

Fairport Religion School

Youngsters Recall Lourdes

By FRANK KELLY
The 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparition to St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France, was marked in a special way by the students in the Church of the Assumption's School of Religion in Fairport.



Struggling through the snow to school for the past several weeks with bundles of varying sizes, the boys and girls would leave their bundles with their Sister, passing them off with remarks like, "here's my poster," "my scrap-book's finished," etc. The lads and lasses would then depart.

The mystery to the people who saw these students wend their way to school with the bundles is over. They were entering posters, scrapbooks and essays that they had made up concerning the anniversary of the Lourdes apparition.

The Sisters, Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, teachers at the school, sponsored a contest for children from the third to the 12th grades that was to deal with the anniversary.

Last Tuesday, a special program was held at the Assumption School in which 220 students took part. The seventh grade class presented a dramatization under the direction of Sister M. Jacinta, M.H.S.H. in which the pupils portrayed the humble beginnings of the worldwide devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Following the play, the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor of Assumption Church, awarded a beautiful statue of Our Lady to the prize winning student in each grade.

Students who received awards were Ann Marie Firestine, Michael Franza, Mary Beth Hill, William Griffin, Cheryl Greene, Donald Firestine, Kathy Ryan, Fred Mingo, James Firestine, William Erbland, John Mingo, Ann Marie Bartolotta and Mary Ellen Cary.

DONALD FIRESTINE, center, and Mary Beth Hill, right, examine statue of Our Lady presented to them by the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, left, pastor of Assumption Church, Fairport, as a result of being two of the winners of the church's Religious School contest, sponsored by the school sisters, the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

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Auburn Groups Schedule Card Party, Mardi Gras

Auburn — The annual card party of the Carmel Ladies Club of Mt. Carmel High School was among many activities cancelled on Monday evening storm conditions. Mrs. Herbert T. Anderson, president, has announced that the card party will be held Tuesday, Feb. 15. Mrs. William J. McCarthy heads a large committee arranging the affair.

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Helping to plan the two days' program were Father Richard Downey, Mercy auxiliary Sister M. Maurice, Sodality organizer; Sister M. Judith, C.S.M.C. moderator; Anne Crowley, Sodality prefect, and Kay Dwyer, C.S.M.C. president.

Judy Maloney and Thomas Asaro of the dancing school have worked with the committee headed by Mrs. John Day, general chairman.

Mrs. William McKeon will be guest vocalist. Music at the piano and organ will be provided by Louis McCarthy and Bobby Doyle.

In an opening number Miss Beverly Baker and Miss Mary Jean Corral will appear as Pierrot and Pierrette with the following dances: Molly Beth Ambrose, Joyce Clark, Coleen Flynn, Cathy Dave, Kathy Saunders, Joan Spadaro, Katie Moran, Jud Gleason, Jane Bunting, Mary Correen Lawler, Chloey Casey.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program of vocal music by the Rose City Ensemble of Newark. After the program Fran Kester's Instrumental Combo will furnish the music for the dance.

Present officers of Newark Assembly are: Bernard J. Farnsworth, Faithful Navigator; Bruno Lagana, Captain; Joseph Calletto, Admiral; Kenneth Filippello, Comptroller; Rev. Joseph M. McDonnell, Friar; Frank McGarry, Pilot; C. B. Martin, Inner Sentinel.

Tickets are available from Albert (Holloway) Colacino, Mason's Barber Shop, Carmen and Tony Colacino.

Plans will get under way at the end of February with an Easter-deadline set for getting the first copy to the printer. The book will make its debut in early June. A regular staff of 20 members will include part of the journalism class and also creative writing students.

Available to all Merclans, the book, containing the seniors' pictures, also includes highlights of their four years at Mercy.

Kick-Off Dinner In Auburn Parish

Auburn — The Most Reverend Lawrence B. Casey, Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester Diocese will be the featured speaker at the general solicitation kick-off dinner tomorrow, Saturday, in St. Francis of Assisi School Hall.

The purpose of the campaign is to raise funds for the construction of a new church building which will be erected directly across the street from the present church site.

AT PRESENT, the advance gifts committee, headed up by Ralph Choche and Patrick Spearati, is contacting prospects a week ahead of the general solicitation.

Rev. John Nacca, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi and Jack A. Froidno, general chairman of the

campaign, have voiced gratitude and confidence in the capabilities of the men enlisted for the program.

Some 460 men have volunteered to assist in soliciting the parishioners this Sunday. The parishioners are asked to indicate their support in the form of pledges which may be paid over the next three-year period.

Professional counsel for the campaign is provided by Joseph J. Connorton, a representative of Foley Associates, Inc., of Rochester.

Mercy High Sates Two Day Lenten Program

Rev. Maurice Myers, S.S., a priest from the Russian Center at Fordham University, will be at Mercy High School on the first two days of Lent, Feb. 19 and 20.

On Feb. 19, Father Myers will talk on "The Church in Silence." He will describe the story of the church behind the Iron Curtain.

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Mercy High Honor Roll Students Named

The freshman class of Mercy High captured a scholastic trophy for their class having attained the highest scholastic standing in the school as a result of the January exams. The trophy was awarded by the Student Council.

Attaining 4 A's and no failures earns a Merclan a spot on the Scholarship Roll. An average of "B" entitles Honor Roll rating.

Freshmen on the scholarship roll are Mary Anne Dey, Roberta Conway, Barbara Eisimont, Kathleen Geogher, Susan Kennedy, Bonnie Koenig, Ellen Merclink, Margaret O'Reilly, Judith O'Leary, Peggy Rooney, Ann Ryan, Suzanne Schlueter, Mary Louise Shrot, and Carol Wischmeyer.

60 freshmen made the honor roll.

In the senior class Margaret Spahn was named on the scholarship roll and 38 seniors merited honor roll rating.

Helen Brach, Suzanne Maier, Merle Phillips, and Janet Spless are on the junior class scholarship roll. 34 juniors made the honor roll.

Sophomores Martha Doell, Marcia Farrell, Margaret Feltz, Ruth Hummel, Ann MacArthur, Carol May, Nancy Sandman, Judith Valastro, and Kathleen Wagner are on the scholarship roll and 44 sophomores are on the honor roll.

Editors Named for Mercy Year Book

Sharing top billing as co-editors of the '38 Vignettes, senior class book at Our Lady of Mercy High School will be Mary Lou Porter and Barbara Kress. Assistant editors are Peggy Minisce and Sharon Pettis, while the editorial staff will be headed by Ann O'Brien and Anne Ryan.

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Polish Buffet Supper Planned

COMMITTEE MEMBERS of Holy Rosary Sodality, St. Hyacinth Church, Auburn plan a Polish Buffet Supper for Polish Home, State St., Sunday, Feb. 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. They are seated (from left) Mrs. Joseph Shambo, chairman; R. v. Andrew C. Sloba, c. a. d. a.; Mrs. Sigmund Kosowski, president; Mrs. Stanley Milewski; r. v. Mrs. Isaac Charles Bojinski, Catherine Krynski, Joseph Drabicki, Frank Killian and William Kulakowski. (A. G. Tarby Photo).

Awards Slated By CWV For Communion Breakfast

Monroe County Chapter, Catholic War Veterans and Auxiliary will hold its eleventh Communion Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 23, according to County Committee.

The committee consists of the following: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bleier and Mrs. Margaret Allen, tickets; Steve Bleier, Edward Kraft, Celia Scheible, Mrs. Inez Sullivan, Isabel Rossner and Frances Bleier, refreshments; Stanley Fabrikas, Kay Ruff, Loretta Mularz, Edna Kuhn and Mrs. Frances Coleman, decorations; Mrs. Rose Eaves and Miss Marie Logan, publicity.

Reservations are made by calling CO 6-5351. Proceeds from the smorgasbord will benefit Bath and Canandaigua Hospitals and the units youth programs.

Tickets for the breakfast at \$2.00 may be procured by calling Thomas Spinelli at GE 8-6357-R before Feb. 20.

County Auxiliary To Entertain Veterans

Monroe County Chapter Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary will sponsor a dance for the veterans at Canandaigua Hospital on Thursday evening, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Music will be furnished by "Frankie Slack" and his orchestra. Home made cookies and punch will be served.

Monroe County President Miss Esther Eaves who is VAWS representative at the hospital is chairlady with Miss Alice Brien her co-chairlady.

Aquinas Library Club Maps 'Catholic Book Week'

A faculty coffee hour will open Catholic Book Week at Aquinas Institute according to Rev. John R. Whitley, C.S.B., school librarian.

The festival will be held at St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto. Twenty-four schools from Canada and the United States are expected.

Recognition Given 2 Aquinas Students

Gerard W. Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Frank of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish and a senior of Aquinas Institute has received a certificate of merit from the General Motors Company for excellence in a recent competitive examination.

Gerard is one of 800 students selected across the nation to qualify for 100 full time scholarships to the college of his choice.

4 Orators To Vie In Toronto Tourney

Four youthful orators from Aquinas Institute will travel to Toronto, Canada, to take part in the annual International Speech Festival.

Phillip Nothnagle, Kent DeHond, James Ehrstein and Daniel Shaughnessy will represent Rochester according to Rev. Joseph O'Reilly, C.S.B., director of elocution and debating.

Offer Requiem Mass For Blessed Sacrament Nun

Solemn Requiem Mass for Sister Anna Cecilia Tschiderer, a fifth grade teacher in Blessed Sacrament School since 1931, was celebrated on Tuesday in Nazareth Convent Chapel, Pittsford.

Rev. Robert J. Donovan, the Sister's cousin, offered the Mass, assisted by Rev. John L. Connan, Deacon, and Rev. Robert Egan, Sub-deacon. Altar boys from Blessed Sacrament parish served the Mass. Monsignor Thomas F. Connors was present in the sanctuary, as were Monsignor Maynard A. Conniff, Rev. Conrad Sundholm and Rev. Albert Schnackey.

Sister Anna Cecilia entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1923 from St. Francis Xavier parish. She was a teacher at Nazareth Academy for 27 years; she also taught at St. Monica School and at St. Arnes Institute before her assignment to Blessed Sacrament School.

Surviving are two sisters, Anna Tschiderer and Mrs. James Stoklos of Rochester; two brothers, Joseph Tschiderer of Rochester and Aloysius Tschiderer of Pacoima, Calif.

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