



First Masses Offered



FIRST SOLEMN MASSES were offered in Elmira churches last weekend by two newly ordained priests of the Franciscan order.

Father Bernardine Kessing, O.F.M., offered his first Solemn Mass on Sunday in St. Mary's Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Kessing. Father Kevin J. Kennedy, O.F.M.,

offered his first Solemn Mass on Saturday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Kennedy. In photo above are: the Rev.

Thomas J. Manley, pastor; Father Kessing; Rev. Theodore Kavanaugh, O.F.M.; Father Kennedy. At left

are Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, Father Kennedy; Father Donon Michael O'Neill, O.F.M. and Brother Charles Kennedy, of the Glenmary Missions. Brother Charles is a brother of Father Kennedy.

More than 250 Sisters sang the special chants and the Mass composed by Sister M. Flora, including the hymn "Vir Fidelis" ("Faithful Man") honoring St. Joseph.

Another 250 nuns filled the chapel of the Motherhouse for the annual Mass. They represented convents for schools, hospital, from throughout the Diocese. Over 100 priests also attended the Mass.

Assisting Bishop Casey at the Mass were Monsignor John E.

Massey and the Rev. Fathers Albert Schnacky, William Shan-

non, Gerald Appley, Daniel

Brent, Gerald Steinricher,

Elmer Schmidt, Frederick Bush,

John Rosse, Gerald Dunn, Michael

Volpe, Bernard Dolley and

Robert Winterkorn.

Monsignors Gerald Lambert

and Charles Boyle were chaplains to Bishop Kearney.

The VETERANS Administration Center at Bath will be the scene of the third exhibition and is scheduled to end on Sunday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m.

The second will be held on Thursday afternoon, March 31 at Brighton High School at the Winter Work Shop for teachers in the West Central Zone of New York State.

This group is coached by Father Emil Rakowski, O.F.M., who recently completed his studies for a Master of Science Degree in Physical Education at Ithaca College. It is believed that Father Emil is the first priest in the United States to receive such honors.

COMMITTEES WORKING on the party included: General Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cook; decorations, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Triches; dining-room and serving, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCarley and Mrs. Margaret Sheridan; kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Cook; Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly; St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elmira; Holy Name Church in Elmira; and the Knights of Columbus.

The group will receive Holy Communion at the 8 a.m. Mass in St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elmira. Holy Name Church in Elmira, and the Knights of Columbus will follow at the church hall.

Rev. Joseph M. Egan of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, will be the guest speaker.

LADIES OF THE Auxiliary will also receive at the Mass.

Rosary will be said at the Mass.

Frank Gusin is general chair-

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