

Freed Priest Red To Sen To Ser

Washington, D.C. (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest, who survived a six-year imprisonment by the Senate, has been freed to return to his country. The priest, who had been held in a concentration camp, was released by the Senate on March 29, 1951. He is now in Rome, Italy, and is expected to return to his home in the United States in the near future.

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Waverly Priest Offers First Mass At St. James

Waverly — First Solemn High Mass was celebrated last Sunday by Rev. Thomas H. Watts in his home parish, St. James. Father Watts was ordained in St. Ann Church, Hornell on the previous day by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey.

He is a graduate of St. Andrew and St. Bernard seminaries in Rochester and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Watts, 330 Chemung St., Waverly.

Other officers of the Mass were, Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, pastor, assistant priest; Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, chaplain at Notre Dame High School, Elmira, deacon; Rev. James E. Marvin, assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester, subdeacon.

Minor officers of the Mass all from St. Bernard Seminary were, Mr. Richard Detrick of Binghamton, master of ceremonies; Paul Brown of Auburn and Louis Nichols of Endicott, acolytes; Francis Pierson of Binghamton, thurifer; members of the choir from the seminary were led by Mr. John Gormley of Auburn and the organist was Mr. John Dillon of Auburn.

The Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, delivered the sermon.

In his sermon, Father O'Brien appealed first to the friends of Father Watts. "If you are truly friends of this young priest, then when you kneel before him to receive his priestly blessing, whisper to him these words of encouragement: 'Father, I promise to pray at least one Hall Mary every day for your priesthood.'"

Secondly, Father O'Brien appealed to the parents of Father Watts by recounting a story of the father and mother of a priest who was celebrating the silver jubilee of his priesthood. The priest's father, a venerable old gentleman, was asked to say a few words at the reception. "My son," the father said, "your mother and I now present you with our jubilee gift, a gift of twenty-five years of rosaries of Our Lady which we began on the day of your ordination, and which we have continued down to today." Father O'Brien then turned to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watts and said: "I hope that someday you too can give your son the same beautiful jubilee gift of rosaries."

Thirdly, Father O'Brien appealed to Father Watts himself by encouraging him to follow the example of the Cure of Ars, the patron saint of parish priests, and like him to center his priesthood around the altar, his professional and the altar.

An reception for friends of Father Watts in the parish hall in the afternoon was attended by nearly 300 people.



FIRST SOLEMN MASS of the Rev. Thomas H. Watts in St. James Church, Waverly took place Sunday. Here are principals after Mass: (from left) Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, preacher; Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, deacon; Father Watts; Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, assistant priest who is pastor of St. James; Rev. James E. Marvin, subdeacon. Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus honor guard includes Sir Knights from Waverly and Elmira Assemblies.

William T. Spelley Offered First Mass

William T. Spelley offered his first Mass in St. Ann Church, Hornell, last Sunday. He was ordained by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey on the previous day.

At the Mass were: Father Spelley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ave., his uncles and sisters, Sisters of Mercy from Hornell and Rochester, newly ordained priests from his graduate class at St. Bernard Seminary, seminarians from St. Bernard and St. Andrew seminaries in Rochester and several priests from the area.

In his sermon, Father Hart said, "As another Christ, Father Spelley is in a special way Mary's son. Introduce to Mary that she present your prayers to her Divine Son that Father Spelley's heart may always overflow with love for God and his fellow man."

Canisteo Student Accepts Scholarship

Canisteo — Thomas J. Dagon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dagon, 11 Stephens St., Canisteo who was awarded a state scholarship of \$250 for four years by the State Education Department has declined because he was previously accepted at St. Joseph College, Coleville Ind.

The young man was awarded a scholarship at St. Joseph's where he will major in metallurgical engineering. The college is conducted by the Fathers of the Society of the Precious Blood.

The Dagon family are members of St. Joachim Parish, Canisteo.

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Elmira Area Deaths

The following deaths were reported in the Elmira area during the past week:

Mrs. Sara Lane of 315 Murray Ave., Englewood, N. J., Friday, June 7, 1957. Survived by son, Edward of Englewood; sister, Mrs. Della Fitzsimmons of Elmira; two granddaughters. Committal service was held in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Elmira, the Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien.

Mrs. Helen F. (Nell) Malone of 464 Reynolds St., Wednesday, June 12, 1957. She was the widow of John F. Malone; communicant of St. Mary Church. Survived by son, Farrell Malone, and daughter, Mrs. Walter Nelson, both of Elmira; brothers, Thomas F. Rooney of Waverly; John Feeney of Elmira; seven grandchildren. Body was at seven funeral home. Prayer service there Saturday. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Church, St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

John J. Kingston Jr., 61, of 910 Walnut St., Sunday, June 16, 1957. He was executive vice president and treasurer of the Hornell Brewing Co. Survived by wife, sisters, Mrs. Morris Shepard Sr., the Misses Elizabeth and Rose Kingston; niece, Mrs. Ernest Youngman; nephews, John L. Shepard and Morris W. Shepard, all of Elmira. Body was at family home. Prayer services there Wednesday. Solemn High Requiem Mass in St. Patrick Church, St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Miss Kathryn O'Brien of 405 Columbia St., Sunday, June 16, 1957. She was a communicant of St. Patrick Church. Survived by sisters, Miss Mary Florence O'Brien, Miss Elizabeth O'Brien, both of Elmira; brother, James F. O'Brien of Pine City; nieces, Dr. O'Brien Chesler of New York City, Mrs. Leslie Carpenter of Elmira; nephews, Atty. J. Vincent O'Brien of Elmira, Daniel O'Brien of Ithaca, Dr. John O'Connor of Washington, D. C. Body was at O'Dea Funeral Home. Prayer service Wednesday. Solemn Requiem High Mass in St. Patrick Church, St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Engagements

Coming Mr. and Mrs. Karl A. Krist of 183 East Third Street, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Suzanne to James R. Winder, son of Mrs. Elma Winder of 316 East Second Street and the late James G. Winder.

Miss Krist graduated from the Immaculate Conception School, Ithaca, and Corning Free Academy. She attended St. Joseph's School of Nursing and Le Moyne College in Syracuse and is presently employed in the General Accounting Department of Corning Glass Works.

Her fiance graduated from St. Patrick School and Corning Free Academy and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Canisius College, Buffalo.

At present he is employed in the Industrial Relations Department of Thatcher Glass Company in Elmira.

Weddings In Corning

Benevanto-Rarrick
Corning — A pretty summer wedding last Saturday morning united in marriage Miss Marilyn Louise Rarrick of Corning and Dr. Thomas Benevanto of Brooklyn, the double ring wedding ceremony being performed at high noon by the Rev. Joseph Gulliford, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

The ceremony took place in St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Wedding music was by the organist, Mrs. T. H. Ward.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Albert Molnar of Norwood. Miss Mary Lou Covette of Corning, and Mrs. Raymond Curtin of Armitville, L. I., were bridesmaids.

Dr. Welham Basin of Yonkers was best man, while seating guests at the church were Dr. Seymour Berger of Freehold, N. J., and Albert Molnar of Norwood.

Chonette-Radford
Bath — In a ceremony performed in St. Mary's Church, Miss Marian Suzanne Radford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Radford of 1 McMaster Place, became the bride of David Wesley Chonette, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Chonette of San Marino, California.

The Rev. Henry C. Manly united the couple in a double ring ceremony.

Miss Elaine Kenekis of New Bedford, Mass., roommate of the bride, was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Roberta Bamford of Andover, Mass., Miss Fayann Chonette, sister of the groom, of San Marino, Miss Mary Traver and Miss Elmer Aschettner, both of Bath.

Freud-Johnson
Corning — Miss Lorraine M. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kenyon of 15 Wicks Boulevard, South Corning, became the bride of Frederick A. Freud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freud of Watford City, North Dakota, June 8 at St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

The double ring service was performed by the Rev. James Wolfe, assistant pastor. Organ music played by Mrs. T. H. Ward.

Miss Lois Solsky was maid of honor, Miss Patricia Stewart and Miss Cora Alice Schoonover were bridesmaids and Sandra Dilbert to the flower girl.

Stanley Solsky was best man and Garold Johnson and Harry Swan, ushers.

Father of Fr. Lhota, Four Nuns, Dies
St. Bonaventure, N. Y. — John E. Lhota, 82, father of the Very Rev. Brian Lhota, O.F.M., St. Bonaventure University, president, died in Millvale, Pa. June 12 after a long illness.

He is survived by his wife, Mary E., four daughters each of whom is a Franciscan nun, Sister M. Emmeline, O.S.F. of Millvale; Sister M. Celine, O.S.F. of Allentown, Pa.; Sister M. Gerald, O.S.F. of Bloomfield, Pa. and Sister M. Maria, O.S.F. of Elmworth, Pa. Besides Father Brian, two other sons survive Albert of Akron, O. and John F. of Millvale.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was offered Saturday, June 15, in St. Anthony Church, Millvale.

Funeral Rites In Corning

Corning — The funeral of James A. Rooney of 174 W. Third St. was held last Friday morning, with prayers at the A. W. Beilby Son funeral home followed by Requiem Mass celebrated in St. Mary Church by the Rev. James Malley, assistant pastor.

The committal services in St. Mary's Cemetery were in charge of the Rev. Hugh Brady, assistant pastor. Bearers were Ransom Snyder, George Magey, John Mullaney and Raymond Older.

Corning — Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick Church by the Rev. Gerald Dunn, assistant pastor, on Tuesday morning, June 11, for Mrs. Lillian W. Avery of 284 E. Market St. Prayers were said at the A. W. Beilby and Son funeral home.

Father Dunn also officiated at the committal in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery, Elmira. Bearers were Thomas and Paul Wilson, both of Lewisburg, Pa., and John Brady and Lucien Hamann.

Corning — The funeral of Frank J. Schroeder of 190 State St., was held Tuesday morning, June 11, with Requiem Mass in St. Mary Church following prayers at the A. W. Beilby and Son funeral home.

The Rev. Hugh Brady, assistant pastor, offered the Mass and was also in charge of the committal in St. Mary's Cemetery. Bearers were Joseph Dowling, Robert Burrell, Robert Mohr and William C. Corgan.

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Thomas R. Curran, Award Winner Gets Dental Degree

Thomas Raphael Curran received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the Georgetown University School of Dentistry in Washington, D.C., June 10. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Florence A. Curran of 957 Fairham St., Elmira. At graduation exercises, Dr. Curran received the Alpha Omega Wormes Auxiliary Award for excellence in dental research and the C.V. Mosby Scholarship Book Award for scholastic achievement.

Last year he was awarded a U.S. Public Health Fellowship which enabled him to undertake a special research project in anatomy. In his senior year he received the Psi-Omega Fraternity Achievement Award as its outstanding member.

Known by his fellow students as "the engineer of dentures," Dr. Curran was elected president of the Dean Cogan Dental Society and of the Sodality, co-editor of the Apollonian year book, treasurer of Psi Omega Student Council representative and Communion Breakfast chairman in his spare time he worked with the Student Health Service.

Requiem Offered For T-T Founder

New York — A Requiem Mass was offered here for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company who received a papal honor following the installation by his company of the Vatican's first automatic telephone system in 1932.

Pope Pius XI named Mr. Behn, and his brother Bernard, the other T & T founder who died in 1933 grand officers of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

Mr. Behn died June 6 in St. Luke's Hospital of a heart ailment. Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The two brothers began their company in 1915 with a small telephone firm in Puerto Rico. In 1921 their investment was worth \$3,425,000 and by 1955 it was a global operation with assets of \$687,451,000. Mr. Behn retired as president in 1948 and as board chairman about a year ago.

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