



Auburn's New St. Francis Of Assisi Church

IMPORTED ITALIAN MARBLE statues adorn the front of the new St. Francis of Assisi Church, Auburn. In photo at left, Rev. John Nacca, pastor, views the statue of our Lady with a group of youngsters. Second statue depicts the Sacred Heart. At right, is the 17 by 10 foot painting of St. Francis of Assisi framed by the Gothic baldachin over the main altar.

Fisher Men Named To Dean's List

Rev. John P. O'Meara, C.S.B., Dean of St. John Fisher College, announced this week the names of students who have achieved a mark of excellence in their academic studies for the first semester current year.

JOSEPH DeROLLER, Samuel Merlo and Samuel Rizzo attained straight A's in each of their courses in the recent January examinations and therefore head the dean's List for academic achievement.

Others included on the dean's List are:

John Comerford, Anthony Ferrari, Leo Aman, Frank DeLuis, Richard Powers, Robert Ritz, Donald Seidwand, Joseph Sovie, James Ehrstein, James Griswold, Frank Lanzafame, Daniel O'Brien.

Louis Litzberger, Raymond Davison, Robert Ross, Phillip Rotoli, Samuel Ruggieri, Edwin Seoffing, Michael Spinelli, Vincent Wissman, Wallace Orlovsky, Michael Pabrinakis, Stanislaus Popen, Joseph Scholand.

French Sodality Head To Highlight Meeting

Keynote address at the Annual Study Day of Diocesan Sodality on Sunday, March 15 at St. Agnes High School will be given by Miss Josette Beaubien, president of the Federation of French speaking Sodality in the diocese of Montreal.

Miss Beaubien will speak on "The Place of the Sodality in the Crisis of the Modern World"—theme of the World Congress of Sodality slated for Newark, N. J., Aug. 20-24.

A SODALIST FOR nine years, Miss Beaubien has given all her time to the National Secretariate since July 1953.

Miss Beaubien is a graduate from the University of Montreal. To obtain her baccalaureate, she wrote her thesis on The Sodality of Our Lady and The Task of Women.

For eight years, she has been visiting Sodality sections all over French Canada, and several English speaking sections in Canada and in the United States.

She was an official delegate of Canada at the Congress of the World Federation of Young Catholic Women and Girls, in New York in 1954, and in Rome in 1956.

IN ROME she was also a representative of Canadian Sodality at the World Sodality Congress in 1954, where she was chairman of the Special Sessions for Ladies, and at the Second World Congress of the Lay Apostolate in October, 1957.



MISS BEAUBIEN

Benjamin Patterson

St. Bernard's Professor Initiates Bridge Naming

Corning — Rev. Robert F. McNamara of Rochester, a native of Corning and professor of church history at St. Bernard's Seminary, is the author of an article in the current issue of "New York History."

The publication has wide circulation in New York State and elsewhere.

FATHER McNAMARA, archivist of the Corning-Painted Post Historical Society and an active speaker and participant at meetings of the group, has penned the story, "The Benjamin Patterson Bridge of Steuben County."

In it, he gives the historical society credit for inaugurating the move that brought legislative approval to naming the recently completed Corning bridge in honor of the famous Revolutionary period hunter and woodsman.

It was Father McNamara, at a local meeting of the historical society, who first suggested use of the name, Benjamin Patterson, for the arterial highway bridge which now spans the Chemung River just west of Corning.



FATHER McNAMARA

In the meantime—a plaque to be placed in a parking area at the approach to the new bridge across the Chemung River in Corning has been received here and only a period of favorable weather now is awaited. The stone monument on which the plaque will be placed still must be sand-blasted, and weather conditions thus far have prevented that.

BENJAMIN Patterson (1759-1830), a native of Loudoun County, Va., and through his mother, Mary Boone Patterson, a relative of Daniel Boone, was

raised in Northumberland County, Pa., and became a skilled hunter and woodsman.

In the Revolution, he fought in the battle of Fort Mifflin (1777) and participated in the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign. When Capt. Charles Williamson opened the Genesee County after the Revolution, Patterson guided him in his search for a shortcut via the West Branch of the Susquehanna and the Flagg River.

BECAUSE HIS career epitomizes the sort of pioneer who made America what it is, the Historical Society sponsored in the State Legislature a bill officially to designate the new span as "Benjamin Patterson bridge." Backed by other citizens, the bill passed both houses in the spring of 1958. It became a law on April 10 when signed by Governor Harriman. By that time the actual construction was already well under way, with a view to having the bridge open early in 1959.

Forty Hours Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, March 8—Holy Rosary, St. Bridget, St. Monica, Rochester; St. Stephen, Geneva; St. Michael, Newark.

Space Expert Set To Speak At Nazareth

Dr. I. M. Levitt, nationally known scientist and director of Philadelphia's famed Fels Planetarium, will speak to Nazareth College students at the student assembly, Thursday afternoon, March 12 at 2:10 p.m.

An authority on space travel, Dr. Levitt had urged many years ago that the U.S. take the lead in launching a man-made device into space before Russia did so "with its tremendous psychological repulsion throughout the entire world."

IN HIS TALK at Nazareth, Dr. Levitt will explore the many hazards that face man in his efforts to undertake interplanetary travel, as well as the tremendous advances already made by forward-looking scientists toward that goal. Subject of his talk will be "A Look Into the Future."

Evening Of Prayer Listed By Nurses

Rochester Council of Catholic Nurses will sponsor a Lenten Evening of Recollection conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers at the Notre Dame Retreat House, 248 Alexander St., on Monday, March 9.

Services will begin at 7 p.m. Reservations may be made with Misses Mary or Dorothy Carrell, 495 Electric Ave., Glenwood 3-3016.



Letter From Pope

ALPHONSE CAMP, a second grader at Holy Redeemer School, had plenty to talk about at school last week. The seven year old received a card from Pope John XXIII in response to a letter he sent the Holy Father. When the youngster learned he had the same birthday as the Pope, he wrote to the Vatican and wished Pope John a "Happy Birthday." A picture of St. Alphonsus was also sent as a birthday gift for the Holy Father. Alphonsus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Camp, 90 Hollister St., in Rochester.

Jesuit Alumni List Breakfast

The annual All-Jesuit Alumni Mass and Communion Breakfast will be held at McQuaid Jesuit High School on Sunday, March 8. Bishop James E. Kearney will celebrate the Mass at 9 a.m. in the school chapel.

AT THE BREAKFAST following in the school cafeteria, Rev. James R. Barnett, S.J., rector of McQuaid, will address the gathering of alumni of Jesuit colleges and high schools who have been invited to attend.

The affair will mark the third

meeting of this group which first came together to honor the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. AT THE REQUEST of the alumni, the breakfast was made an annual affair. All Jesuit alumni residing in the Rochester area have been invited to attend the breakfast.

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Legion Of Mary Rite Slated

The Actus, an annual ceremony of the Legion of Mary, will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 15.

Spiritual directors and active members of units from Rochesters will renew their promise or Act of Conservation to the Blessed Virgin.

AUXILIARY BISHOP Lawrence B. Casey will preach the sermon. Ceremony will close with Benediction.

Members of the various presidia will meet in the school hall and march to the church. Each unit will be identified by a banner bearing its name. Procession will begin at 3:45 p.m.

Family Holy Hour Slated At Convent

A Family Holy Hour will be held at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince St., on Sunday, March 8 at 3:30 p.m. Very Rev. Mgr. Leslie G. Whalen, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, will give the sermon.

CHILDREN OF THE Academy will sing during the Holy Hour. All parents and their children are invited. Refreshments will be served.

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