

Midnight Rites To Usher In Feast Of Nativity

Christmas, the observance of the Nativity of the World's Savior and Prince of Peace, will be ushered in with Solemn Pontifical Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral and at Midnight Masses in other churches of the Diocese of Rochester.

Programs of special music will be presented by choir and organists. Arranged at the following churches are the exercises submitted this week.

night will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen, pastor. Sermon will be preached by the Rev. Robert L. Kress. The Rev. Gerard J. Gull will narrate the Mass.

At St. Patrick Church, Elmira, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Erlen, V.F. will be celebrant of Midnight Mass with the Rev. Cassian Kirk, O.F.M. as preacher. Robert F. Sullivan will be narrator.

The Christmas Day Mass in St. Mary's Hospital chapel, Rochester at 10 a.m. to be televised will be celebrated by the Rev. Paul G. Wohlrad, hospital chaplain. Preaching the sermon and narrating the Mass will be the Rev. Richard Torney, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School. Students and faculty members of Mercy High will sing the responses.



Precious Blood Convent Blessed

AFTER BLESSING of the new convent at 112 Isabelle St. for Sisters of St. Joseph teaching in Most Precious Blood School, His Excellency Bishop Kearney celebrated Mass in the chapel. Assisting are: Rev. Sebastian Contegiacomo, C.P.S., pastor (left) and Rev. Edward J. McAniff, the Bishop's Secretary. Blessing took place Saturday, Dec. 14.

Bishop Cautions Pedestrians

My Dear People:
The avoidance of accidents by pedestrians is the subject of a campaign at the present time, which I have been asked to bring to your attention.

Whatever validity there may be in the past to the idea that the "pedestrian has the right of way" has been nullified by the current attitude of motorists. It behooves the pedestrian today to be very careful and to take every precaution for his own protection in a day when many drivers deny the pedestrian any right on the highway.

Personally, I would say that the safest attitude for the pedestrian is to presume that he will get few courtesies and hence must exert that eternal vigilance which is the price of life as well as liberty.

With a blessing, I am
Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
James J. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester.

\$810,000 Loan For Nazareth College Approved

A loan of \$810,000 to Nazareth College was approved by the Community Facilities Administration in Washington, Dec. 13.

Rep. Harold C. Ostering was notified in Washington by CFA Commissioner John C. Hazeltine that the college plans to use the money to build a dormitory for 134 students. The building will provide dining services for 280.

The announcement said Nazareth College for women must increase its facilities to meet rising enrollment. Enrollment is 850 compared with last year's 433.

The college is planning to start work immediately on the building and hopes to have it completed by September, 1958.

Niagara Receives Kodak Grant

Niagara University, N.Y., Niagara University has received a supplemental grant of \$2,000 from the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, the Very Rev. Vincent T. Swords, C.M., university president, announced today.

The grant supplements an award of \$3,500 received earlier this year from the Rochester firm under its "Aid to Education Program." Niagara University was among several colleges and universities to receive the supplemental awards.

The unrestricted grants are part of a program under which Eastman Kodak awards universities certain sums of money, based upon the number of graduates of these institutions, who were employed by the company during the year 1952 and who are currently employed.

Niagara has received annual grants from the Rochester firm since 1955.

Rochester Pastor Flies On KLM Jet Plane

Father Joseph Cirrincione, pastor of St. Francis Assisi Church, was in Europe this week. Just for the ride.

He left Sunday and was back today (Friday). The whole trip was KLM's (Royal Dutch Airlines) way of introducing a new jet-powered fleet of planes scheduled to take pilgrims to Europe for the 1958 Lourdes centennial rites.

FATHER CIRRINCIONE will lead a pilgrimage group to Lourdes, Rome and the Holy Land leaving New York July 11. The Royal Dutch Airlines plane took seventy-two special guests on this week's inaugural flight. After a stop at Amsterdam the plane took off for Rome where it was blessed and given the name Leonardo da Vinci.

FATHER JOHN A. Kelly, a former Rochesterian now head of the Catholic Bureau of Information in Washington and Father Charles Borgognoni of the Syracuse Diocese who studied at St. Bernard's Seminary accompanied Father Cirrincione, well known in the Rochester area as director of the nightly W5AY Radio Rosary For Peace broadcast.

Other officers are: Charles J. Drons and Martin Bayer, vice presidents; Emery D. Crevier, secretary and Robert H. Kalb, treasurer.

Adoration Society Unit Names Staff

John W. Mattie is the new president of Blessed Sacrament Center (southeast), Nocturnal Adoration Society according to "The Parish Weekly" of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Other officers are: Charles J. Drons and Martin Bayer, vice presidents; Emery D. Crevier, secretary and Robert H. Kalb, treasurer.

Early News Next 2 Weeks

With Christmas and New Year's Day coming on Wednesday, early news copy is asked for the next two weeks. Planning notices should arrive by Monday in the Courier Journal Office and urgent news from throughout the Diocese can be handled if received by Tuesday morning.

\$125,000 Mark Passed In Mercy Building Drive

Special gift pledges totaling \$125,136 were reported last week as solicitation continued among friends of the Sisters of Mercy for funds toward construction of a new building for their Sister-teacher training college on Blossom Road, Rochester.

St. Andrew's Seminarians

His Excellency Bishop Kearney presided at the Christmas Mass and preached the sermon in St. Andrew Seminary Chapel on Wednesday, this week.

Other highlights of activities at the minor seminary include the Coffee hour on Dec. 14 at which the Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, diocesan director of youth spoke on the Apostolate of the youth program.

A visit by Monsignor Ralph Miller, rector and the Rev. Paul Jankner of the Diocesan Preparatory Seminary, Buffalo also was recorded on Dec. 14.

The Day of Recollection on Dec. 12 had the Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, and a graduate of the seminary, as speaker.

Winners In Art Contest Named

Aquinas Institute Art Department announced the winners of its recent pencil technique competition.

First prize was awarded to Robert Schlein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baptista Schlein of St. Margaret Mary Parish for his interpretation of a woodland scene.

Second prize was won by Gene DePrez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jean DePrez of Good Counsel Parish and Emmanuel Genovese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Genovese of St. Michael Parish won third prize.

The competition, according to Rev. J. Leonard Cullen, C.S.B., director of Art, was carried out among members of the Aquinas Art Club which is composed of students from all grades of the school.

An exhibition of all entries was held in the Fine Arts alcove of the school's main library.

Bishop To Preside At Nurses' Capping

Capping exercises for 49 new student nurses will take place this afternoon, (Friday, Dec. 20) at 4 p. m. at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will bless the caps, celebrate Holy Mass and deliver the address to the nurses.

The caps will be presented by Sister Martina, administrator of the hospital and Sister Frances, director of the School of Nursing.

Jesuit To Return For Christmas Talks

Rev. Francis V. Courneen, S.J., of Fordham University faculty and whose home is in Rochester will preach at St. Augustine Church, Chili Ave. at Christmas Midnight Mass according to Monsignor John M. Duffy, pastor.

Father Courneen will also speak at the 11 a.m. and Noon Masses on Christmas Day.

A professor of philosophy at Fordham, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Courneen of 64 Rugby Ave.

Msgr. Bergan Mass Scheduled By Bishop

An Anniversary Mass for the late Monsignor William F. Bergan will be offered in St. Monica Church by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on Monday, Dec. 23 at 9 a.m.

Monsignor Bergan was pastor of St. Monica Church and Chancellor of the diocese at the time of his death, ten years ago in December, 1947.

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