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The sanctuary lamp at St. Thomas More Church, Brighton, tells third graders William Spies and Deirdre Wilson that the Infant Saviour born on the first Christmas still dwells in the tabernacle on their parish altar to bless them as He did the shepherds

FATHER MUCKLE

Father Muckle Funeral Mass This Morning

Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kearney for Rev. John F. Muckle, founder and pastor-emeritus of St. Thomas Church, Irondequoit, at St. Thomas Church today, Friday, at 10:30 a.m.

Father Muckle, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination this past June, was one of four brothers who became priests. He also has a sister who is a Sister of Mercy.

KNOWN FOR HIS great integrity, Father Muckle never compromised the Catholic faith and had the greatest respect for the Catholic priesthood.

Father Muckle was not only greatly respected by his own parishioners, but was well known by Non-Catholics in his parish who gave him their complete respect.

Assisting Bishop Kearney at the funeral Mass will be Rt. Rev. Monsignor James C. McAniff, P.A., assistant priest; Rt. Rev. Monsignors John E. Maney and Richard K. Burns, deacons of honor.

REV. WILLIAM MUCKLE, one of the deceased's brothers, will be deacon of the Mass. Rev. George Weinmann will be the subdeacon and Rt. Rev. Monsignor George W. Ecki will preach the eulogy.

Vespers for the dead were recited for Father Muckle in St. Thomas Church last evening. Burial will take place in the priest's plot of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

A native of Stanley, N.Y., Father Muckle was named the founding pastor of St. Thomas Church by Archbishop Thomas A. Hickey in 1922.

DURING HIS 32-YEAR pastorate, he saw his parish grow.

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The First Christmas Has Never Ended

By FATHER HENRY ATWELL

The Christmas story never grows old.

No matter how many times it is told there are still new details to intrigue us as it is told again each year.

We read or listen with rapt attention as we picture once more the scene of that first silent holy night when God stepped into our world to be our brother and companion.

So also this year, as nations stand poised on the brink of war, we search the Scriptures to learn more about the night our Lord, the Prince of Peace, was born.

JOSEPH AND MARY must have been exhausted as they neared the end of their four day walk from Nazareth to register for the census at Bethlehem. As they came to the crossroads — one leading to Jerusalem, the other to Bethlehem — they could see both cities which were about 15 miles apart, both so different from each other.

Jerusalem, the capital, was a city of grandeur. Its golden temple towers gleaming in the sunset, the white columns of the palace and the bare rock beyond where one day the Saviour would end the life He was about to begin in Bethlehem.

This little village is also located atop a hill, but its buildings are the modest dwellings of the poor — a few shops and stores, a synagogue, and the khan, or as moderns would call it, a motel, but built far more primitively than even the crudest hostel of our era.

Winter in Palestine does not mean deep snow or ice as we know winter here. If snow does fall in the Holy Land, it lasts but briefly. Freezing weather is even less frequent, but the wind is raw, the cold rain chills to the bone and the poor must huddle close to the fire in their one room homes.

Joseph and Mary must have had friends or relatives in Bethlehem — this was the city of David and they were "of the house and family of David" (Luke 2:4). We wonder why he did not seek a lodging in one of these homes, for Oriental etiquette never shuts a door even to a stranger, much less to a friend.

The answer to this riddle is to be found in the type of home these people of Bethlehem had.

Village dwellings then were but a single room, not even as big as a one-car garage today. This one room was living room, kitchen, dining room, bed room and barn — hardly the place, no matter how friendly, for the young couple to have privacy for the birth of the Virgin's Child.

So Joseph passed by the houses, with their noise and odor, to find a spot at the inn.

Bethlehem was a frontier town where caravans had their last chance to rest and stock up supplies as they entered or left the desert trek to the eastern nations.

The caravansary or inn was a walled four-sided courtyard. A platform ran along the inside of the wall with a few partitions to give the semblance of privacy to those who preferred it.

The camels and pack animals were tethered in the open center section of the courtyard.

All the alcoves were occupied but the rough and coarse caravan men would not mind having the added company of the young couple — they would undoubtedly enjoy the sport of watching the young mother in those delicate moments.

This does not mean the men were cruel or depraved. This was the world before Jesus was born. Men were so often like the animals — even worse — and they needed the Saviour's message which would give them a vision of dignity to make them sons of God rather than mere companions of the beasts.

We can now understand why Joseph decided there was definitely no room in this inn for his bride whose time had come.

He turned instead to the caves which dot the Judean hillsides where country people and travelers still find satisfactory shelter for the night.

The only furnishing in these caves is a box-like manger bracketed to the wall or held up on crossed boards to serve as a fodder bin for the animals.

In a cave as bare as this, "it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger" (Luke 2: 6 and 7).

There in this quiet tabernacle, the first adorers, Mary and Joseph, gave their worship to Emmanuel, the Child who is God-with-us.

The Saviour, by divine decree, was not born, however,

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Prayers For You At Midnight Mass

Father Atwell, editor of the Courier Journal, will include you and your loved ones in the prayers of his Christmas midnight Mass to be offered in the Cenacle Convent chapel, Rochester.

Christmas Eve Fasting Laws

The day before Christmas, Dec. 24, is a day of fast and abstinence.

All Catholics 7 years of age or over may not eat meat. Those between 21 and 59 are further restricted to no eating between meals.

Those who plan to receive Holy Communion at midnight Mass are reminded that the usual fast laws are in effect: no food or alcoholic drink for 3 hours before Communion, no other liquids for 1 hour. Water of course is permitted any time.

Today and tomorrow Friday and Saturday are Ember Days. Meat is permitted once on Saturday.

Pope Permits Meat Dec. 26

Vatican City —(NC)— Pope John XIII has granted a dispensation from abstinence on Friday, Dec. 26, the day after Christmas.

Prayers For Persecuted

The Sunday following Christmas will be a day of prayer for persecuted people.

Bishop Kearney has asked that Catholics of the Rochester Diocese offer their Mass Holy Communion and prayers that day, Dec. 28, for these suffering millions.

He has called for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in all parish churches from after the last morning Mass until evening Benediction.

Charities Ask Funds For Poor

The Catholic Charities made a last-minute appeal today for funds to give Christmas dinners to poor families in the Rochester Diocese.

Any amount contributed will be appreciated and used specifically for the dinners for the poor, Father Donald J. Mullaly stated.

Donations may be sent to the Catholic Charities Christmas Fund, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester 4, N.Y.

Girls Home Opens Jan. 4

St. Elizabeth Guild House, a residence for working girls 18 to 25, will open at its new location 1475 East Avenue, Rochester, on Sunday, Jan. 4.

Information may be obtained from Mrs. John Heffernan, HAmilton 6-3400.

Pope Sees Church As Immense Family

Vatican City — Catholics throughout the world are "an immense family bound by the same faith and by a charity which unites peoples separated by continents, oceans and political boundaries," Pope John told his Cardinals this week.

He repeated his election day statement in which he expressed his concern for "those brothers, all children of God, who are separated from our Apostolic See."

He prayed that the good lives of Catholics would be a "gentle light to win over the minds of men."

The Pontiff gave his talk at a Vatican ceremony Monday when he officially created 23 new Cardinals, two of them Americans.

Wednesday he gave them 9 directives and climaxed the colorful installation rites by giving the broad-rimmed Red Hats to the new Princes of the Church yesterday.

The Thursday ceremony took place in the spacious Sacristy of St. Peter's Basilica.

The U.S. prelates raised to the Sacred College were Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, and John Cardinal O'Hara, Archbishop of Philadelphia. With them in Rome awaiting the official notification of their elevation was Amleto Giovanni Cardinal Cicognani, who had served for over 25 years as Apostolic Delegate to Washington, D.C.

Grouped before Pope John for Monday's rites by Eric V. Duckworth were 21 members of the current College of Cardinals. The Pope read the names of the new Cardinals, response to disciples the United States, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Austria, England, Portugal, Mexico and Belgium.

For the Catholics of Mexico and Paraguay, the ceremony marked the first time that one of their prelates was made a member of the Church's Senate. The Church's highest distinction was conferred on Archbishop José Garibi y Rivera of Guadalajara and Archbishop Antonio Maria Barbieri, O.F.M. Cap., of Montevideo.

Highlight of the consistory was the speech in which Pope John broadly hinted that he may eventually increase even more the membership of the Sacred College.

"There are many others," he said, "who are worthy of the same honor and whom We might hope to honor at a future time with the same lofty dignity."

THE POPE'S SPEECH was mainly devoted to the plight of the Church in Communist countries, especially in China where he wanted added prayers made to create a new spiritual awakening. For them, too, for their

Pope John says Mass as new Cardinals consistory is about to begin.

the same climate, he asserted, the clergy and faithful have become "the targets of blandishments, menaces and physical and moral tortures in order to force them to break the bond of obedience and love that links them with the See of Peter."

Understanding the tradition as well as the suffering of the Church in China, Pope John said: "The life of these dioceses resembles a cup of bitterness, absorbing the same Lenten spirit as ours, becoming more and more impenetrable like a cloud of darkness from souls which, although oppressed by tyranny, vanquished, still bear strong in their hearts the Roman Pontificate and look for its rule made to create a new spiritual awakening, for them, too, for their

Pope John began his discourse by voicing his joy over the knowledge that Christians throughout the world, Non-Catholics as well as Catholics, have joined in congratulations and good wishes to Us who, though unmerited, have been raised to the throne of St. Peter."

Abp. Vagnozzi Named Delegate

Washington — Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi has been named Apostolic Delegate to the United States, NCWC News Service reported today.

The Rome-born prelate returns to this country where he held various posts at the Apostolic Delegation from 1932 to 1942.

He has since served as Vatican diplomat in Portugal, the East Indies which include India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Malaya, and the Philippines.

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Christmas Mass On Radio, TV

Holy Mass will be telecast and broadcast from a chapel and two parish churches of the Rochester Diocese this Christmas.

ROCHESTER

WROC-TV, Channel 5, will telecast solemn Mass from the Carmelite Monastery, Christmas morning, 10 to 11 a.m.

Rev. Richard Tormey will celebrate the Mass and give the sermon. Rev. Henry Atwell will give the commentary during the Mass rite.

Immaculate Conception Church choir will sing the chants of the Mass.

Charles Dispenza is choir director and Robert Reberger, organist.

ELMIRA

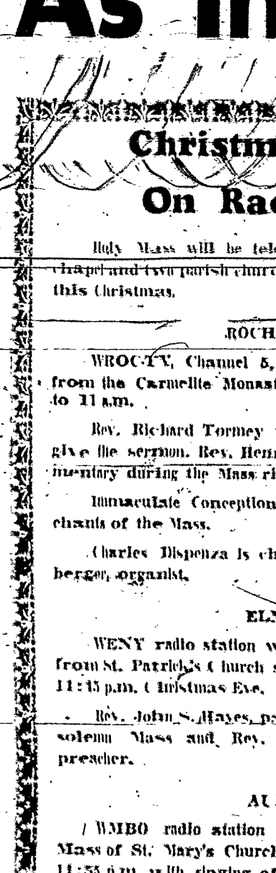
WENY radio station will broadcast midnight Mass from St. Patrick's Church starting with carol singing at 11:45 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Rev. John S. Hayes, pastor, will be celebrant of the solemn Mass and Rev. DeSales Standerwick, S.A., preacher.

AUBURN

WMBO radio station will broadcast the midnight Mass of St. Mary's Church. The program will begin at 11:55 p.m. with singing of Christmas carols.

Very Rev. Msgr. James D. Cuffney, administrator, will be celebrant, assisted by Rev. Ignatius St. George, deacon, and Rev. Michael Murphy, subdeacon. Rev. Arthur Hack will be narrator.



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Funeral Held For Fr. McCall

Bishop Kearney offered Solemn Requiem Mass for Rev. George L. McCall, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, Saturday morning in the Waterloo church.

Father McCall, pastor of St. Mary's for 20 years, died suddenly Dec. 9, 1958. He was 75 years old.

Very Rev. Monsignor Joseph Sullivan, Father McCall's nephew, gave the eulogy. Text, page 6.

Assisting the Bishop at the Mass were Rev. Leo Sullivan, deacon, the deceased's nephew, and Rev. Edwin Wedow, subdeacon, Father McCall's grandnephew.

Deacons of honor were Rt. Rev. Monsignor Edward Ball, V.F. and Rev. John P. O'Beirne. Rt. Rev. Monsignor John E. Maney was assistant priest and Rev. Edwin McAniff and Rev. Conrad Sundholm were masters of ceremonies.

Rev. Daniel Tormey and Rev. Raymond Ringwood were acolytes at the Mass and Rev. John Klimjes was thurifer. Book bearer was Rev. Thomas Statt. Also assisting were Rev. Henry Adamski, mitre bearer; Rev. James Cosgrove, gremiale bearer, and Rev. John Morgan, candle bearer.

The Priests Choir was made up of Reverend Fathers Richard A. Hart, Robert A. McFiggins, John E. Roach, Richard E. Murphy, Charles J. McCarthy, Robert Smith and Thomas J. Florack.

ATTENDING the Mass were Rt. Rev. Monsignors John M. V. Hogan, Edward Kurdziel, William M. Roche, John F. Duffy, W. Darey Bolger and Elmer W. Heindl.

Approximately 60 nuns representing various parishes in the Finger Lakes region were also present.

Members of the third and fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus and pupils from the seventh and eighth grades of St. Mary's school walked in a procession from the church to St. Mary's Cemetery, where Father McCall was interred.

Also, Reverend Fathers Daniel J. Tolster, John F. Woloch, Raymond H. Wahl, John B. Crowley, James C. Lane, John V. Lough, Jr., Robert L. Kress, Thomas K. Cleary, Edward J. Foy, John J. Fressy, William J. O'Brien, Frederick F. Eisenmann.

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