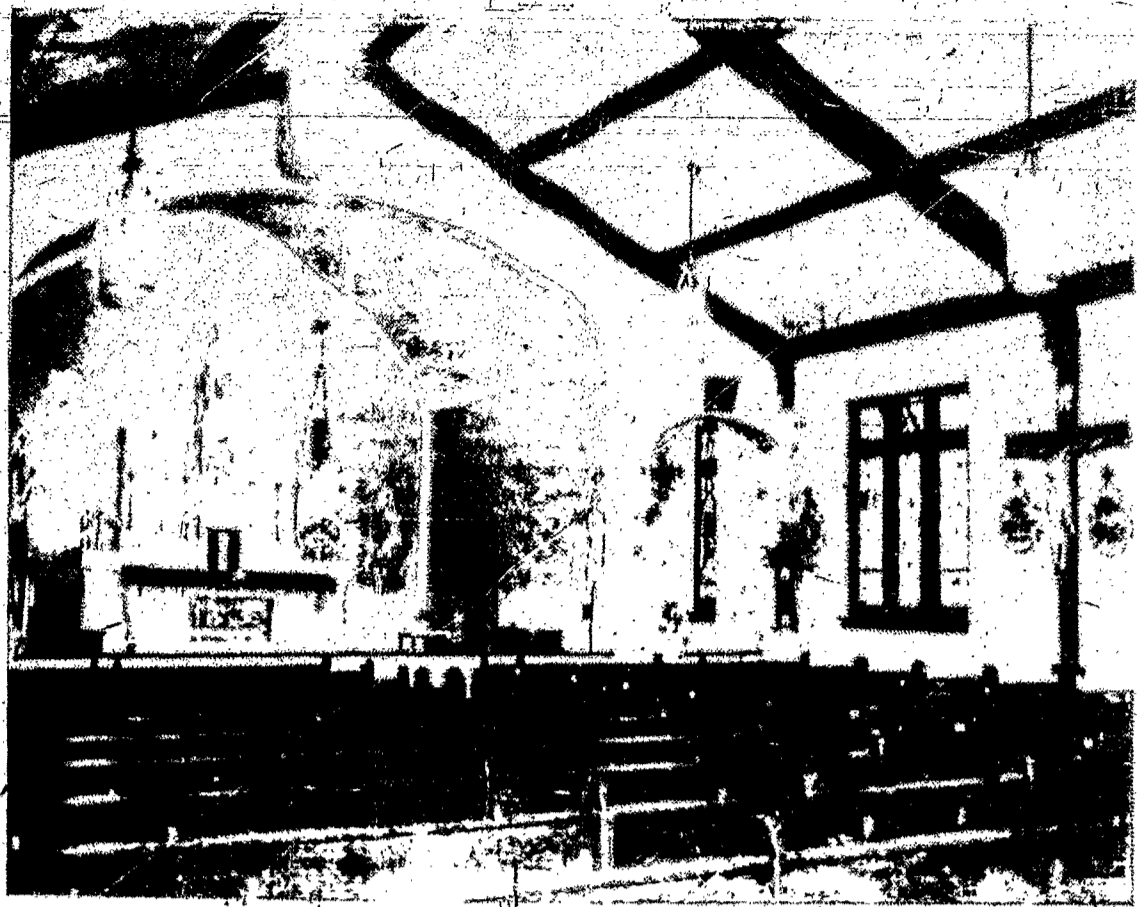


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MAIN ALTAR and Epistle side of St. Pius Church, Cohocton.

## St. Pius V, Cohocton Parish Nears Centennial

By FRANK KELLY

Two years from now the Republican Party will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's election to the presidency of the United States.

Catholics in the village of Cohocton in Steuben County will also celebrate an anniversary that year—the foundation of the parish of St. Pius V.

Still a little bit too early to start formal preparations for that eventful year, the parishioners of this town just a short distance southeast of Dansville, nevertheless reflect the deep-seated faith that made their fathers ask for a church in a town that was predominantly Protestant.

NOW UNDER the spiritual care of Bishop Kezary and the Diocese of Rochester, Cohocton was first under the guidance of Bishop John Timon of Buffalo, and it wasn't until 1897 that St. Pius V and the rest of the churches in Steuben, Chemung, Tioga and Schuyler counties became part of the Rochester Diocese.

Parish records tell us that the church was built in 1881—also



BETWEEN THE PINES in Cohocton

another memorable year in American history—the rebel firing on Fort Sumter and the start of the Civil War. The new brick portion of the church was built in 1883. On Oct. 16 of the latter year, the Rt. Rev. Stephen V. Ryan, second Bishop of Buffalo, visited Cohocton and was given "the nicest and most imposing reception ever given in this village to an individual" according to parish records.

This reception included a parade led by a band with members holding torch lights and a guard of honor surrounding the Bishop's carriage. The people in Cohocton attended Mass in Perkinsville prior to the formation of their own parish. A Father Steger celebrated Mass for the first time in Cohocton then called Liberty—in 1860.

It was also Father Steger who also started the first parish Bap-



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## Parish Paper Lauds Retiring Church Janitor

Tribute was paid Martin McMahon, retiring janitor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira in last Sunday's parish publication, "The Chimes." McMahon has served the parish faithfully for the past 20 years.

The tribute follows:

GOD BLESS

MARTIN McMAHON

"Today we pay tribute to Mr. Martin McMahon who retires as janitor of our parish property this weekend. Mr. McMahon has served under three Pastors, Msgr. Lee, Msgr. Naughton and Father Biskis. He has served our Church longer than any other member of our present "Parish Team."

Mr. McMahon has opened the Church (early and faithfully) and closed it (late enough for the working people's evening visits) nearly 7,000 times, and has been the first and the last to greet Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament all these many times.

Mr. McMahon has been pleasant to the children who love him; he has taken a great interest in the lawn and the landscape of our property; he has made special efforts to keep our Church clean and neat; and the furnaces he has filled with tons of coal during those many long winter beyond the call of duty; he has been loyal and devoted parishioner.

The members of our Parish Family congratulate Mr. McMahon and thank him sincerely for a job well done. They wish him and Mrs. McMahon boundless happiness in this well-deserved retirement. They ask God to bless Mr. McMahon in return for his years of dedicated service to the Mother Church of Elmira.

## Parish Family Outing Listed

Annual Parish Family Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name and Immaculate Heart Societies of St. Peter and Paul's parish, Elmira will be held at Sullivan's Monument grounds on Sunday, Sept. 7.

Co-chairmen are George Bragg and Edward Hentz. They will be assisted by Charles Bristow Jr. and Mrs. O. Gerald Steiner.

An extensive program of games, music and entertainment is being arranged. Additional aides will be named by the co-chairmen.

Rosary Priest

Dublin — (NC) — Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., "Rosary Priest" will preach a special sermon at the Marian Shrine in Knock on August 10.

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## Seven Elmira Sodalists Attend New York Sessions

Seven teenage Sodalists of Our Lady attended the Summer School of Catholic Action at Fordham University, New York City, last week.

The Summer School of Catholic Action "is designed to provide training for a militant Catholic laity—especially among the teenagers, a laity willing to stand up for a principle and one which is trained and capable of leading others." The general sessions opened daily at 9:00 a.m. and the special sessions closed daily at 4:15 p.m.

THESE SEVEN students received courses of instruction "to increase their faith, inspire and motivate them to the fuller Catholic and apostolic life so badly needed in the world today."

The young men and women expressed their gratitude to their benefactors who made this school of Catholic Action possible for them. They plan to dedicate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to their benefactors in return for their financial assistance to them, they announced.

The Sodalists—all officers—chosen to attend the school were: Edward Kasouf, Daniel Dean, Joseph Cumiskey, Nora Kent, Patricia Conklin, Patricia Smallcomb, Barbara Kasouf.

## Field Mass Offered in Addison Cemetery

Addison — The Rev. Francis H. Turner, pastor of St. Catherine's Church, was in charge of the annual field Mass last Sunday morning in St. Catherine's Cemetery, held annually in memory of all deceased buried in both local Catholic cemeteries.

An altar was erected in the center of the cemetery and Father Turner delivered a memorial sermon. All members of the local parish and out of town people who have relatives or friends buried in either Catholic cemeteries were extended invitations to be on hand for the service.

## Bishop Casey Lists Confirmation Of 115

Very Rev. Leo G. Schwab, V.F., pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes church, Elmira, announces the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on 115 children by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey in a ceremony to be held on Sunday afternoon September 28 at 3:30 p.m.

## New Chairmen Appointed For Hospital Auxiliary

A new director was appointed and committee chairmen for the year were named at the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Hospital Women's Auxiliary meeting at the hospital in Elmira, August 12. Miss Rose DeScio, president, presided.

Miss DeScio announced appointment of Mrs. Robert Jerome to the board for a two-year term. Mrs. Jerome is replacing Mrs. George Hughes who was elected second vice president at the annual meeting in June. Sister M. Liguori was reappointed chairman of volunteer services at the last meeting.

THESE NEW committees were announced by Miss DeScio: Mrs. Joseph R. Spiegel, First Vice-President; Mrs. Robert Huddle, Recording Secretary; Miss Anne Graham, Treasurer; and Board members: Mrs. Eugene Hourigan, Mrs. Robert W. Robinson and Mrs. O. Lawrence Creighton.

## Novena To Open At St. Anthony

A new Novena in honor of Our Blessed Mother and St. Anthony will open in St. Anthony Church, Elmira on Tuesday evening August 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Services will continue each Tuesday evening and include special Novena prayers, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic of St. Anthony.

## Perpetual Help Men Set Closed Retreat

Annual closed retreat for men of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish will be conducted the weekend of Sept. 12, 13, and 14. All men, young and old, are invited to make the retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St., Rochester.

Reservations are being made with Fred A. Imo, Raymond Hill, August M. Mater, Henry J. Schuchter.

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