

Services Scheduled To Observe Our Lady Of Lourdes Centenary

Many parishes and schools announced this week special services to mark the feast of our Lady of Lourdes. The feast will be celebrated Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Additional parishes are expected to schedule similar services to be announced by pastors at this Sunday's Masses.

The feast this year will mark the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Virgin's first apparition at Lourdes, a village in southern France, in 1858.

Our Lady made a total of eighteen apparitions in that year to the peasant girl now St. Bernadette Soubirous. The site has subsequently developed into a world-famous shrine noted for its miracles and outstanding spiritual graces.

Following are schedules of services as reported this week to the Courier Journal:

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL—Mass will be offered Tuesday at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 5:30 p.m. In addition to the usual morning Masses to mark the feast of our Lady of Lourdes.

Auxiliary Bishop Casey, Cathedral rector, said a triduum will be held there in preparation for the March 25th feast of the Annunciation.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH—A novena is now in progress at Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, and will climax with solemn Mass Tuesday evening at 7:45 p.m.

Monsignor John E. Magee, administrator of the parish, has issued an invitation to "come and join us" for the remaining portion of the novena. Services each evening begin at 7:45 p.m., he said.

Following novena services each evening, people attending are blessed with water brought from the miraculous fountain at the Lourdes grotto.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—The Lourdes shrine at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, will be focus of a triduum there beginning Sunday at 7:45 p.m. Father John Taret, S.J., will preach each evening, according to Monsignor George W. Eckl, pastor.

Monsignor Eckl said the parish shrine is a replica of the actual Lourdes. Even the miraculous fountain is simulated in the St. Andrew's reproduction.

Water brought from Lourdes trickles to a font where people may bless themselves just as at the famed French shrine itself.

The St. Andrew's shrine is a memorial gift honoring the late Frank X. Foery, first trustee of the parish and uncle of Syracuse Bishop Walter A. Foery. Monsignor Eckl said.

The three day services will conclude with solemn Mass Tuesday at 7:45 p.m.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES—Brighton's Our Lady of Lourdes Church will also hold triduum services Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Lourdes water from the shrine in France will be given to those attending the triduum. Monsignor Francis Luddy, pastor, said today.

Father Dennis Walsh, C.P., will preach the sermons at evening services scheduled for 8 p.m.

Morning Masses are set dur-



Lourdes shrine at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, features water from the original miraculous fountain from the famous French shrine. Monsignor Eckl tells children the century old story of our Lady's apparitions to the peasant girl Bernadette Soubirous. The parish shrine is a copy of the grotto where the apparitions took place in 1858. (Paul Contestable-Courier Journal Photo)

The three day devotions at 6:45, 7:30 and 8 a.m.

Special rites for children of the parish will be held Monday and Tuesday at 9:10 a.m.

ST. THOMAS—A triduum in preparation for the Lourdes feast is also scheduled at St. Thomas Church, Irondequoit.

Rosary, senior prayers in honor of our Lady of Lourdes, and Benediction will be held Saturday, Sunday, and Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m., according to

Campaign End Set Monday For Sisters New College

Final results in the fund appeal of the Sisters of Mercy for construction of a teacher-training college building on Blossom Road will be announced at a committee meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in Our Lady of Mercy High School.

More than 600 men and women have been seeking pledges to ward the proposed building among friends of the Sisters in the Monroe County area. Committees also have been canvassing in six other communities of the diocese where the Sisters teach. Final reports of all groups are due Monday.

Estimated at \$125,000, the new building, to be a west wing of the motherhouse, will house Catherine McAuley Junior College, which prepares young Sisters for teaching in diocesan schools. Construction will begin in early spring.

With an enrollment of nearly 100, the college now is conducted in inadequate quarters in the motherhouse basement. State education authorities have given the Sisters until 1959 to obtain better facilities in order to gain a permanent charter.

MOTHER MARY Magdalene, mother general of the Sisters' community, pointed out that the

Monsignor Richard K. Burns offering the Sacrifice of the Mass in the college auditorium.

On Tuesday, the feast day, solemn Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m.

Services to be conducted at Nazareth College and St. Agnes High School are planned as follows:

NAZARETH COLLEGE—Nazareth College will celebrate the Centennial of Our Lady's Apparitions at Lourdes by an afternoon Mass Tuesday, Feb. 11. Faculty and students will join in

St. Agnes High girls will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes apparitions on Feb. 11. Socially candidates will observe Holy Communion at Mass in the gymnasium for the centennial study. A breakfast for the candidates will be sponsored by the Junior Societies under the direction of Mary Kay Kitzel.

ST. AGNES HIGH—The consecration ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Forty four sophomore candidates will make a temporary act of consecration for one year. Father John W. LaVeque will speak.

The ceremony will be followed by a party in the cafeteria for the Societies, sponsored by the Senior Societies. General chairman is Kathleen McCarthy.

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700 Children Enrolled In Holy Childhood

Holy Childhood Day was observed at St. Augustine's School Monday, Feb. 3, with enrollment of 700 children by the Rev. George S. Wood, diocesan director.

The children were told about the growing need for young missionaries at home to rescue other young children from paganism and Communism. In the 117 years that Holy Childhood has been in existence over 40 million pagan children were ransomed.

The CEREMONY, which included the presentation of a medal and membership card to each child, was climaxed by the bestowing of the Papal blessing, conveying a plenary indulgence to all present on the day of their enrollment.

Once enrolled, each child is officially an Apostle of Christ and is entitled to share in all the spiritual favors bestowed on the Association by the Roman Pontiffs.

Monsignor John M. Duffy, pastor, and Sister Clara Marie, principal, presented an application for six adoptions and offered a pledge of their continued support in the future.

Third Orders To Meet

CARMELETES
Third Order of Mt. Carmel will meet Sunday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. in Our Lady of Victory Church in Pleasant St. Information on the Third Order may be obtained by writing: Carmelite Third Order, 10 Pleasant St., Rochester 4, N. Y.



Bishop In Children's Ward
HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP KEARNEY going through St. Mary's Hospital on St. Blaise Day blessing the throats of patients and personal administrators blessing in Pediatrics Department to small Caroline Pott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pott of 30 Selva Terrace.

Fine Tradition Of Great Music

My dear Readers—One of the finest traditions of our city is the reputation it has earned as a great musical center. Through the years the greatest of our citizens, especially those of us who are sensitive to the spiritual values in the fine arts, has kept alive this tradition.

The support of the Civic Music Association has come from the hearts and purses of the people. It would be tragic if this fine tradition perished in the stampede for mechanical and scientific advancement.

The pupils in our schools have enjoyed the cultural programs made possible by the Civic Music Association program and their appreciation of good music has been enhanced at a time when music from many other sources has reached what might be justly called an "all-time low."

So please give your generous support to the Civic Music Campaign which opens on February 10. It has a program worthy of your support.

+ James Kearney
Bishop of Rochester.

Foster Home Search On In Webster

The season's record snow storm slowed up but failed to stop the current drive to find foster homes for children currently being conducted in the Webster area by the Council of Social Agencies.

Following last week's launching of the campaign which will continue through out February, the Rochester Catholic Family Center reported that it had received queries from almost a dozen Webster families seeking information on the role of the foster home.

QUERIES from prospective foster parents were also reported by other member agencies of the Council including the Hillside Children's Center, Jewish Social Service Bureau, Monroe County Child Welfare Division and the Rochester Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. These agencies along with the Catholic Family Center comprise the five member groups of the Council of Social Agencies of Rochester and Monroe County.

The Council's concentrated effort to find foster homes among Webster residents underscores a critical need according to the child care organizations to provide for a large number of children temporarily in need of a home until they can be reunited with their own families.

According to spokesmen for the child care agencies, children needing homes range in age from month old infants to teenagers.

SUPPORTING THE foster home campaign, along with other civic and religious groups are Webster's two Catholic parishes, Holy Trinity and St. Rita's, George Montgomery, executive director of the Catholic Family Center will talk on foster home care this Sunday at the Communion breakfast of the Holy Trinity Holy Name Society.

Catholic Families of the Webster area seeking information on foster home care for children are invited to write the Catholic Family Center, 50 Chestnut St., or phone HAMILTON 63400.

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