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Mass Honoring St. Anne Set At Coldwater Shrine

Announcement of a Mass for invalids and shut-ins at the Lourdes shrine at Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater Rd., Sunday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. has been received with considerable enthusiasm according to the Rev. Albert J. Geiger, pastor.

Arrangements are being made for a large crowd with space reserved for the cars of those who are unable to leave their homes.

Visiting priests will hear confessions and distribute Communion in the cars when necessary.

The Mass will be celebrated by Father Geiger and the sermon will be given by Rev. Al. Phisus-Frohlich, O.F.M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Frohlich of Coldwater Rd. The Sisters of Notre Dame will lead the congregation in the recitation of the Rosary and prayers to St. Anne, and Our Lady of Lourdes.

A guest organist will play the church organ and lead the congregational singing of the hymns for Benediction which will conclude the services.

Lourdes water from the shrine in France and prayer cards with a colored picture of the shrine will be made available by Joseph Entress, the builder of the shrine in memory of his deceased daughter, Maria Bernadette.

Ample seating will be provided for all. In case of rain the Mass will be celebrated in the regular Sunday Masses which are celebrated at 8, 8:30, 9, 10 and 12 o'clock.

Owego Parish Glee Club Holds First Outing

Owego—Members of the St. Patrick's Glee Club attended the first outing of the group on Monday, July 13 at Veterans' Park, Newark Valley Road. A steak dinner was served.

The Glee Club was formed during the past year by the Rev. Michael J. Reagan, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, who also acts as director. John Davye, director of vocal music in the Owego Free Academy, is lay director.

THE GROUP sang publicly for the first time at the first solemn Mass of the Rev. James McGivern, on Sunday, May 31.

They also sang at the Flag Day exercises of Owego Lodge of Elks, in the Elks auditorium, on June 16. Semper for the graduating class of the Owego Free Academy was held in St. Patrick's Church, on June 21, and the Glee Club sang hymns at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mr. Quatman, who operates a summer resort here in the Russell Point area, has negotiated with the Turkish government for permission to reconstruct the great basilica built over the tomb of St. John.

The Moslem government of Turkey has transferred title to the basilica to the municipality of Iznik (Smyrna), and a Turkish Commission of Ephesus has been formed with representatives of several religions.

Archbishop Joseph Desideri, Catholic Archbishop of Smyrna, is chairman.

Turkish, Austrian and Vatican archeologists have indicated that the basilica can be rebuilt. It measured 423 feet in length, and 213 in width, and was topped by 11 domes.

Mr. Quatman found the site a mass of rubble surrounded by squatters' huts. Sheep and cattle were grazing amid the ruins.

Church Life Said Safe In Austria

Vienna—(NC)—Church interests are unlikely to be threatened now or in the near future by Austria's new coalition government of the Socialist and Catholic-oriented People's parties.

But no one can tell what may happen if the socialists gain sole control of the nation, a possibility not to be ruled out in view of their important gains in the May 10 elections.

FOR THE TIME being the Socialists can be expected to maintain the friendly attitude toward the Church they have adopted in recent years in a partly successful effort to win Catholic votes.

In the new government People's party leader Julius Raab continues as Chancellor and the Socialist Bruno Pittermann is again Vice Chancellor. But the latter now has the important additional office of Minister of National Industries. Each party now heads an equal number of ministries since the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has passed to the control of the Socialist Bruno Kreisky.

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TESTIMONIAL DINNER — At the speakers' table for a testimonial dinner marking the retirement of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane as chaplain of Elmira Reformatory were dignitaries shown in photo above: (from left) Rev. William F. Wilkins, Monsignor Lane, Bishop Kearney, William E. Leonard, Col. LeRoy Weaver, Judge Nathan G. Turk and A. T. Witherell, chairman of arrangements.

High Tribute Paid Chaplain At End Of Long Service

Service of chaplain of Elmira Reformatory for over 37 years was climaxed last week for Monsignor Francis J. Lane with a testimonial dinner held at the Mark T. Walsh Hotel and attended by over 200, including Bishop Kearney, priests of the Diocese, State, County and City officials and other friends of the noted chaplain.

Bishop Kearney, guest speaker paid fitting tribute to the internationally recognized chaplain when he cited Father Lane's career as one in which he was designated to be alone with God.

ONE OF the most significant moments in Father Lane's life was, when almost 40 years ago he met in the Cathedral and the Rector of the Seminary was asked, "Is he worthy?" This was at his ordination, and the Rector answered, "He is worthy as human knowledge can tell."

The Bishop then said, "Thanks be to God," knowing another man had joined the link of those who serve their fellow men, Bishop Kearney stated.

"We are gathered here tonight because we are able to say 'thanks be to God' again. Now he is at the end of a long path. We are passing judgment on something we have seen and know," the Bishop said.

BISHOP KEARNEY said he can say "thanks be to God for the fidelity he has kept, for the thousands of souls that have been saved, for the hours of duty and the consolation he has given others, for the brightness he has brought into their lives."

In concluding, the Bishop referred to Monsignor Lane as a credit to his vocation and church, and stated that "Few men have been more worthy of the great responsibility of the God Shepherd than he put on his shoulders when he left the 99 and went out to look for the sheep that was lost."

Also on the speakers' platform were William E. Leonard, deputy commissioner, Department of Correction; Rev. William F. Wilkins, president of the American Chaplain Association; Col. LeRoy Weaver, Elmira Reformatory Superintendent; and Leo F. Gasparo, former president of "Father Lane's Gang"; and Dr. Vincent P. Mazza, a Brooklyn physician and senior member of the Reformatory Board of Visitors.

Dr. Clarence J. Beckerman of the Reformatory staff was toastmaster. Other tributes to Monsignor Lane were paid by Dr. Mazza, Col. Weaver and Mr. Leonard.

FATHER WILKINS, chaplain at Woodbourne Correctional Institution called Monsignor Lane "a Chaplain's Chaplain" and added "we are tremendously proud of you and the tremendous amount of good you have done will be known completely only to God."

Father Wilkins presented two citations to Monsignor Lane. One was the St. Dismas Award from the Catholic Chaplains Association and the other from the American Chaplain Association — Three Paths.

Monsignor Lane expressed his appreciation to all his associates and said "he had been more fortunate than most of my colleagues because I was assigned to a field that was more fertile to carry out the burden of my work." He concluded by saying, "I did the best I could and that's what God wanted."

Others introduced were Rabbi James I. Gordon, Jewish Chaplain at the Reformatory; Mayor Edward A. Moores; Judge Nathan G. Turk of Owego, chairman of the Board of Visitors at the Reformatory; John V. Harding, assistant superintendent at the Reformatory.

The Rev. Herbert E. Erway, Protestant Chaplain at the Reformatory; Dr. M. Eugene Pittman, senior physician at the Reformatory; Richard Deegan of Bath, a member of the Board of Visitors; Dr. Glenn M. Kendall, superintendent of the Reception Center; Albert T. Witherell, banquet chairman.

Asaph B. Hall, secretary of Board of Visitors; Morley Berger, member of the Board of Visitors; Chemung County Children's Court Judge Daniel J. Donahue; Elmira Police Chief Eugene F. Golden; Chemung County Dist. Atty. Paul H. McCabe; Chemung County Judge Donald H. Monroe; Assemblyman Henry J. Witt of Horseheads; the Very Rev. Leo G. Schwab, dean of the Elmira Catholic Diocese; Walter Wichtowski; Chester Owens, assistant superintendent at the Reception Center, and Toga County Judge Francis J. Ciochessy.

Weddings In Corning

Corning—Miss Mary Catherine Nobrigo of Corning and W. William Briggs of Savona were united in marriage in St. Vincent de Paul's Church at 7 a.m. last Saturday, July 18.

The Rev. Joseph Guilford, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony and celebrated Nuptial Mass. Louis Tarantelli, cousin of the bride, and Kenneth Blain of Corning, served as altar boys.

THE BRIDE is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Nobrigo of 43 Warren St., and the bridegroom is the son of William C. Briggs of Landley and Mrs. George Wagner of Savona.

Miss Rita Cotter of Corning was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Donald Cotter, Mrs. Marie Adler, Mrs. Gary Berlin, Miss Bernice Berlin, Mrs. John Nobrigo, Miss Judy Youngstrom and Miss Mary Ellen Major, all of Painted Post.

Candace Saggess of Binghamton and Roselyn Specchio of Corning, cousin of the bride, were flower girls and a cousin of the bride, Harold Thomas Stark, served as ring bearer.

Michael Carlino of Corning was best man and David Benedict, Howard Briggs, Gay Berlin, Harold Lee of Buffalo and John Nobrigo and Joseph Nobrigo, brothers of the bride, seated guests at the church.

Corning—St. Mary's Church was the scene at 11 a.m. last Saturday, July 18, for the marriage of Miss Barbara Storer of Painted Post and Frederick J. Cronin of this city.

The bride is the daughter of Gordon Storer of 218 E. Water St., Painted Post, and her husband is the son of Mrs. Louise Runyan of 269 1/2 E. First St. and the late Richard Runyan.

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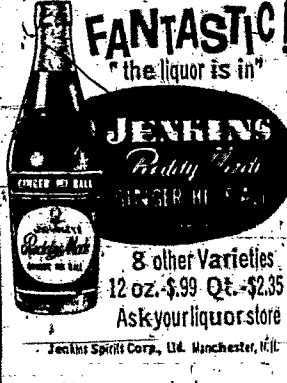
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