

Glory to God in the

highest and on earth peace to men of good will — the angels' hymn of the first silent, holy Christmas night will echo across Christendom's hundred thousand altars again this weekend.

Each Christmas, it is said, is unique for God gives His special graces to souls ready for His gifts. This Christmas will never come again. Christian souls will kneel at their altars this Christmas to receive blessings never offered them before.

To dramatize these special gifts of God, the cathedral in its pontifical splendor and the snow-shrouded mission chapel in its quiet simplicity will schedule midnight Mass and Christmas Day Masses as an invitation "Come, let us adore Him."

Christmas Day Masses Set In Elmira

Schedule of Masses in the Elmira area for Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th:
 Our Lady of Lourdes — Midnight, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 noon.
 St. Anthony's — Midnight, 7:30, 8:45, 10 and 11.
 St. Casimir's — Midnight, 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 9:45 and 11.
 St. Cecilia's — Midnight, 6, 6:30, 11 and 12:15 noon.
 St. John the Baptist — Midnight, 7, 8:30, 10:30, 12:15 noon and 8 p.m.
 St. Mary's — Midnight, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12:15 noon.
 St. Patrick's — Midnight, 6, 7:30, 8:45, 10, 11 and 12:15 noon.
 St. Peter and Paul's — Midnight, 7, 8:30, 10:30 and 12:15 noon.
 St. Charles Borromeo — Midnight, 7:30, 8:45, 10 and 11:15.
 St. Mary's — Horseheads — Midnight, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Christmas Rites At Monastery

The Christmas schedule for the Benedictine Monastery of St. Savior, Elmira, is as follows:
 Sat. Dec. 24 — 3:30 p.m. Vespers and the blessing of the nativity crib.
 Sun. Dec. 25 — 7:00 a.m. Dawn (Low) Mass.
 8:30 a.m. Day (High) Mass.
 4:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction.



'News Of Great Joy'

Youthful "angels" throughout the Rochester Diocese will join their elders in heralding the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. Portraying an angel in her school's Christmas Play, this little one reflects the awesome solemnity of the Holy Season.

Watkins Pastor Speaks At Liturgical Conclave

The present movement for greater participation by the people in the ceremonies of the Church is part of a rebirth and rediscovery in the Catholic Church which will make the Renaissance Vatem pale in significance," according to the Rev. Benedict Ehrmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake parish, Watkins Glen.

FATHER EHHRMANN addressed a recent regional meeting of the North American Liturgical Conference in Providence, R.I.

More than 1,000 priests, nuns, brothers and lay men heard Father Ehrmann note that a century ago "the laity occupied a poverty-stricken position in the Church" as far as life in the liturgy was concerned.

Father Ehrmann, who is a member of the advisory council of the National Liturgical Conference, also addressed the assembly on "The Mystical Body and Christians at Mass."

Regarding the participation of the people in the Mass, he said, "First and foremost, there must be interior participation,

a devout attention and a tender of mind and heart."

"But there must also be external participation," Father Ehrmann continued, "praying together, singing together, responding to the celebrant, listening together to the Word of God, and joining together in the Holy Communion."

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Sisters Fete Employees At St. Joseph's

More than 500 people attended the annual Employee Christmas party and Service Award Dinner given by the Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital and held in the Dunn Memorial Auditorium, Tuesday, Dec. 20, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

A dinner was held at 6 p.m. with Judge Daniel Donane as speaker. Thirty-five pins were awarded for years of service. There were 2 awarded for 23 years, 1 for 20 years, 4 for 15 years, 8 for 10 years and 23 for 5 years.

Entertainment was provided by Otto Lubnow, an employee, playing the accordion with Dr. Robert Burch, at the piano; Miss Mary Anne Dugan, student nurse; the girls and the Student Nurses Club. Each presented a selection of Christmas carols. There was also a nativity scene composed of nurses. Each person attending was given a remembrance from the Sisters.

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Christmas Masses at midnight in churches throughout the Rochester Diocese will proclaim the feast of the birth of Christ in Elmira. Solemn Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be broadcast over Radio Station WENY.

Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Kevin Kennedy, O.F.M., assisted by the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, V.F., deacon, and the Rev. John A. Moran, subdeacon.

The celebrant, Father Kevin, is a native Elmiran and was ordained last March in Washington, D.C. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Kennedy, he offered his first Solemn Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on March 19.

Music programs for Christmas, scheduled for the Elmira area churches follow:

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, ELMIRA
Rev. Emmett Davis, Pastor
11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols
Adult Choir and Congregation

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Rev. Thomas J. Hanley, Pastor
11:30 p.m. Solemn Procession to the Crib; the Misses Olga Church, Marian Nichols, Dolores McCarthy, Anne McCarthy, the Messrs. Eugene Corbo and Arnold Schrage, the Organist and Director — Mrs. John E. Bach, C.C.C.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ELMIRA
Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, Pastor
Preceding the Midnight Mass, the mixed choir, under the direction of Mr. Stanley J. Peacock, will sing a Carol Prelude, including, "Come Amid the Winter's Snow, Slumber, Oh Slumber O Sing a Joyous Carol."

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Preceding the First Mass, the mixed choir, under the direction of Mr. Stanley J. Peacock, will sing a Carol Prelude, including, "Come Amid the Winter's Snow, Slumber, Oh Slumber O Sing a Joyous Carol."

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
Rev. William A. Burns, Pastor
The adult choir will sing the Midnight Mass. Carols will be sung for 15 minutes preceding the Mass.

INTROIT — Kyrie Gloria
Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Conception — Refrain
Gradual — Tozer: Credo
Mass in Honor of the Holy Family — Dethier: Sanctus Benedictus Agnus Dei — Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Conception — Refrain
Principium — Tocum: Credo
III — XVII Century Melody Offertory — Laetentur Coeli — Trad.: Adae Fidelis Offertory — Tocum: Credo
Ist Hostias — C. St. Siens: Benedictus Agnus Dei — Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Communion — In Splendoribus Sanctorum: Recessional — Angels We Have Heard on High — Old French Melody

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ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ELMIRA
Rev. William A. Burns, Pastor
Hymns and Carols before Mass: O Come, O Come Emmanuel Bring A Torch, O Daybreakers, Birthday of a King, Joy, Carol, Angels We Have Heard on High, Silent Night

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Dominus Dixit Mass: Kyrie Dominus Dixit Communion: Gloria XI
Gregorian: Gradual: Te Deum
Principium: Gregorian: Credo

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