



School Remodeling Seen Finished In March

Corning—Remodeling of the north building of St. Mary's School is about 25 percent complete, it was reported today by W. E. Granger & Sons of Elmira, the general contractor.

The remodeling constitutes the first phase of the general project which will modernize the school facilities and replace the oldest present building with a new structure.

Work was started in September soon after the awarding of the contract and was to have been completed by Feb. 1.

However, it was reported today the contractor has experienced difficulty in obtaining delivery of some of his materials, and the completion date may be nearer March 1.

Work has been going forward on alterations to the north building with partitions being removed and replaced. A new stair tower is being constructed and a new chimney is to be erected.

Considine & Haskell of Elmira are the architects, and the subcontractors are John C. Dieen of Corning, plumbing; Harry E. Ring of Corning, electrical; and C. R. Evans Corporation of Elmira, heating.

After the first phase of the project is completed, pupils now using the oldest building will take temporary quarters in the newly remodeled North building and the older structure will be razed. A new contract will be let for a new building to be constructed on the site. It will be an eight-room L-shaped wing.



Auburn — The Red Star Express Lines Inc. of Auburn hauled three tractor trailer loads of clothing which was collected in the American Bishop's Thanksgiving Clothing Collection for overseas relief in the Cayuga area by Red Star employees, Stuart Mackay and Deaney, to New York City, at no cost. Shown loading clothing collected at St. Alphonsus Church are left to right in front: Michael Bowden, Karl Schreck and Rev. Francis Waterstreet, pastor. On the truck collector for overseas relief in the Cayuga area are Red Star employees, Stuart Mackay and Deaney, to New York City, at no cost. (Clifton Blaisdelle, (A. G. Tarby Photo).

AN OUTSTANDING increase in daily Mass attendance and reception of Holy Communion has been reported by Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, who is shown distributing Communion at a weekday Mass at the church.

St. John's Parish

Attendance Up At Weekday Mass

An outstanding increase in the attendance at daily Mass has been noted by Father Raymond G. Heisel, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira.

At the beginning of last month, Father Heisel inaugurated a 12:30 p.m. Mass on week days as well as Sundays.

Attendance in the beginning ran around 50 people and a steady increase has brought the numbers up to over 100 at the latest check.

The number of daily Communicants is extremely gratifying to Father Heisel. About 80 percent are receiving Holy Communion at this week day Mass regularly.

Membership cards in the Daily Mass League were passed out in

this Downtown Elmira parish and are to be returned to the rectory. Anyone wishing to affiliate may obtain an application by writing or calling St. John's rectory.

This richly indulged lady organization was founded to increase the devotion of the faithful by attending daily Mass. It has no officers, no dues, no meetings, no promises, just a desire on the part of every Catholic to assist at daily Mass, is all that is required.

Triduum Set At St. Anthony's

A Triduum in honor of the Infant of Prague will open in St. Anthony Church, Elmira on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Services will be held each day at 7:30 p.m. and solemn closing will take place on Tuesday.

Rev. Nicholas Ahlante, S.A. of New York will conduct the services. Father Nicholas was formerly stationed at St. John's Ascension Seminary in Montour Falls.

In Honor Society Richard J. Zuzero of 187 W. Second St., Corning, has been inducted into Delta Epsilon Sigma, national honor society of Catholic colleges and universities, at Niagara University.



FATHER SZCZEPANSKI

Parish Will Honor Father Szczepanski

Rev. Ladislaus J. Szczepanski, pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, will be honored at a parish reception on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Father Szczepanski, pastor of the Elmira parish will mark his 25th anniversary in that post on Saturday, Dec. 13.

A native of Rochester, Father, Szczepanski has been stationed at the Elmira parish since his ordination, June 6, 1925, becoming pastor when Rev. Rev. Monsignor Joseph A. Bulecrak was made pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester on Dec. 13, 1933.

A GRADUATE of St. Stanislaus School, Rochester, Father, Szczepanski attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

Since his appointment as pastor, Father Szczepanski has cleared all parish debt while making many needed repairs and improvements to the parish plant.

Honorary chairman of the parish reception is Rev. Leonard P. Kujawski, assistant pastor. General chairman is Mrs. Olga Barrowski, assisted by Mrs. Tillie Mekos, Mrs. Marion Rogus, Edward P. Lepkowski, Joseph Krok and Lynda Geigle as co-chairmen.

Members of the Rosary Society, Wanda Ladle, Circle, Sacred Heart Society, recreation club, St. Casimir's Society and the Sodality of Our Lady will assist.

Newman Club Retreats Set

A retreat for the women of the Newman Club of the University of Rochester is scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 6-8, at the Cenacle Retreat House, 693 East Ave. Reservations are now being taken by Barbara Young at the university. She may be contacted at 408 Morgan St., Greenfield 3-9660.

The retreat opens at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 and closes with Benediction at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8th. Rev. Daniel Berrigan, S.J., will be retreat master.

Due to the increased number of college women wishing to make the Newman Club retreat, an additional retreat for all other college Newman Clubs in the Rochester area, including Syracuse, Ithaca and Elmira has been scheduled for Feb. 13 to 15. Reservations for this retreat may be made through presidents of local Newman Clubs or the Cenacle Retreat House, BrWalling: 1-8755. Rev. Lewis M. Cox, S.J., will be retreat master. Both Father Berrigan and Father Cox are of Le Moyne College, Syracuse.

Annual Family Supper Held

Hammondsport — Annual supper for all families of the parish was held by the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Gabriel Church, Hammondsport, Sunday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

Committee consisted of Mrs. Herman Wagner and Mrs. Luther Perkins Sr., co-chairmen; Mrs. Frank Van Gelder, dining room; Mrs. Konstantin Frank and Mrs. Harold Schaeffer, kitchen; Mrs. Peter Doherty and Helen Miller, tables.

Other committee members included Mesdames Luther Perkins Jr., Richard Krug, James Jenkins, Joseph Ryan and Donald Miller.

Takes University Post Donald P. Alfano has been named director of development and public relations at Niagara University.

Fourth Degree Rite Set In Auburn

Raymond L. Nary, master of the Fifth New York District, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, announced that arrangements have now been completed for an exemplification of the fourth degree to be held in Auburn on Sunday, May 3, 1959.

This class of candidates has been named in memory of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frederick G. Straub, former pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Auburn and Dean of Cayuga County, until his death, Oct. 26. Msgr. Straub was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus for 30 years.

Following the degree Bishop Kearney will address the Sir Knights and their ladies at a formal banquet to be held in the ballroom of the Auburn Inn. Sir Knight James J. Rooney, vice-supreme master of the Father Isaac Jogues, S.J., province will attend the degree as will the masters from Buffalo, Utica and Albany.

Fourth degree assemblies which comprise the Fifth New York District are Auburn, Corning, Canandaigua, Dansville, Elmira, Geneva, Hornell, Ithaca, Newark, Rochester, Seneca Falls, Waterloo and Waverly.

Clothing Collection

Near Record Seen In Annual Drive

The American Bishops Thanksgiving Clothing Collection may equal last year's near-record total of 311,684 pounds from 69 parishes.

Father McManus said that 17,997 pounds of clothing, an increase of four percent over the amount the same parishes contributed last year, has already been shipped to the Bronx warehouse of the Catholic Relief Services, N.C.W.C.

THIRTY-OF THE 69 parishes reporting registered increases over last year, Father McManus said.

He reported that Sacred Heart Cathedral parish again led the list with 29,885 pounds shipped to the N.C.W.C. collection point. It was the largest amount ever received in such a collection.

Parishes which have more than doubled their totals are St. Alphonsus, Auburn, 7,778 lbs.; St. Patrick, Aurora, and St. Michael, Union Springs, 1,410 lbs.

Large donations of clothing came from St. Charles Borromeo, Greece, 8,395 lbs.; Holy Rosary, Rochester, 7,300 lbs.; St. John the Evangelist, Greece, 6,460 lbs.; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, 6,133 lbs.; St. Andrew's, Rochester, 6,117 lbs.; St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester, 6,018 lbs.; St. Monica's, Rochester, 5,334 lbs.; Good Counsel, Rochester, 4,200 lbs.; and Holy Family, Rochester, 4,101 lbs.

Other parishes registering increases are Annunciation 1,250 lbs.; St. Anthony, Rochester, 1,456 lbs.; St. Boniface, 3,593 lbs.; St. John Evangelist, Rochester, 3,279 lbs.; Mount Carmel, 3,000 lbs.; St. Phillip Neri, 2,450 lbs.; Our Lady of Mercy, 2,441 lbs.; St. Mary, Dansville, 1,938 lbs.

SS. PETER AND PAUL, Auburn, 300 lbs.; SS Peter and Paul Elmira, 1,292 lbs.; Assumption,

Deadlines Advanced

Christmas and New Year's week issues of the Catholic Courier Journal will be printed on Tuesday of those weeks, the issues of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. News copy should be in this office, 35 State St., by Saturday preceding the issue to appear, if at all possible.

Mount Morris, 1,450 lbs.; St. Azes, Avon, 1,330 lbs.; St. Mary, Bath, 1,210 lbs.; Assumption Fairport, 2,050 lbs.

St. Anthony, Gorton, 657 lbs.; St. Patrick, Macedon, 573 lbs.; St. Januarius, Naples, and St. Matthias, Atlanta 425 lbs.; St. John, Newark Valley, and St. Francis, Cataonk, 282 lbs.; St. Mary, Beville, and St. Joachim, Canisteo, 447 lbs.; St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken, 147 lbs., and St. Mary, Waterloo, 1,699 lbs.

The final report of parish contributions will be made in the Courier Journal when all participating parishes will have completed their shipments. Each parish pays shipping costs to the Bronx warehouses, from which point the Catholic Relief Services assumes charge of overseas transportation and distribution to the needy.

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