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### Notre Dame Card Party

Notre Dame Parents Association will hold a benefit card party in the school gymnasium on Monday Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. in Elmira.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen New and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lutomski have been designated co-chairmen.

Parish ticket committees include Mr. and Mrs. J. A. O'Loughlin, St. Patrick's; Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Musico, St. Anthony's; Mr. and Mrs. Emildo Paganelli, St. Peter and Paul's; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Murray, St. Cecilia's; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schiefel, St. John the Baptist; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Richmond, St. Mary's; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayes, Our Lady of Lourdes; Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien, Valley area.



Father Joseph D'Aurizio of Corpus Christi parish writes Mass card for Joseph W. Hauser (left photo); Sister Lisette shows new 'Apostolate of Mercy' card to Mary Burkett (center photo) and Mother Clara Lill (right) fills in details for 'Cenacle "Crusade of Prayer"' card for Mrs. Robert Brown. (Photos by Paul Con-testable)



MRS. FRANZ Welzel, seated, looks over copy of the Catholic Courier announcing the election of Pope John XXIII. Looking on are left to right, Theresa Welzel, Mrs. Carlos Gutierrez Jr., Mrs. Andrew Kosty and Mrs. Raymond Fratarangelo. The latter two were confirmed by the new Pope in Turkey in 1937.

## Two Confirmed By New Pope

Corning — The coronation of Pope John XXIII in Rome this week had a special significance for two Corningites.

While living in Istanbul, Turkey in 1937, Mrs. Ann Kosty and Mrs. Mary Fratarangelo, sisters who now reside in Corning, were confirmed by the then Archbishop Bonacelli.

"I can still remember my confirmation and kissing the ring of the new Pope," Mrs. Kosty said. "It was the first time we ever saw the Apostolic Delegate."

MRS. KOSTY, who was 12 years old at the time of her confirmation, now lives at 339 W. Third St. Her sister, Mrs. Fratarangelo, who is two years older, lives at 265 W. Second St. in Corning.

The two women were living in Turkey with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Franz Welzel and their two sisters, Theresa and Margaret, Welzel was employed as a glass blower in a Turkish glass factory.

While living in Turkey, Ann and Mary attended St. George's Convent School in Istanbul and they were confirmed by the new Pontiff in a large French Cathedral in that city.

REMINISCING about that day, Mrs. Welzel, who together with her husband brought their children to this country in 1938 and settled in Corning, said that "it was a hot, summer morning when the girls were confirmed. In fact it was too hot for my youngest daughter, Margaret, to be brought to the cathedral."

Mary and Ann were not the only ones from their family to take a part in the ceremony. Their older sister, Theresa, acted as a sponsor for a classmate of Ann's.

Theresa, who lives in Paris now, is personal maid to Mrs. Armary Houghton of Corning, wife of the U.S. ambassador to France.

HOME ON A month's vacation she recalled that all of the family went up to the communion rail after the ceremony to kiss the ring of the new Pope John.

Before coming to Turkey, Welzel was employed as a glass blower in Bulgaria after World War One, coming to Turkey in 1935.

After their arrival in Corning, Welzel worked at the Corning Glass Works, until he died in 1935. They came here at the suggestion of Welzel's two sisters and brother who resided in Corning.

All members of the Welzel family residing in Corning are parishioners of St. Mary's Church.

Ann married Andrew Kosty and Mary married Raymond Fratarangelo, both Corning residents. In 1946, while the youngest daughter, Margaret, is married to Carlos Gutierrez, also of Corning.

Exposition At St. John Baptist

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira on each first Friday following the 12:10 noon Mass until the close of the 5:15 evening Mass.

## Congress Slated For Mary's Legion

The Rochester Committee of the Legion of Mary will sponsor an all-day congress at St. Agnes High School for its members on Sunday, Nov. 9.

Featured speaker for the affair will be Mrs. Joan V. Fox, field representative for inter-cultural education for the State Education Department.

J. RAYMOND Hensler, chairman of the congress, said that the program will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the recitation of the Rosary.

Mrs. Edward Adams, Dr. John J. Culligan and John O'Brien will lead panel discussions. Mass will be celebrated at noon for the members by Rev. John L. Cononan.

Dinner will follow the Mass and at 4 p.m., there will be concurrent meetings of the presidents and vice-presidents and secretaries and treasurers of each parish group. Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, will address all other members at this time.

Father O'Brien's topic will be "The Legion and the Mystical Body of Christ."

Mrs. Fox will address the members of the Legion at 4:30 p.m. Her subject will be "History and Trends of Immigration and Migration."

Rev. John W. LeVernoe, chaplain of St. Agnes High School, will conclude the congress, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Evening Mass At 4 Churches

First Friday (today) evening Masses have been scheduled for four Elmira churches. They are:

- St. Patrick's, 8:30 p.m.
- St. John the Baptist, 6:15 p.m.
- Our Lady of Lourdes, 8:30 p.m.
- St. Charles Borromeo, 6:15 p.m.

Holy Communion will be distributed at these Masses. The usual fasting regulations are in effect.

### Sodality Slates Annual Card Party

Members of the Sodality of Our Lady of St. Patrick's parish, Elmira, will hold their annual benefit card party on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. in the new auditorium.

Proceeds from the affair are used to supply Christmas baskets to needy families in the parish. Helen Ganey and Mrs. Francis B. O'Connor have been named co-chairmen.

## Masses, Prayers Aid Poor Souls

The Sisters of Mercy of the Rochester Diocese announced this week they are launching a new "Apostolate of Mercy" by offering their chapel prayers and daily activities for the sick and the dead.

Special cards have been designed by artist-nuns Sister Lisette and Sister Estelle which may be obtained at the Mercy Motherhouse, Blossom Rd., Brighton.

THE MERCY NUNS will offer special prayers daily for all who are enrolled in their new apostolate program.

Sister Petrus, who announced the new apostolate, said the cards are appropriately designed to be given to shut-ins, the sick, and to the family mourning the death of a loved one.

She said the apostolate is being launched at this time because November, in Catholic devotion, is dedicated to prayers for the Poor Souls.

According to Catholic belief, the faithful on earth are able to assist souls in Purgatory through Masses, prayers, mortifications and other good works.

A WIDE-SPREAD custom to assist the Poor Souls is to arrange with a parish priest to offer Masses for them.

A Mass card is usually then sent to the family of the deceased as a token of sympathy and an indication that the Mass will be offered as soon as possible.

Details may be obtained by visiting or phoning the Mercy Motherhouse (Buller 8-7100) or the Cenacle Convent (Browning 1-8755).

## Father Merklinger Tells Women: Lift Christ To Proper Place

Hornell — The responsibility of the laity towards restoring Christ the King to His proper place in the world was emphasized by Rev. John Merklinger at a first Saturday luncheon in the New Sherwood Hotel.

FATHER MERKLINGER, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dansville, was the principal speaker at the luncheon sponsored by the Stouhon Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

"Pilate questioned Our Divine Lord and He replied that He is a King. Whether the individual enhances Him in the human heart or whether he chooses to reject Him, Christ still is the King of every soul," Father Merklinger said.

"This an age of secularism. The need today is to restore Christ the King to His proper place. That obligation extends very definitely to the layman who has, in this complex world, contacts which are not available to priests and to those of religious orders and communities.

"GOOD EXAMPLE and prayer must be supplemented by Catholic action. The noblest vocation open to man is that of preparing the way for Christ the King to enter the hearts of His people. That great cause must be advanced with devotion, intelligence and great charity.

Father Merklinger concluded: "You have great devotion to the Blessed Mother. You will, then, wish to imitate Our Lady in her motherly concern for all mankind and to assist her to bring all men closer to her divine Son—Christ the King."

## Court St. Rita Meets Monday

The regular business meeting of Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, Elmira will be held Monday, Nov. 10 with Mrs. James Brown, grand regent presiding.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. John T. Dowdle of the St. Rose of Lima Committee of the Ladies of Charity. Mrs. Dowdle will explain the use and meaning of the Advent wreath.

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