



MARY MENIHAN, a member of Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester, will portray the Virgin Mary in the school's Christmas play. (Courier photos by Paul Contestable.)

### True Christmas Spirit

## Youngsters Give To Poor

By FRANK KELLY

Christmas shoppers and sellers were not the only ones with a hurried look this past week as parishes and high schools in the Diocese made plans for Christmas.

At St. Thomas More parish, Brighton, as in all other parish churches, Father Francis Pegnam began setting up his church crib

with the assistance of the school children. "NATURALLY, with the help of the children, this normal two-hour job took two days, but Father Pegnam didn't mind.

"Watching these children reverently grasping the statue of the Virgin with the utmost care to see that it wasn't harmed in any way, more than

made up for the waste of time," he said. "It shows that these little people have as firm a grasp of the fundamentals of their religion as they did of the statues," he added.

AS EACH CHILD put each statue in its proper place in the crib, the true spirit of Christmas shone like the Star of Bethlehem (Continued on Page 2-A)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1958

### New Infirmary

## Chairmen Named For Fund Drive

Selection of top committee chairmen for the Sisters of St. Joseph Infirmary and Novitiate appeal was announced today by Reverend Mother M. Helene, mother-general of the

community. Solicitation is scheduled in February. Friends of the Sisters throughout the Diocese will be given an opportunity to pledge toward construction of a \$1,500,000 infirmary building to be erected adjacent to the Nazareth Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave., Pittsford.

GERALD R. BARNETT, Webster attorney, will head the general committee for the Monroe County appeal. Chairman of the advanced gifts committee is William Mulcahy, with Martin T. Gullen as vice chairman. Serving as vice chairmen with Barnett are Urban G. Kress and Mrs. Albert B. Lauer.

Chairmen of group committees include: Alumnae, Mrs. Lewis J. Boyce; Parents and Guild, Emmet J. O'Shilly; relatives, Mack H. Tuohy; Friends, Frank R. Davis.

Barnett announced that team captains for the various units will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, in the Nazareth College cafeteria. Mulcahy told members of his group will attend a dinner in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19. There also will be committees organized throughout the remainder of the Diocese in parishes where the Sisters of St. Joseph staff parochial schools.

TWO APPEAL DATES are

scheduled for the Monroe County committee. Advanced gifts solicitation will begin on Jan. 29 and general solicitation on Feb. 4.

Two needs will be filled by the proposed three-story brick structure, designed to accommodate 100 Sisters. It not only will supply modern facilities for the care of ill and aged Sisters but also will make available much-needed additional space in the motherhouse for the housing and training of postulants aspiring to the Sisterhood.

Present infirmary quarters, on the top floor of the four-story motherhouse, accommodate only 27 Sisters. There are at present 90 Sisters in the Diocese who are retired from active duty because of illness and infirmity. Mother Helene said they are being cared for with difficulty in other parts of the motherhouse, in hospitals and in various convents.

On Dec. 8 the Sisters began their 100th year of service in the Diocese. The community staffs more than 60 educational and social service institutions, including 52 parochial schools, a women's college, four high schools, a school for exceptional children, a home for dependent children, a cadet school for boys and a hospital.

## Midnight Mass To Usher In Feast Of Christmas

Christmas Day, the feast of the Nativity of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World and Prince of Peace, will be ushered in at midnight with the celebration of Mass in all Diocesan churches.

Auxiliary Bishop Casey will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral and will preach the sermon at the Midnight Mass.

HE WILL BE assisted by Rev. Mr. Roger Schmitzer, deacon, and Rev. Mr. Thomas Green, S.J., sub-deacon. Rev. Edwin Wedow will be master of ceremonies. Minor officers of the Mass will come from St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminaries.

On Christmas Day, the first American telecast of a Mass from a Carmelite Monastery will be shown over Station WROC-TV, Channel 5 in Rochester. It will be telecast from 10 to 11 a.m. from the Carmelite Monastery on Jefferson Rd., Pittsford.

Doors will open at the Cathedral at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Christmas carols will be sung by the girls choir starting at 11:30 p.m.

The Cathedral has slated Christmas Day Masses at 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in Elmira, 10 churches are reported rehearsing faithfully for the presentation of the joyous liturgical music of the Feast of Christ's Birth.

Programs as submitted, this week, follow:

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, ELMIRA**  
Rev. John S. Hayes, Pastor  
The Student Choir of St. Patrick's parish will sing the first Mass of Christmas at midnight. The Mass will be preceded by an hour of Christmas Carols, also sung by the student choir and under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy.  
The program is as follows:  
Introit—"Dominus Dixit"—Tozer

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ELMIRA**  
MIDNIGHT MASS  
Introit—Dominus dixit at me—Gregorian  
Kyrie—Mass in honor of St. Ambrose  
Gloria—Missa "De Angelis"—Gregorian  
Gradual—Tecum Principium—Recto-teno  
Agnus Dei—Gregorian  
Credo III—Gregorian  
Offertory—Laetentur Coeli—Tozer  
Supplementary Offertory—Jesu Redemptor—Ravanello  
Sanctus and Benedictus—Missa Brevis—Montani  
Agnus Dei—Missa Brevis—Montani  
Communion—In Splendoribus—Tozer  
Recessional—"Sing Gloria"—Traditional  
St. Angela—Director: Mrs. Charles P. Lynch, Organist.  
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### Christmas Day

## Masses Set In Elmira

Schedule of Masses in the Elmira area for Christmas, Thursday, December 25, a holy day of obligation.

- St. Patrick's—Midnight, 6, 7:30, 8:45, 10, 11 and 12:15 noon.
- St. Mary's—Midnight, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12:15 noon.
- St. Anthony's—Midnight, 7:30, 8:45, 10, 11 and 12:15 noon.
- St. Peter and Paul's—Midnight, 7, 8:30, 10:30 and 12:15 noon.
- Our Lady of Lourdes—Midnight, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
- St. John the Baptist—Midnight, 7, 8:30, 10:30, 12:15 noon and 5 p.m.
- St. Cecilia's—Midnight, 6, 8, 9:30, 11 and 12:15 noon.
- St. Casimir's—Midnight, 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 9:45 and 11.
- St. Charles Borromeo—Midnight, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
- St. Mary's—Horseheads—Midnight, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

## Hospital Holds Employee Dinner

Employees and student-nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, were entertained at a Christmas buffet supper given by the Sisters of St. Joseph who staff the hospital on Monday in Dunn Memorial auditorium.

Recorded music was provided for the enjoyment of the staff and students at the event. About 475 attended the affair.

THE HOSPITAL ALSO held a graduation dinner for the School of X-Ray Technology yesterday at the Elmira City Club.

Receiving their diplomas from Dr. Hobart A. Burch, director, were Josephine Alamo and Ruth Bartholomew, both of Waverly, who have completed the two-year course and have recently passed the examination of the American Board of X-Ray Technology. This examination leads to their certification as registered X-ray technologists.

Both are graduates of Waverly High School, Class of 1956. Miss Alamo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Alamo, and Miss Bartholomew is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcy Bartholomew.

BOTH YOUNG WOMEN have accepted positions on the staff of the X-ray department at St.

Joseph's Hospital. Also attending the dinner besides the parents of the graduates were Dr. Fred W. Barton, Mary Billock, R.T. and Ann Tuffillaro, R.T., members of the faculty.

A MEETING OF the board of directors of the women's auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital was held Dec. 12 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Rose De Socio, president, presided.

Sister Margaret Adelaide, hospital administrator, was given a check for \$3,000 as a payment on the auxiliary's pledge to the hospital building fund. Sister expressed her personal thanks and that of the Sisters and hospital board of directors. She made note of the splendid support of the auxiliary since its organization in 1964.

THE BOARD GAVE its approval for the organization of a junior auxiliary to function under the direction of the auxiliary.

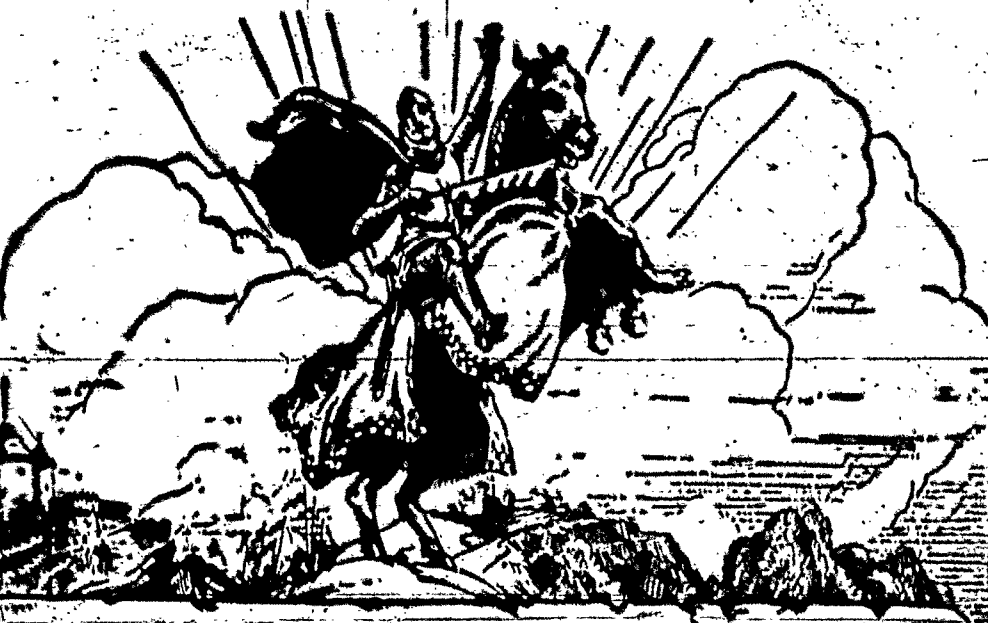
This group will be made up of girls 15 years and older who will do volunteer service for the hospital.

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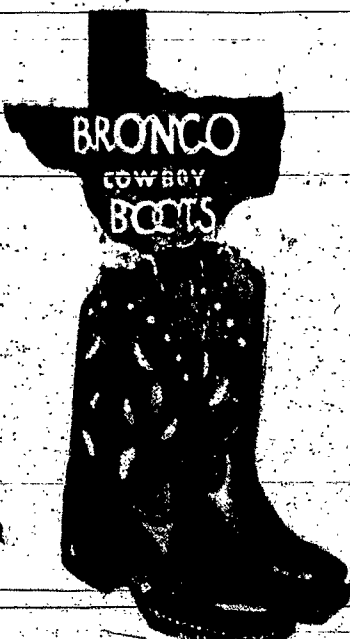
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