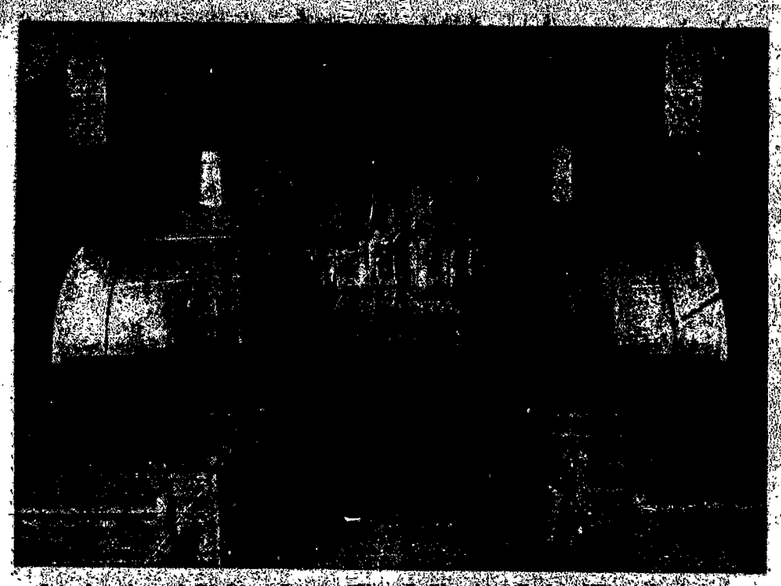

Interior view of St. Isaac Jogues Chapel, Fleming. Father Wuest is shown as he prepares the altar for dedication ceremonies. (A. G. Tatby Photo)

New type of translucent plastic walls beautify the new St. Isaac Jogues Chapel in Fleming. The Rev. Raymond M. Wuest, pastor, is shown by one of the plastic sections.

The new St. Isaac Jogues Chapel in the town of Fleming will be dedicated Sunday. Elmer Sedar, one of the many volunteer workers is shown as he works on the landscaping.

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Bishop To Dedicate New Fleming Chapel

First Plastic Church in Diocese

Bishop Kearney will offer the Dedication Mass and preach the sermon on Sunday, Sept. 29 at blessing ceremonies for the new St. Isaac Jogues Chapel in the village of Fleming, six miles south of Auburn.

Mass is scheduled for 11 a.m. The Bishop will be escorted by the Knights of Columbus color guard. The Rt. Rev. James D. Cuffney, Dean of the Cayuga Deanery will participate in the ceremonies.

The Rev. Raymond M. Wuest is pastor.

St. Isaac Jogues Chapel was begun in October of 1946 by the Rev. Francis Turner to care for the high percentage of Catholics in Fleming. The chapel occupied the first floor of a two-story frame building on the corner of Route 34 and Mill St., owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Larkin of Fleming. The first floor was remodeled for the chapel by Father Turner and the parishioners to seat about 100 parishioners.

FROM ITS EARLY DAYS the Carmelite Fathers of Auburn who staff Mount Carmel High School have offered Mass each Sunday and taught Sunday School to the children of St Isaac Jogues after Mass. They alternate with the pastor once a month to permit him to keep spiritual contact with his parishioners. Father Wuest is also pastor of St. Bernard, Scipio Center, and St. Hilary, Genoa.

In 1938, the Rev. Elmer Heindl, the fourth pastor of this small community, (the Rev. William Tobin was pastor from July 1950 to July 1954, and the Rev. Leo E. Hastings from July 1954 to October 1958) replaced the pews and altars which were donated by St. Francis Church, Auburn.

Although small in numbers —about 30 families—St. Isaac Jogues parishioners are most active in church activities. The women of the Rosary Society assist in keeping the chapel neat and clean every week and the men help in repair work.

In 1961, the building which housed the chapel was demolished due to the widening of Route 34, and with the permission of Bishop Kearney, plans were made to build a new chapel on a site of land donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs Hugh V. Crowley, a short distance from the old chapel Even though a ground-breaking ceremony was held in September of 1961, actual construction of the new chapel was not begun until October of 1962, due to many technical difficulties.

The architect's plans called for a building 65 ft. x 32 ft with a basement. The main body of the church was to be a wood structure with laminated arches and red cedar decking. The unique feature of this chapel is its sidewalls They are plastic. Plastic material was electrically sealed to a 1½ inch aluminum core on both sides with inserts of color added to simulate stained glass windows.

This plastic material reaches from the floor to the ceiling. This is the first use of such plastic in any church or chapel in the Diocese of Rochester. Other walls are finished with birch panelling and the outside with redwood.

The altar is remodeled from the old altar to blend in with the birch walls. The pews are refinished from pews donated by the first pastor of St. Isaac Jogues, Father Turner, now pastor of St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs, who, when he remodeled his church in Clifton Springs offered the old pews to St. Isaac Jogues.

THE CRUCIFIX over the main altar is a hand carved wood crucifix from Oberammergau, Germany, and the statue of St. Isaac Joques as well as the Stations of the Cross are hand carved wood from Northern Italy. These are memorials from friends and parishioners, together with many other items memorialized by parishioners and friends.

The background of the altar and sanctuary is a palisade effect—pointer logs with crosses and the name "Jesus" carved in them. St. Isaac Jogues in Central New York actually carved such crosses in the trees throughout the chapel as the symbol of St Isaac Jogues

The altar railing was received from St. Joseph's Hospital Chapel in Elmira, as is the vestment case in the sacristry. Pews received from the Sisters of St. Joseph in Elmira were given to Father Heindl for the chapel in Fair Haven.

The new chapel has been in use since Christmas of last year when the first Mass was celebrated in it. During the interim, from June of 1961 to December of 1962, Mass was celebrated for the parishioners in the meeting room of the firehouse in Fleming.

The cost of the new chapel is $28,000 while the actual value of the structure is believed to be nearer $60,000. This was made possible by the volunteer work done by the parishioners and friends of St Isaac Jogues. The chapel seats 180 persons and has a basement for church activities and instructions. A fully equipped kitchen is planned for the future

Architect for the new chapel was Paul O'Connell of Rochester and the contractor, Herman Jesse of Auburn.

St. Michael's To Observe 75th Jubilee

St. Michael's parish, Rochester, will begin diamond jubilee observances at a solemn Mass this Sunday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m.

Monsignor Wilfred T. Cratagh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, will pontificate at the Mass and Rev. Benedict Ehmann will preach on St. Michael, the parish patron whose feast occurs this Sunday.

THE CHOIR and congregation will sing the Mass according to music composed by Dutch musician de Klerk titled Hue ad Regem Pastorum.

A special motet, Hic est Michael Archangelus, will also be sung. The selection was specially composed for the parish by nationally famous C. Alexander Peloquin, choir director of Providence cathedral.

This Sunday's rite will mark the 75th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the soaring Gothic structure, a landmark on North Clinton Ave. A renovation project is underway which will be completed in 1965 when the parish will conclude its diamond jubilee celebration.

The parish itself was established in 1874 and a church built at that time. The present church, begun in 1888, was completed in 1890.

Prayer Eve For Council

An evening of prayer for the success of the Vatican Council II will be held at the Cenacle Retreat House Monday, Sept. 30.

THE PROGRAM begins with Mass at 6:15 p.m. and includes supper and a Bible Vigil. The program activities are under the direction of Rev. Benedict Ehmann, of St. Michael's Parish.

Retreatants and friends of the Cenacle are invited to attend. Reservations may be made by phoning the Cenacle at BR 1-8755.

75TH ANNIVERSARY tea is being planned at Corpus Christi Parish by from left, seated, Miss Mary Jane Berry, cochairman; Mrs. Frank Smith, chairman; Mrs. Francis Snell, chairman; and standing, the Rev. Thomas R. Statt, moderator; Mrs. G. L. Grassel, cochairman, and Monsignor John E. Maney, Chancellor of the diocese and parish pastor.

Corpus Christi Jubilee

Diamond Jubilee Year, 1888-1963, of Corpus Christi Church is being celebrated by parish groups. Corpus Christi was the 14th Catholic Church to be built in the Diocese of Rochester.

THE MOTHERS Club and the Rosary Society are sponsoring their Diamond Jubilee Tea on Sunday, Sept. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the school hall.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, P.A., pastor and diocesan chancellor; Rev. Robert A. Meng, Rev. Thomas R. Statt and Rev. R. Richard Brickler will greet the guests. Officers and committee heads will be hostesses. Past presidents of the societies will pour:

Paula Grassel and Mary Jane Berry are honorary chairmen; Sarah Smith and Lillian Snell, chairmen.

Committee heads are: Mrs. William Winkler, Miss Mary Warren, decorations; Miss Margaret Lynch, Mrs. Francis Glassic, entertainment; Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Robert Buckert, publicity; Mrs. Florence O'Keefe, Mrs. Leslie Van Heuben, refreshments; Mrs. Winkler, Mrs. Margaret Stoehler, coffee and punch; Mrs. Joseph Buonaccorso, Mrs. Carrie Corbet, tables.

All parishes and former parishioners are invited.

Forty Hours

Sunday, Sept. 29—Good Counsel, Holy Cross, Perpetual Help, Rochester; St. Mary, Canandaigua; St. Mary, Horseheads; St. Patrick, Mt. Morris; St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario; St. Joseph, Rush; St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg; St. Rita, West Webster.

Father Kreckel Talk Listed First Friday

Rev. Robert G. Kreckel will speak on "The Challenge of the Interracial Apostolate," at the First Friday Luncheon Club meeting, Oct. 4 according to Chairman of the Knights of Columbus sponsoring committee Donald E. Woerner.

The luncheon at 12:10 p.m. in Hotel Sheraton is open to all Catholic men who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday.

Father Kreckel will be presented by Rev. William B. Holberton, club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus. Assisting newly appointed Chairman Woerner will be assistant chairman, Raymond L. Nary, master of the Fourth Degree district, Knights of Columbus.

Named assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church by Bishop Kearney in 1960, Father Kreckel became chaplain of the Rochester Interracial Council succeeding Rev. Harry Maloney, a Josephite Father whose apostolate is to the Negroes.

THE SPEAKER was ordained in June 1954 and celebrated his first Solemn Mass in St. Boniface Church of which his father, Philip G. Kreckel is organist.

While assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn before coming to Immaculate Conception in Rochester, he was area chaplain for the Boy Scouts and spiritual director of Camp Columbus, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, the Sodality, the Youth Canteen, the Columbian Squires and the Girls' Choir.

Brother James Madigan, C.S.C., principal of Cardinal Mooney High School was the September speaker. Brother James explained the situation at the newly opened High school on Maiden Lane, Greece where his community of the Holy Cross teaches the boys, and Sisters of Mercy, the girls. The need for inculcating respect for others falls largely on the parents, he said.

FATHER KRECKEL

Bishop To Say Mass At Carmel

Bishop Kearney will celebrate Mass at 9 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 3 in the Carmelite Sisters Monastery, 1311 West Jefferson Rd., Pittsford. The Mass will mark the Feast of St. Theresa of Lisieux, "the Little Flower."

All persons in the area are welcome to participate in the Mass. A group of Our Lady of Mercy High School students will sing.

Sister St. Teresa Requiem, A Founder Of Holy Angels

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary of St. Teresa, a Sister of our Lady of Charity, was held Thursday morning, Sept. 26 at Holy Angels Home. Celebrant was the Rev. Cyril Carter, C.S.B.

Sisters and students of the Home were in attendance. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis B. Burns gave the blessing at the grave

Sister Mary of St Teresa 80, died Sept. 22, 1963, after a long illness.

SISTER WAS one of four nuns who was sent from the Buffalo Motherhouse to found Holy Angels Home in 1930 The Home, at 1326 Winton Road N., is an educational and training center for teen-age girls in need of special guidance.

At the Home, Sister Mary of St. Teresa worked as a seamstress and helped bake the altar breads.

Born in Michigan and known in secular life as Mary Morrisey, she entered the Buffalo monastery about 1910 and took final vows on Oct. 12, 1912

Sister is survived by three brothers, John Morrisey and Joseph and Edward Wilkowski.

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