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Father Wolensky Last Rites Held

Solemn Liturgy of the Dead was offered at St. Josaphat's Church, Rochester, for Very Rev. Nicholas Wolensky, pastor, Monday morning, Nov. 26. Celebrant of the rite was Very Rev. Emil Monastersky, Vicar General of the Stamford Ukrainian Diocese.

BISHOP KEARNEY attended the funeral liturgy and gave his blessing. Monsignor John E. Maney, chancellor of the Rochester Diocese, attended with him.

A eulogy in Ukrainian was given by Very Rev. Basil Seredowych of Syracuse, and in English by Rev. Peter Fedorchuk of Stamford.

In his sermon Father Seredowych pointed out that Father Wolensky was a fine man, a true gentleman, with a great sense of responsibility. He was always helpful to all people so dedicated to his Church and devoted to his parish work that he never took a vacation. He did not spare his health and even while in the hospital, he still worked for the success of the parish.

Today, stated Father Seredowych, everybody mourns his death—his parents, because he was a devoted son to them; his brothers and sisters, because he took care of them, helped them so that they might have a good education; his Bishop, Most Rev. Joseph Schmondiuk, now in Rome, because the Bishop considered Father Wolensky as a close friend; the priests of the surrounding area mourn him as a beloved fellow-priest. "Vichnaja jomn pamjat! — May he rest in peace."

Assisting in the solemn liturgy were the Rev. Fathers Stephen Balandiuk, Innocent Lotocky, Bohdan Wolosin, Bohdan Smyk, Paul Graskow and Meletius Solovey.

Attending the rite were fifty priests of the Ukrainian and Latin rites including Rev. Fathers Alexander Lonkewycz, Roman Kucil, Stephen Horodecky, Miroslav Myschyszyn, Peter Ohirko, Basil Ostas and Leo Pelensky.

A motorcade with twenty-five Rochester parishioners attended a second rite in Philadelphia where burial was in St. Mary's Ukrainian Cemetery in Fox Chase.

Father Wolensky, 43 died on Friday, Nov. 23, 1962, in St. Mary's Hospital, here, after a brief illness.

Born in Luzerne, Pa. on Dec. 20, 1918, he attended Luzerne grammar and high schools and then went on to St. Basil's College, Stamford, Conn., from which he graduated. In 1936, he studied for the priesthood at Innsbruck, Austria at the Canisius College. However, due to world conditions and the onset of World War II, he was forced to leave Austria. He then continued his studies at the College American in Sion, Switzerland.

FATHER WOLENSKY returned to this country in 1940 and completed the last year of his theology studies at St. Mary's Seminary, Roland Park, Baltimore, Md.

On Sept. 27, 1941, Father Wolensky was ordained to the priesthood by the late Most Rev. Constantine Bohachevsky

at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Father Wolensky's first priestly assignment was as assistant pastor of the Assumption of B.V.M. Church in Centralia, Pa., where he served for one year.

He was then transferred to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, where he served as assistant pastor for two years. In 1945, he was given the assignment of starting a new parish in Philadelphia. As a result, he organized and became the first pastor of St. Nicholas' Church in Philadelphia. He was pastor there five years until his appointment on Jan. 20, 1950, as pastor of St. Josaphat's Church, Rochester.

Among the major projects at St. Josaphat's parish during his pastorate was the complete renovation of the interior and exterior of the church and school, installation of the new ikonostasis, erection of a chapel in the Sisters convent, repair of all church property, the purchase in 1957 of several acres of land and two homes on 940 Ridge Rd. East and Stanton Lane, which resulted in the founding of St. Nicholas Chapel, a mission of St. Josaphat's Church.

At the time of his death, Father Wolensky served as Diocesan Consultant to the Most Rev. Joseph Schmondiuk, the second Bishop of Stamford and also to the Most Rev. Ambrose Senshyyn, the first Bishop of Stamford.

He was widely known throughout the Latin Rite parishes of the Rochester area for his eloquent lectures on the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite.

SURVIVING, besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wolensky, 659 Miller St., Luzerne, Pa., are four sisters, Mrs. Pauline Miklo of Luzerne; Mrs. Helen Cashman of Upper Darby, Pa.; Mrs. Rose Kartachuk of Swatmore, Pa. and Miss Dorothy Wolensky of Luzerne; five brothers, Stephen of Wilkes Barre; Leonard of Luzerne; Tech. Sgt. John Wolensky in England; Richard of Woodlyn, Pa. and Bernard of Luzerne; one aunt, Sister Julia, O.S.B.M.; several nieces and nephews.

The body of Fr. Wolensky was taken from the rectory Saturday afternoon to lie in state at St. Josaphat's Church until Monday morning. Parasitology services (Vespers of the Dead) were conducted Sunday evening by priests from the parishes in the surrounding area and the seminary at Stamford, Conn.

A funeral Mass was also offered at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in St. Nicholas' Ukrainian Catholic Church in South Philadelphia before burial in Fox Chase Cemetery in Philadelphia, Pa.

Funeral arrangements by Paul W. Harris Funeral Home, Rochester and the Navevich Funeral Home, Philadelphia.

Rummage Sale For Monastery
A Rummage Sale will be conducted by Friends of the Carmelite Monastery, Dec. 4 and 5, at 200 West Main St.

The sale to benefit the Carmelite Sisters on West Jefferson Road will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4, and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Donations can be left at the store after 6:30 p.m., Monday evening or during the sale.

Mrs. John P. Sexton and Mrs. Orr M. Sixbey, co-chairmen, are being assisted by the Mesdames Frank Riedman, Niles Stutchbury, Walter Brayer, Leonard Harris, Roy Spiggle, Glenn Sixbey, Olvin Fische, Harry Mee, Mary Shauers and Miss Mayme Sexton.

New Pre-Cana Series Opens At Holy Apostles
A new series of Pre-Cana Conferences will be held at Holy Apostles School Hall, 530 Lyell Ave. on Sunday, Dec. 2. These conferences are open to any persons contemplating marriage and are arranged to give all an opportunity to attend.

One may start the course on any Sunday and normally complete it in four weeks. There will not be a Pre-Cana Conference on Sunday, Dec. 30.

THESE MARRIAGE preparation lectures will begin each Sunday at 3 p.m. and last about two hours. Speaking at this series will be the Rev. Gerald E. Dunn who will discuss, "God's Plan in Love and Marriage" on Dec. 2. "The Practical in Marriage" will be the topic of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Landers on Dec. 9.

"A Catholic Doctor Looks at Marriage" will be the theme of Dr. John Nifto on Dec. 16. Concluding the series on Dec. 23



Sweet Candy + Sour Apples = 100

MRS. BERTHA SULLIVAN marked her 100th birthday on Nov. 19 at St. Ann's Home for the Aged. Born in 1862, Mrs. Sullivan conducted a candy store and ice cream parlor for years on Clinton Ave. N. at Baden St. She has been a guest at St. Ann's since 1955. Her recipe for longevity—"sweet candy and sour apples." The centenarian is shown with nurse Mrs. Gregory Smith and Sister Gregory.

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First Meeting For Parents At Mooney

First meeting of the Cardinal Mooney Women's Guild was held Nov. 26 in the cafeteria of the new high school.

Parents and friends of the students were invited by Brother James Madigan, C.S.C., principal, to join and become active members of the Guild.

FACULTY AND officers were introduced by Brother James. The appointed officers for the year are: Brother Harold Miller, C.S.C., moderator; Mrs. Jack Walker, president; Mrs. Francis Wischmeyer, vice president; Mrs. Carlon Blind, recording secretary; Mrs. Bruce DeNeve, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joseph Siplo, treasurer; Mrs. Mathew Barbatto, financial secretary; Mrs. John Pommerening, sergeant at arms.

Board of directors includes: Mrs. John Nolan, scholarship fund; Mrs. Victor De Simon, liaison; Mrs. C. Richard Payne, hospitality.

First social event, a Christmas Ball, will be held on Dec. 15. The ball will serve as a get-acquainted night for parents and a source of income for the scholarship fund.

Refreshments were served by the hospitality committee and religious articles were sold by the scholarship fund committee. The mothers then had an opportunity to meet the faculty and tour the school.

Men's Guild Lists Meet
The first meeting of the Cardinal Mooney High School Mens' Guild will be held in the school cafeteria, Thursday evening, Dec. 6, at 8:15 p.m. Fathers of boys or girls in attendance at the school are invited to this first meeting.

THE GUILD also invites all men interested in furthering the aims of Cardinal Mooney High School to this meeting.

The officers pro tem of the Mens Guild are: president — Edwin J. Wegman; vice president — Bernard Coniff; secretary — Michael F. Stanley; and treasurer — Jack L. Walker.

New College's Newman Club
Monroe Community College Newman Club will elect officers for the newly organized group at a meeting Monday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 a.m. Rev. Thomas Statt of Corpus Christi Church is chaplain for the group. The new community college has a freshman enrollment of 710 students, 650 of whom are Catholics.

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St. Mary's Drive Opens In Auburn

Auburn—A parish-wide appeal for increased parish support is in full swing at St. Mary's, it was announced by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James D. Cuffney, pastor. The past few weeks have seen considerable activity at the parish in the conduct of a program to insure adequate financial support on a week-to-week basis from all the parishioners to allow the parish to plunge into an accelerated debt retirement program and set up a contingency fund for future maintenance and building emergencies.

A SECOND objective of the Financial Need Appeal is to urge 100 per cent use of the parish Sunday Collection Envelopes, which will further insure parish support.

On Sunday, Dec. 2 and 9, the Advance and General Solicitations will take place, the purpose of which will be to ask each parishioner of St. Mary's to estimate what they believe they can do in the matter of church support on a regular weekly basis for the next twelve month period, beginning the first Sunday in January, 1963.

Since the present weekly financial support is insufficient to maintain the parish plant and still reduce the debt at any appreciable rate, Monsignor Cuffney is inaugurating the use of a single collection envelope each Sunday, and is asking each parishioner to estimate their parish support, adding "one hour's wage more per week" to their present donations.

General Co-Chairmen for the campaign are Dr. William G. Ryan and Anthony J. Steven while Gerard S. Mirabito, Samuel A. Vassile, John E. Wals and John J. White have accepted the post of General Vice Chairmen.

The Advance Gifts Vice Chairmen are: Anthony E. Gianono and E. Joseph Hasset and heading up the Advisor Committee are Edward J. Carroll, Herbert J. House, George B. Shamon and Edward J. Secaur.

The Advance Group Leader are James F. Callahan, John I. Callahan, W. Joseph Curtin, Edward L. Cuthbert, George J. Donovan, Frederick J. Farrell Jr., Urban H. Faubion, Albert P. Gannon, Jr., Mariano L. Piccolo and Anthony F. Talamo.

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Professional counsel for the program is provided by Joseph J. Connorton, a representative of Foley Associates, a fund-raising firm of Rochester, New York.

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

Sunday, Dec. 2 — Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary, St. Patrick, Rochester; St. Mary, Auburn; SS. Peter and Paul, Elmira.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 — Nazareth Motherhouse.

A "KICK-OFF" dinner will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Elks Club on Front St. The dinner will be free but reservations must be made. On Sunday the men will meet at the church hall at 2 p.m. for Benediction and then will go to the basement of the church and will receive their assignments.

On Nov. 5, 1961, the parish debt was \$77,569.70 and due to the pledges of this year, the debt today is \$39,535.93.

The men who are acting as canvassers will call on the parishioners on Sunday, Dec. 2, between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. The parishioners are requested to remain at home during these hours.

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Fourth Degree Class To Honor Pope John

Raymond L. Nary, Master Fifth New York District of the Fourth Degree, will preside at the Exemplification of the next class of the Fourth Degree. The class will be named in honor of Pope John XXIII and the ceremony will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, 165 Rhinecliff Dr., Rochester. The date of April 21, 1963, has been approved by Bishop Kearney, who will participate in the Exemplification of the Degree.

THE FINAL date of acceptance of applications for the Degree will be March 17, 1963.

Following the Degree there will be a banquet for Knights and their wives at the Manger Hotel. It is expected that the speakers for the occasion will be national officers of the Fourth Degree, from New York and Washington.

In addition to the Rochester General Assembly, the following will be represented: Canandaigua Assembly, Auburn Assembly, Waverly Assembly, Corning Assembly, Seneca Falls Assembly, Bishop McQuaid Assembly (Hornell - Dansville), Elmira Assembly, Geneva Assembly, Ithaca Assembly and Waterloo Assembly.

The Color Corps, Fifth N.Y. Regiment under command of Col. Thos. K. Kavanaugh, comprising Bat'n "A" — Lt. Col. Harrie F. Flynn; Bat'n "B" — Lt. Col. Clarence Gessner; Bat'n "C" — Lt. Col. Jos. French, and Bat'n "D" — Lt. Col. Michael Leary, will turn out.

Arrangements for handling a large attendance are rapidly nearing completion according to Nary.

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