

Expectant Mothers Invited To Cathedral Blessing Rite

A special Church blessing will be given expectant mothers in Sacred Heart Cathedral following Rosary Guild recitation of the Rosary and Benediction, Monday, Jan. 11 at 7:45 p.m.

His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence R. Casey will impart the blessing.

Expectant mothers from the Cathedral and other parishes of the city are invited to receive this blessing and a medal of St. Gerard, popularly called the "Mother's Saint."

Part of the blessing prayer goes as follows: "Receive the sacrifice of the contrite heart and the ardent desire of Thy servant who humbly asks Thee for the welfare of the child which Thou didst grant her to conceive. Guard the work which is Thine and defend it from all the deceit and harm of our bitter Enemy, so that the hand of Thy mercy may assist her delivery and her child may come to the light of day without harm, be kept safe for the holy birth of Baptism, serve Thee always in all things, and attain to everlasting life."

After the church service, the Rosary Guild will meet in Sacred Heart hall. All attending the blessing rite are invited to the Guild meeting also.

In Funeral Notices

Mass Request Suggested

A priest reads the daily death notices faithfully to find out whether the list includes a friend, a former parishioner, the relative of a priest, a nun or a parishioner. He observes how often the suggestion appears, even for Catholic funerals, that gifts be made to all sorts of agencies, funds, and institutions. As he goes about the various funeral homes to pray for the dead and to extend his sympathy to the survivors, he often notices the walls lined with flowers, and only four or five Mass cards on a tray.

We have no quarrel with those Catholics who wish to donate flowers as a gracious gesture to the survivors, or with those who desire to give money to some worthy charity in memory of the dead. What the relatives, friends and acquaintances of the deceased wish to do in this matter is their own business.

We merely propose one question: If the dead could make their wishes known, what would they request first and foremost? They would beg that Masses be said for the repose of their souls.

To request Masses for the dead is essentially the Catholic way. It is a doctrine of our Faith that this is the most effective way to help the souls of the deceased. Our Catholic teaching is very definite in urging us to help

those who die with our personal prayers and especially with the Masses we arrange to have said for the repose of their souls.

We suggest these Masses be celebrated in the parish church of the deceased, if possible, so that the survivors may attend. Even spiritual bouquets, or remembrances in Masses and prayers, given to the families of the deceased, lack the value of one Low Mass for the soul of the departed.

Masses should also be said on the anniversary of the death of the various members of our family. This is the gift they would have us give them.

We should like to see the deeply spiritual and essentially Catholic announcement in the obituary column: "Those who wish, may have Masses offered for the repose of his (or her) soul." We further suggest that those who make their last will and testament stipulate that a certain number of Masses be said for the repose of their souls. This they owe to themselves in case their relatives forget.

Nothing possesses greater efficacy for the relief and release of the souls from Purgatory than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Funeral pomp and flowers and cold blocks of granite are but a solace for the living, not for the dead.

The above is from Sacred Heart Cathedral parish bulletin of January 3.

Annual Holy Name Mass

Holy Name Society members from Monroe County parishes filled St. Joseph's Church Sunday, Jan. 3, for Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney. Father Francis Pegnam, diocesan director of the men's organization, is in charge of the annual Holy Name Mass. Father Thomas O'Day, S.J., national director of the League of the Sacred Heart, gave the sermon. This scene was repeated Tuesday night when Bishop Kearney celebrated Mass for the Laymen's Retreat League. (Hi-Tone Photo).

Holy Rosary Knights List Installation Rite

The Family Rosary Radio Broadcast will be led by the Rev. James Doyle, assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church, on Saturday evening, Jan. 9.

He will be accompanied by officers and members of Holy Rosary Compagny, No. 106, Knights of St. John.

Following the broadcast, the newly elected commandery officers will be inducted at installation ceremonies to be conducted at the Knights and Ladies of St. John Club, Andrews St.

THE FOLLOWING will take office: Permanent Chaplain, Rev. James Doyle; Chaplain, Rev. Paul O. Wohlrab; Commandery Chaplain, Rev. James Doyle;

President, R. Albert Scramos; 1st Vice President, Laurence DeLong; 2nd Vice President, William P. Stock; Recording Secretary, J. Patrick O'Connor; Financial Secretary, Richard J. Hayes; Treasurer, Emory C. Finley; Commander, Clarence West; Trustee, Albert Scramos; Gilbert Ernst and Laurence DeLong.

Chairman Clarence West has announced that following the installation, refreshments will be served.

Construction Set In Newark

Newark—Plans for construction of an addition to St. Michael's School, to include four classrooms and an auditorium-gymnasium, were announced this week by the Rev. Joseph M. McDonnell, pastor.

Parishwide solicitation of fund pledges toward the project will be conducted next month by a committee of 300 men to be headed by Dr. F. J. Langenstein and George W. Davis.

Rising parish population, and the lack of an adequate hall for school, youth and parish organization activities, necessitates additional facilities, Father McDonnell pointed out.

Present school registration is 480. Staffing the school are nine Sisters of Mercy and three

opened in 1954 with an enrollment of 192 pupils, with five Sisters and one lay teacher. There now are 12 classrooms being operated, including a kindergarten.

In his announcement to parishioners, Father McDonnell noted that the proposed auditorium-gymnasium will be an all-purpose room, and will include a basketball court. Designed to seat 600 persons, it will provide facilities for 400 for dinners. A wing off the main hall will contain kitchen equipment.

Three-year pledges, with a minimum sum of \$125,000, will be sought from parishioners on two Sundays, Feb. 7 and 14. Completion of the building addition is expected by September, 1961.

FIRST CATHOLIC services in Newark were conducted in 1852 by priests from St. Michael's Church, Lyons. The Newark mission was incorporated as a parish in 1903.

First resident pastor was the Rev. James J. Gibbons. He was succeeded by the Rev. John J. Ganey, who was transferred to Clifton Springs in 1945. The Rev. Henry J. Doetbecker was named pastor on Nov. 28, 1945, and retired June 25, 1957. He was succeeded by Father McDonnell.

Organization of a committee for the fund drive is now underway, the pastor said. Top commitments will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, in the church hall.

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lay teachers. Additional enrollment is foreseen each year during the next few years.

THE PROPOSED unit will be attached to the southwest end of the present S. Main Street school and will face Williams Street. It will be of brick to match the present building.

St. Michael's School was

Area Knights Named To Head Committees

Thomas Coggins of Elmira, Chairman of the Central New York Chapter of Knights of Columbus has announced the appointment of Chairman and vice-chairman of the Chapter Committees for the current year.

ALL COMMITTEES will report at a meeting to be held in Syracuse on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 2:30 p.m. Included in the appointments by Chairman Coggins are the following from the Diocese of Rochester:

Audit and Chapter Budget Committees—Chairman, George F. Vick Jr., Rochester Council; Bowling Committee—Vice-Chairman Frank Thomas, Rochester; Catholic Affairs Committee—Vice-Chairman Fred Lavin, Watonago; Civic Affairs Committee—Chairman, Joseph B. Redpe, Elmira; Conservation Committee—Vice-Chairman John Mahoney, Geneva.

Decent Literature Committee—Chairman Ronald Hogan, Ithaca; Scholarship Promotion Committee—Vice-Chairman Vincent Totary, Our Lady of the Genesee; Youth Committee—Chairman Matthias F. Fennell, Elmira; Publicity Committee—Vice-Chairman Raymond L. Nary, Rochester.

BISHOP'S BUREAU Committee—Co-chairman John J. Kinney, Rochester; Vice-Chairman Edward A. Glavin, Elmira; Vice-Chairman Edwin M. Nolan, Auburn; Vice-Chairman William J. Kelly, Newark; Vice-Chairman William Jostyn, St. John Fisher.

Open House At St. Thomas

Newly decorated school classrooms were inspected by more than 1,000 parents of St. Thomas Parish, 41 Colebrook Drive, on Dec. 28. Children's classwork was displayed in individual folders on the desks. Refreshments were served in the school.

Holy Angels Drive Opens January 12

The 30th year of service to Holy Angels Home on Winton Road will begin with a membership drive by Holy Angels Guild on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Each of the 1,800 members will try to bring in two new \$1.00 memberships, the money from which will go toward the interest payment of \$200 due on the new building.

Girls ranging in ages from 9 to 17 are taken into the Home regardless of race, color or creed and "live" a "normal" home life under the loving guidance of the nuns who provide them with a schedule of study, work, play and religion that enables them to find their place and succeed when they leave.

MRS. WILLIAM C. FOLEY, drive chairman will be assisted by Mrs. Francis Wagner as co-chairman and the following team—co-chairs, Mrs. Lynn French, Mrs. Alexander Grant, Mrs. George Hess, Mrs. Vernon Halloran, Mrs. Leonard Oliver, Mrs. Glen Priddy, Mrs. Paul Romberg, Mrs. Wendell Ryan.

Forty Hours

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

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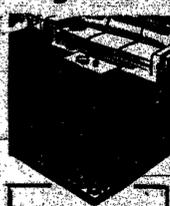
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Father Duffy Recipient

PRESENTS CHALICE. Mrs. Anthony Lall, of Geneva, presents a chalice to the Rev. John Duffy, center, of St. Stephen's Church in memory of her deceased husband. The Rev. Raymond Nolan is at right, and Charles Lynch of the Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, at left. (Photo by P. M. Oakley, Geneva).

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