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Priest To Discuss Religion For Retarded

The Rev. Thomas E. Skinner of New Hartford, N.Y. will address all interested on the subject of "Retarded Children" on Monday evening May 8 at 8 o'clock in St. Mary's auditorium, Elmira. For the past several months a class in religion for retarded children has been conducted each Wednesday morning, according to Father Thomas J. Manley pastor.

Father Skinner has edited an "Instructional Manual for First Communion of God's Holy Innocents" in which the care of these children is freely discussed and a program outlined.

IN THE FALL of 1956, the Confraternity of the Holy Innocents was formed at St. John the Evangelist Church, New Hartford. The Confraternity fulfilled the request of the parents of the trainable retarded child for religious instructions which would prepare them for First Communion.

With the cooperation and encouragement of Rev. John R. O'Brien, pastor, classes were established November 15, 1956. Classes are held every Sunday afternoon for one hour in the church proper. After intensive instruction of two years, six children were able to receive their First Communion. Each year more children enrolled and in 1959 five more young communicants received God's Body for the first time. During this time twenty-five of our Holy Innocents were confirmed.

IT WAS APPARENT from the very beginning of these classes that there was not available from publications a book of instructions for both pupils and teacher, geared to the "little minds of these children." Because of the lack of instructional material on which to base a program of religious instruction many interested people hesitated to form classes.

During the three years of working with our Holy Innocents many programs and procedures were tried and rejected. From this experience the "Instruction Manual for First Communion of God's Holy Innocents" was compiled. The instructions have "simplified the simple" for the trainable child and yet give them true theology. The Manual presents all the necessary knowledge in lessons of Church conduct and religion. It prepares them for all the sacraments which they are capable of receiving.

The Star Scout is Edward McCue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCue. He also received a merit badge for his work in firearms.

Saturday Devotions Slated In Ithaca

Ithaca — Fourth in the present series of five First Saturday Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Saturday morning, May 7, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca.

Following the 8 a.m. Mass, a breakfast will be held at the Clinton House. Sister Margaret of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart will be the speaker.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Stephen Pete 42955 or Mrs. Richard Taber 23542.

Benefit Bazaar Slated

Plans have been completed for the benefit bazaar to be held in St. Patrick's auditorium, Elmira, on Friday, May 13 from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 14 from 2 to 9 p.m. Committees have been announced as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Lownsbury, tickets; Mrs. Joseph J. Caparulo, food; Mrs. Andrew Spirawky, variety; Mrs. Vincent E. Hoher, bake goods; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O'Loughlin and Mr. and Mrs. William Schieren, fish pond. In the photo making ticket returns are: Charles E. Backe, chairman; Father Francis L. Ehr; Mrs. Douglas N. Breed, cochairman and Mrs. Lownsbury, tickets.

New Members Feted By Corning CDA

Corning — New members of St. Peter's Catholic Club, Stele. Daughters of America, were honored at a reception at the local Knights of Columbus Hall Sunday afternoon, April 24, with Mrs. Ann Sheehan of Waverly, district deputy and officers of the court forming the reception line.

Refreshments were served. Mrs. Mary K. Margraff of Elmira was acting monitor in the absence of the court's regular monitor, Mrs. Arthur Richarada.

NEW MEMBERS received in Court St. Joseph were: Mrs. William Gatzke, Mrs. Frank Tokar, Mrs. Anthony Frajarcangelo, Mrs. Walter Brattigan, Mrs. Joseph Condello, Mrs. Robert Messil, Miss Mary Shan and Miss Catherine Shan, all of Corning; Mrs. John McFadden, Mrs. Joseph Ader and Mrs. Robert Klein, all of Painted Post, and Mrs. George Reckewald of Bath.

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Parishioners Hold Barbecue

BEING SERVED — Father Anthony Valente of St. Francis de Sales church in Geneva is served by members of the Holy Name Society of the church which sponsored their annual chicken barbecue. (Photo by P. B. Oakley)

Helen Sullivan Requiem Offered

Corning — Mass for Miss Helen Sullivan, formerly of 271 W. First St. of this city and of recent time a resident of Waverly, was held Wednesday morning, April 27, 1960, at St. Mary's Church in Corning. Prayers were said here at the A.W. Miss Sullivan was born at Corning Oct. 2, 1894. She was a member of St. Mary's Church.

The Rev. James Malley was celebrant for Mass.

MISS SULLIVAN died the previous Sunday in Owego, N.Y., following a three month illness.

Miss Sullivan was born at Corning Oct. 2, 1894. She was a member of St. Mary's Church.

Harold Schulz introduced the speaker Mrs. Julian Huston, President of Ontario-Yates-Seneca Counties Deanery of NCCW.

Mr. Huston spoke mainly to the children on the Blessed Virgin's message at Fatima.

Rev. Benedict Lehman spoke briefly and said the Benediction.

The breakfast was served by the Holy Name men. Mrs. Joseph Lemak was chairman.

Women Hear Deanery Head At Breakfast

Watkins Glen — A Mother and Daughter Communion and breakfast was held at St. Mary's Parish center on May 1st. Mrs.

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Willard Morse Last Rites Held

Addison — Willard D. Morse, 64, died at his home, 42 Maple St., on Friday morning, April 29, 1960. The Rose recited last Sunday evening at the Ackerson Funeral Home with Requiem Mass celebrated the following morning in St. Catherine's Church by the Rev. Leo Matuzewski. Burial took place in St. Catherine's Cemetery.

HE WAS born in Town of Lindley Nov. 17, 1895, the son of Phillip and Mary Higgins Morse.

Mr. Morse was a self-employed bus driver for 20 years, was a member of St. Catherine's Church and Corning Moose Lodge and its bowling club, and had lived in Addison for the past eight years, coming here from Presho.

SURVIVING are his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Donald Hartley of Addison; two sons, Philip of Athens, Pa., and Willard Jr. of Bainbridge, one brother, Sidney of Presho; eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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