student wishing to attend the three-day exercises.

The retreats are limited to students of the ninth through twelfth grades in public high schools, vocational and private schools.



Church Yard and Rectory

Ed Sullivan Challenged On 'Good Taste'

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words, but exactly right. It is no answer to assert that Presley's stuff is just what the public wants, especially if that answer is offered by anyone on record as saying that above all else American families insist on things of good taste.

TRULY PRESLEY'S latest stunt ("perhaps the most unpleasant of his recent performances," according to Mr. Gould) drew an audience bigger than that which, over three networks, watched President Eisenhower making his acceptance speech.

But an even larger audience could have been drawn by announcing that a group of nudists would parade across the stage. However, pandering to morbid curiosity is not the purpose of television shows, especially those which boast of acute and constant concern for good taste.

True, too, this performance brought the Sullivan show its biggest audience in some time. But, again, sensationalism will always get a response—for a time. Is it the kind of response that the show really wants? Is it the kind of response likely to do it, and its sponsors, any

lasting good, even commercially?

And even if it is, is there not such a thing as too high a price in reputation to pay in return for a flurry of excitement and a quick financial gain?

WISE SELF-INTEREST would dictate the avoidance of a mistake as grievous as the inclusion of Presley in the Sullivan array of acts chosen to meet the criteria of good taste. There are people who, offended by an occasional feature of a show which in general pleased them, have decided to tune it in no more and have stuck to their resolve.

But in addition to wise self-interest, there is the factor of objective responsibility. The broadcaster has that, and forgets it at his peril.

The lure of expediency is powerful. Opportunism is magnetically attractive. But the broadcaster, if he pretends to any stature at all, and especially if he pays public tribute to good taste, realizes that he has an obligation to steer clear of what is vile, and to give the public only what is good.

GP's Treat Irish Priest To N.Y. Visit

New York — (RNS) — For more than half a century an Irish Catholic priest on duty in England dreamed a dream. He is living it here today — making his first visit to the United States.

The dream became a reality by the contribution of servicemen of all faiths stationed at the United States Air Force Base in Fairford, Gloucestershire, England.

During 13 years as pastor of St. Thomas of Canterbury church in Fairford, the Rev. Edmund MacSweeney of Bally-

Bourney, County Cork, extended his friendship and the hospitality of his rectory to men at the base.

Protestants, Catholics and Jews enjoyed visits with the warm-hearted priest, who was never too busy to sit down for a talk with an American GI. From the 45-year-old pastor came the consideration of a special chaplain of the base.

He learned a great deal about the Americans and they learned a great deal about him. They discovered that an ambition he had to prospect of

ever fulfilling was to visit the United States, offer Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral here and call on Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

The dream took up a collection and, at a recent Communion breakfast in Fairford, they presented to Father MacSweeney a purse sufficient to finance a month's trip.

When he arrived here on the French liner, Liberte, the priest was met by Col. Peter A. Dunn, staff chaplain at the Continental Air Force Base.

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