

Monsignor Krieg

Task of the eulogy given by Rev. Edward J. Lutz at the funeral Mass for Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Krieg, Monsignor Krieg was pastor emeritus of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Church, Brockport. He died Jan. 29, 1939 and his funeral was Feb. 2.

Such a call is a source of great joy to the young man and his family and friends. He knows that he can depend on the support of divine grace. If there is an pride or self-dependence in him, he soon realizes his error. The saints whom he finds among ordinary people, the helplessness of his own wisest words, the divine efficacy of his own wear and stumbling efforts—all combine to make him aware of the truth, that it is not what he does, but what the High Priest does through him that makes his priesthood rich in souls.

Our own Monsignor Krieg realized the truth as very well. He knew the power of God working in him. He was zealous in his spiritual ministrations as well as in secular, community affairs. The good which he did for individual souls can be known best by those whom he helped. Much of that good was a secret locked in human hearts until the time of revelation should come. The spiritual results of his ministry can only be surmised by us but they are written, bold and clear, in the records of heaven.

I leave his accomplishments at Industry, Livonia and Ontario to others who know them far better than I—and they were great. His contributions to the community life of Brockport are well known to recount. His pastoral labors in this parish of the Nativity of Our Lady, blessed by Her whom he loved to call Our Lady, can best be measured by the spiritual activities which took place during the thirty-seven years of his pastorate. His vigorous leadership and his untiring physical labors, have given us a parish which is both materially and spiritually strong.

We may well summarize his accomplishments by looking about us at this lovely, devotional church which he built. Here he offered the Holy Sacrifice. Here he gave the Body of Christ in Holy Communion. Here he preached the word of God. Here he dispensed God's mercy to sinners. Here he married and buried his people. Because of him and the grace of God working through him, men and women, boys and girls, have come to God.

If you seek his monument in Brockport—look about you—and see. To his family, we express our sympathy in the loss of so outstanding a member. To his sister, who gave herself to the parish, we offer our prayers and thanks for all that she has done. With all the family, we repeat the introit with which we began this Mass.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

God knew the needs of his sinful children. He knew that they would abandon Him at times and, in so doing, they would, by deliberate infractions of His law, bring their own supernatural lives into a tumble of ruins. He might easily have left those fallen children in their sin. But His unbounded mercy prompted Him to forgive their transgressions and to do so through the instrumentality of a priest who understands the weakness of a penitent because of the awareness of his own human frailty. The priest today dispenses God's mercy with an understanding mind and heart and this brings the prodigal back to his Father.

The other sacraments are also entrusted to his care. He baptizes the new baby and makes him a child of God and heir of Heaven. He calls the divine blessing upon the young couple as they begin the foundation of a new family in Christ. He comes to their home with the Eucharistic Lord in time of sickness. He brings divine healing in Extreme Unction, curing the ravages of sin and strengthening the soul in its last hours on earth, preparing it for the eternal joys of heaven.

These are the works of a priest. Only God could have fashioned such a vocation for a weak creature. In human terms and explanations, this priesthood of men would be an impossibility. Only a rash of foolish presumptuous men would dare to undertake such a ministry for other human souls.

Fortunately, no man chooses this vocation for himself. This vocation can only be a call from God and by God. Initiating the young man with all his strength and all his weakness, to be a co-worker with Christ in saving souls. "You have not chosen Me—I have chosen you."

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, cor. Lake and 2nd Sts., Elmira. Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, pastor. Noon Mass, daily at 12:10. Evening Masses every week day, 5:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Mass and Sermon, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. Father Heisel and Rev. William I. Reed alternating Stations, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY, 224 Franklin St., Elmira. Rev. Thomas J. Maney, pastor. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Evening Mass, Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien on The Significance of Lent in Our Modern World. Stations, Friday 12:30 noon and 7:30 p.m.; Holy Hour Thursday before First Friday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Special Holy Week services conducted by Missionary priest.

ST. CECILIA, 950 Lake St., Elmira. Rev. L. Emmett Davis, pastor. Wednesdays, Evening Mass and Sermon, 7:45 p.m. Stations, Fridays 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Daily Mass at 7 a.m.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 1140 W. Church St., Elmira. Very Rev. Leo G. Schwab, V.F., pastor. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Mass, Sermon by Father Merkel on Lent and the Way of the Cross. Stations, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, Elmira Heights. Rev. Joseph C. Merkel, pastor. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Mass, Sermon by Father Merkel on Lent and the Way of the Cross. Stations, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

ST. PATRICK, Elmira. Rev. John S. Hayes, pastor. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Mass, Sermon and Benediction. Sermons on Seven Last Words of Christ preached by priest of the parish; Fridays, Stations, 7:30 p.m. First Friday Mass, 5:30 p.m.

ST. PETER AND PAUL, 560 East Market St., Elmira. Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Mass, Sermon, Benediction. Rev. Michael Reeder, O.E.M. Cap., on The Spirit of Lent; Fridays, Stations, 2:30 p.m. for children, 7:30 p.m., adults. Cane Conference will be held Sunday, Feb. 22 conducted by Rev. Charles F. Trundle, S.J., University of Scranton, Dally Mass, 6:45 and 8:15 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY, 911 N. Main St., Elmira. Rev. William A.

Parish Mardi Gras Dinner Set At Lourdes

A parish Mardi Gras dinner will be held for the entire family on Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, parish hall from 5:30 p.m. on.

The event is sponsored by the mothers club and proceeds from the roast beef dinner will be used for school needs.

General chairman for the dinner are Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Karl and co-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. James Burke.

They are being assisted by Mesdames James M. Dean, publicity; Ralph Miller, cakes and salads; Carmen Esposito, hostess; Bart Maloney, decorations; James Carmody, buffet table; Joseph Bula, calling committee, and Paul McLane, ticket committee.

Adults and high school students tickets are \$1.50 and grade school children tickets are 75 cents. There is no charge for kindergarten and pre-school children. Everyone is invited.

Burns, pastor. Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Mass, Sermon, Erics of the Atonement will preach. Fridays, Stations, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Novena in honor of St. Anthony and Blessed Mother, each Tuesday, 11:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Italian Mission, March 15 to 22, Rev. Filippo Piffer, O.E.M.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA, Hornell. Rev. Joseph P. Haffey, pastor. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Rosary, Sermon, Benediction, Speak or, Rev. William H. Hickey, chaplain, St. James Mercy Hospital on The Virtues in Our Daily Lives; Fridays, Stations, 3:30 p.m. for children; 7:30 p.m., adults.

ST. JOHN, Rock St., Newark Valley. Rev. Alexander Sec. pastor. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Father Stee on The Great Means of Salvation and Perfection. Stations, Fridays, 8 p.m. St. Francis Church, Catawag, Lenten services, Sundays, 8 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, 113 N. Geneva St., Utica. Monsignor William Byrne, V.F., pastor. Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m. afternoon Mass, Rev. William M. Thomas, series of sermons on The Holy Eucharist, Stations, Fridays, 2:30 and 5:15 p.m.

Interviews are being given now for Red Cross Gray Ladies and Gray Men to serve at Rochester State Hospital according to Mrs. Ronald Reamer, chairman of Red Cross Gray Ladies and Gray Men at the hospital.

Father Ralph Meyer

Following is the text of the sermon given by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Hoefen at the funeral Mass for Rev. Ralph J. Meyer, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Aurora, and St. Michael's Church, Union Springs. Father Meyer died Jan. 27, 1939. His funeral was held in the Aurora church Jan. 30.

"It is no longer that I live but Christ lives in me."—St. Paul to the Galatians II, 20.

The theme of his brief eulogy is: The dignity of the Catholic priest.

In every age and in every place men have been excited by their fellowmen to worldly positions of dignity and of honor. For their elevation fitting words may well be found. But, my dear friends, no man can seek words sufficiently expressive of the elevation of a mere human being to the dignity and to the honor of the Holy Priesthood. We call him another Christ.

For a few all what is the priest?

My friends, there is only one way of understanding what a priest really and truly is, and that is by way of reference to the first priest, Christ Jesus.

When all other expressions failed to satisfy the conception of the Father and the Doctors of the Church—when in portraying this sublime dignity, the language of the Saints of God began to tremble and to lose its meaning, they all were driven in their attempt to give adequate expression to its grand significance to call the priest—mother—a second Christ.

The commission given to Christ by His heavenly Father is the same commission given to the priest. The power communicated to Christ in the sublime decree of the redemption is the same power given to the priest of God.

On the day of ordination to the Holy Priesthood, the young levite hears repeated the words of his divine Master: "Go you, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you." His trembling hands are anointed with the holy oil, and touching the chalice he hears the ordaining bishop speak these words: "Accipe potestatem offerre sacrificium. Deo, missaque celebrare, tam pro vivis quam pro defunctis. Receive the power to offer sacrifice to God and to celebrate Masses both for the living and for the dead."

After a public and solemn profession of Faith, the young man feels the hands of the bishop laid upon him, and he hears the words of his Divine Master spoken again—this time to him alone: "Accipe Spiritum Sanctum: quorum remiseris peccata, remittentur eis; quorum retinueris retenta sunt. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." He possesses the power to forgive or to retain sin.

Nocturnal Group To Meet Monday

Spiritual directors, captains and leaders of the Nocturnal Adoration Society in the Elmira area will hold a meeting on Monday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the St. Peter and Paul's parish hall.

Eucharistic Year — 1939, proclaimed by Bishop Kearney, will be discussed and plans for the annual Communion Breakfast and reception of new members in April will be outlined.

Joseph Kelly and Francis Sitwa were recently named captain and leader, respectively, for 1939-1940. Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, assistant pastor at St. Peter and Paul's, the adoration center, announced.

When a candidate for the priesthood plans to enter the sanctuary it is with a distinct understanding and with confidence that God has called him. What riches he amasses for the Kingdom of Heaven. Think of the thousands with whom this priest came into contact. Think of all the work he performed to lead these souls to know God better and to serve Him. What a comfort it must have been for him to know that for so many years he had served always and only as a priest of God!

Our life is a testimony. Human applause is fleeting as the cloud in a summer sky. But in the grateful hearts of Father Ralph Meyer's people there is not applause but devotion and gratitude for one who loved them and was beloved by them. To them he was their priest—another Christ.

May I say to his loved ones, his dear relatives, that we grieve with them in their sorrow, and that our prayers for the happy repose of his soul will continue for many many days.

May Almighty God grant him eternal rest, and may the vengeance of love which welled up from his heart on the room of his ordination continue throughout eternity. "It is no longer that I live but Christ lives in me." And so he me—a priest forever.

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Doctor Burch To Get Fellowship

Dr. and Mrs. Hobart A. Burch of 825-W. Water Street, Elmira left yesterday, Thursday, to attend the annual convocation of the American College of Radiology at the Drake Hotel in Chicago.

Dr. Burch is the director of the X-ray Department at St. Joseph's Hospital and was elected a fellow of the college last November. He will attend the annual meeting and receive the fellowship on Friday, Feb. 6.

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