

St. Francis Parishioners To Receive Papal Blessing

The Apostolic Blessing of Pope Pius XII will be given to parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, at the 8 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 9. (PHOTO ON PAGE 14)

Father Joseph Cirincione, pastor, has received Vatican authorization to impart the special blessing.

News of the unique privilege came to Father Cirincione, who is director of the radio program, The Family Rosary for Peace, in a letter he received this week from Monsignor Angelo Dell'Acqua, substitute secretary of state at the Vatican.

REASON FOR the Pope's blessing is the eighth anniversary of the nightly radio broadcast, the Family Rosary for Peace, which originates from the St. Francis of Assisi parish center.

The program is aired over station WSAY each evening at 7 p.m.

The half hour program was launched eight years ago, the first broadcast being March 4, 1950.

Father Cirincione said the permission to give the Pope's blessing to his parishioners is limited but one occasion and that is why he has selected the Sunday date as more convenient for his people instead of the actual anniversary which falls on Tuesday.

The blessing conveys a plenary indulgence.

MARKING THE program's eighth birthday this March 4th, Father Cirincione stated, will be a special broadcast of the Rosary featuring five brothers who will lead their families in reciting the familiar devotion honoring the Blessed Virgin.

Martin, Clement, Charles, Wendell and Gerard Bayer will each take one decade of the Rosary. Accompanying them will be their wives and a total of 25 children.

The March 4th broadcast will originate from the parish church rather than from the St. Francis parish center to accommodate relatives and friends of the Bayers who plan to attend the program.

Father Cirincione estimates that the program's audience

has accounted for a total of seventy five million Rosaries recited during the past eight years.

He has set a 1958 goal of a million Rosaries to make a nine year total of ninety million. Besides parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church named to receive the Pope's blessing are the executive committee members of the Rosary program. They are Bishop Kearney, Rev. Richard Tormey, Frank R. Davis, and Frank E. Wolfe.

Theology For Laymen Courses Scheduled

Theology for laymen will be taught by two St. Bernard's seminary professors in a series of ten lectures to start next week at Cutler Union, University Ave., Rochester.

Three courses are offered, one scheduled for Tuesday evenings, and two to be held on Thursday evenings.

Father William M. Hart, Ph.D., and Father Joseph L. Hogan, S.T.D., who will give the lectures, said inquiries or registrations for the courses may be sent to them at St. Bernard's Seminary, 2260 Lake Ave., Rochester.

COURSE I to be given by Father Hart will study the mystery of the Incarnation. First class in this series will be March 6.

COURSE II, also by Father Hart, will study the mystery of the Resurrection. First class in this series will be March 6.

COURSE III on the Mystical Body will be given by Father Hogan, beginning March 6.

All classes will be held 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Registration fee is \$10 per person. Married couples enrolling together may register for \$12. Fees cover cost of text materials.

The three courses in theology are known as the St. Thomas Institute.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, March 2 — St. Ambrose, Rochester; Capuchin Monastery, Geneva.

Scouts To Honor Bishop Kearney

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will be honored for his encouragement of the Scouting movement in this area at a Scouters' dinner, Wednesday, March 12 in St. Monica Parish hall.

Louis A. Langie will be toastmaster. Mel Nelson, president of Orléans Council and Fred Wellington, executive scoutmaster will bring area Boy Scouting tributes to the Bishop.

Mayor Peter Barry will represent the city of Rochester. Host to the group will be Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert, pastor of St. Monica Church.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the institutional representative of each unit. All leaders are welcome.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1958

Lay Groups At Altar Rail

Nocturnal Adoration Society Breakfast Set

Annual Communion Breakfast of the Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society will be held at the Bausch & Lomb Cafeteria on Passion Sunday, March 23 at 8:15 a.m., it has been announced by Robert H. Kalb Sr., general chairman of the event.

Members of the four local centers of the society, located at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament, St. Andrew and St. Monica Churches will attend 7 a.m. Mass at their own center churches.



His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will be the guest of honor and speaker at the breakfast, it was announced.

Assisting Kalb will be the central committee of the society, headed by Joseph W. Benn, executive secretary, together with the presidents and secretaries of the four centers.

Kalb is a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, a member of the Daily Mass League, Laymen's Retreat League, Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus. He is an assistant secretary and manager of the Brighton Office of the Lincoln Rochester Trust Co. He resides with Mrs. Kalb, at 341 Mulberry St.

Tickets for the breakfast are available from the secretaries of the various centers.

City Knights List Annual Breakfast

Associate City Court Judge Thomas J. O'Donnell of Buffalo is scheduled to address Knights of Columbus members and their sons at the annual Communion Breakfast, Sunday, March 2 at 9 p.m. in Columbus Civic Center ballroom according to Grand Knight Frank J. Thomas.

"Many Nocturnal members are already enrolled in the Daily Mass League and many others are fulfilling the requirements of membership. We hope that Nocturnal men will discuss the matter of frequent or daily attendance at week-day Mass with other members of their families and with their friends."

Mr. Benn stressed the importance of official enrollment in the Daily Mass League in order to gain the many indulgences with which the League was recently endowed by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

Tickets are being handled by



DAILY Mass attendance as encouraged by the Daily Mass League is here typified by a group in St. Joseph Church, Rochester at noon. Other noon-day Masses are celebrated in Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's, Corpus Christi and St. Patrick Churches, downtown.

Crusade Enrolls 60 In Daily Mass League

By Arthur Farren

With weekday Mass attendance at record numbers because of the Lenten season, members of the Daily Mass League this week were continuing their promotion of a daily Mass crusade.

More than 60 applications for league membership had been received through Tuesday as a result of the Crusade announcement in last week's Catholic Courier Journal, league promoters declared. Nearly 4,000 persons have been enrolled by the recently established league.

increase devotion to the Mass and to add to the membership of the league.

PROMOTERS SAID they will make available to diocesan parishes next week a placard, for display in the vestibule, urging weekday Mass attendance and containing two pockets — one for literature describing the league, the other with membership application cards.

They pointed out that membership in the league, which has no dues, no meetings, no officers and no promises — aids in promotion of devotion to the Mass and provides special indulgences to those enrolled.

Any practicing Catholic (even

a shut-in) who has a genuine desire to attend Mass daily — even if unable to do so regularly because of particular circumstances — is eligible for league membership.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD be addressed to the Daily Mass League, 10 Pleasant St., Rochester 4. The Rev. Edward P. Callens, S.S.C.C., pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, is league director.

Harold J. Coleman, one of the leading league promoters, said this week that league speakers are available for parish organizations.

Over 2500 members of the Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society have been enlisted in the crusade being conducted by the Daily Mass League during Lent.

Letters have gone out to the entire membership over the signatures of the Presidents of the four Rochester Nocturnal Centers, supplying pamphlets stating the purposes and advantages of the Daily Mass League membership, together with enrollment blanks.

Urging Nocturnal men to join promotion of membership in the Daily Mass League, Joseph W. Benn, Executive Secretary of the Nocturnal Central Committee, said:

DAILY MASS LEAGUE (Application)

NAME: (Please Print)

STREET:

CITY and ZONE:

PARISH:

Enroll me as a member of The Daily Mass League.

It is understood there are no dues, meetings, officers or promises involved and that the membership requirement is a genuine desire to attend Mass daily and to urge others to do so. (Fill out, clip and mail this application to: The Daily Mass League Center, Rev. Edward P. Callens, S.S.C.C., Spiritual Director, 10 Pleasant St., Rochester 4, N.Y.)

Catholic Nurses Plan Fund Raising

Canandaigua — A business meeting was held Feb. 12 in St. Mary's Church hall by the Canandaigua Chapter of Catholic Nurses.

A fund raising plan was put into motion. Part of the proceeds will be used to aid the Sisters of the Medical Missionaries of Mary, who work in the mission field of East Africa.

A study group will be conducted by Rev. Gerald Kelly, chaplain of the V.A. Hospital, the first of which will be held today in St. Mary's Church hall, after the Lenten evening services.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Thomas MacGregor and her committee.

Set Registration For Kinder-Cadets

Registration of new pupils for Nazareth Hall's Kinder-Cadets program will take place at the school on March 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Only boys who will reach 5 years of age before Jan. 1, 1959 will be accepted for the fall term beginning Sept. 1958. Kinder-Cadets follow an all day program including the noon-day meal, supervised play, afternoon rest and lunch, in addition to the regular kindergarten course.

Further information may be obtained by calling Sister Mary Alma at Nazareth Hall Cadet School, 180 Baines Park. GL 3-0711.

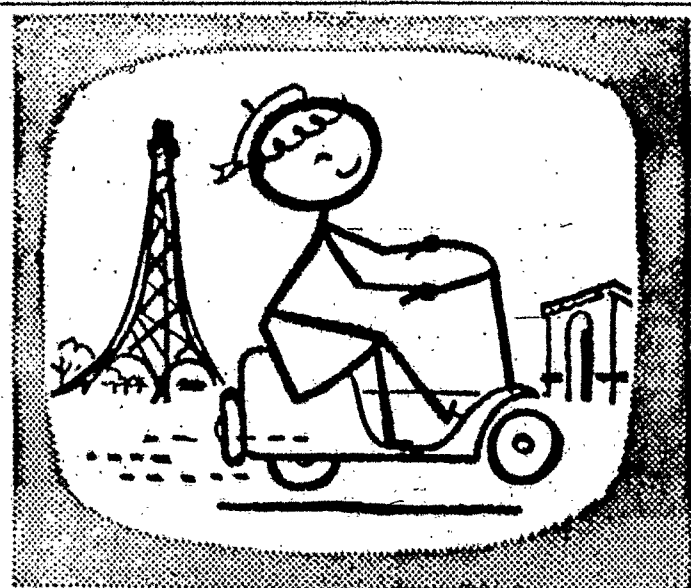
Attend First Saturday Devotions to honor OUR LADY OF FATIMA

MARCH 1st
Our Lady of Victory Church
Pleasant St. in downtown Rochester

The Blessed Virgin Mary in her apparitions at Fatima in 1917 said, "I promise to help at the hour of death with the graces needed for salvation, whoever on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall:

1. Confess and Receive Holy Communion
2. Recite Five Decades of the Rosary
3. And Keep Me Company for Fifteen Minutes While Meditating on the Fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary, with the Intention of Making Reparation to Me."

The Carmelite Third Order invites you to join with them in this devotion to our Blessed Mother on the First Saturday of every month following the 12:10 Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church, 10 Pleasant Street.



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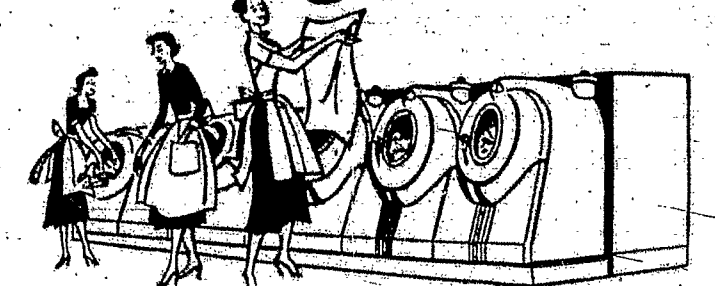
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