

# Dedication, Open House at Elmira's New St. Anthony's Parish Center

A new \$170,000 St. Anthony's Parish Center in Elmira will be dedicated by Bishop Kearney Tuesday, Oct. 6, following Consecration rites there that evening.

An open house will be held this Sunday, Oct. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. for public viewing of the new building, which will be one of Elmira's most complete athletic and social centers.

The new Parish Center, according to Father William A. Burns, pastor, will allow a wider plan of athletic activities for the parochial school and teenage groups in accordance with the nation's physical fitness program. Larger accommodations and facilities will also be available for parish activities and organizational functions.

St. Anthony's Parish serves 250 families on Elmira's north side. Two hundred eighty elementary school children are taught in the parish school by five Sisters of St. Joseph and three lay teachers.

THE NEW Parish Center includes: gymnasium, lobby, meeting room, lavatories, concession room, men's and women's showers with locker room and lavatories, kitchen, maintenance room and storage area.

Designed, detailed and bid under the late Mr. Leo Conditine, the job has proceeded with construction supervised by Jay Conner of the new architectural firm of Haskell and Conner. Engineer was Edward A. Fassler, East Syracuse. Contractors include McLane Construction Co., C. R. Evans Corp., Terwilliger Electric, Inc., all of Elmira.

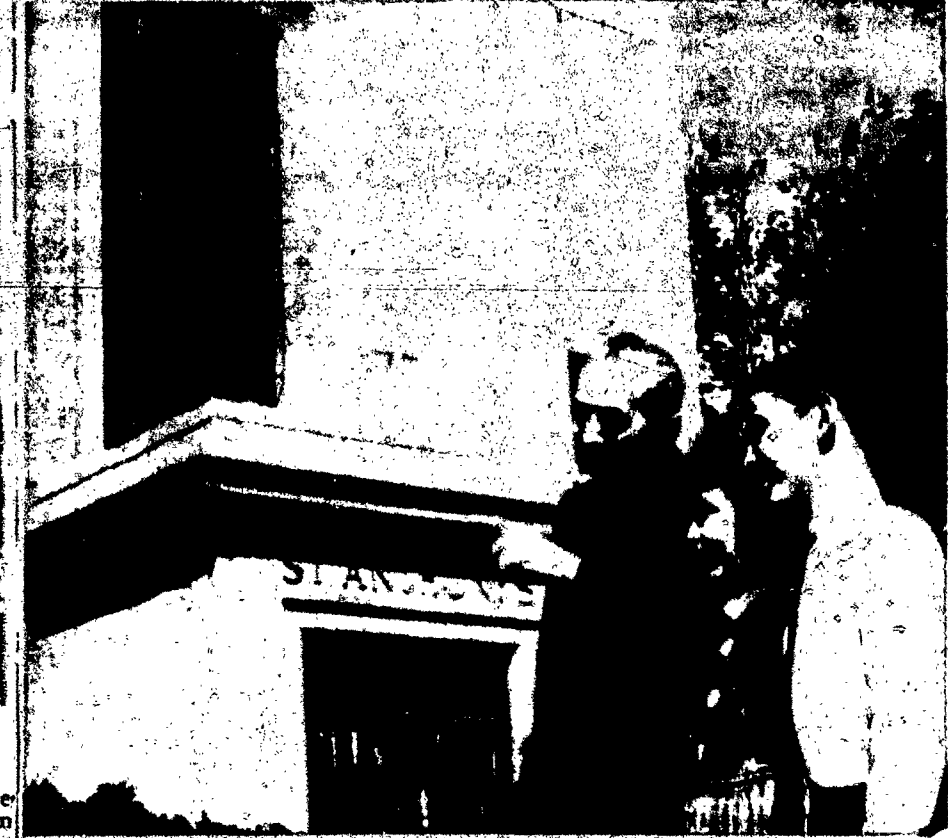
As early as 1905 Bishop Bernard McQuaid, Rochester's first bishop, sent Father Ernest Zeigan to care for the increasing number of Italian people in the Elmira area.

Father Zeigan remained for two years ministering to his small congregation and using the facilities at St. Patrick's school building.

Shortly after the arrival of his successor in 1908, Father



Father Burns and youngsters view entrance way to parish center.

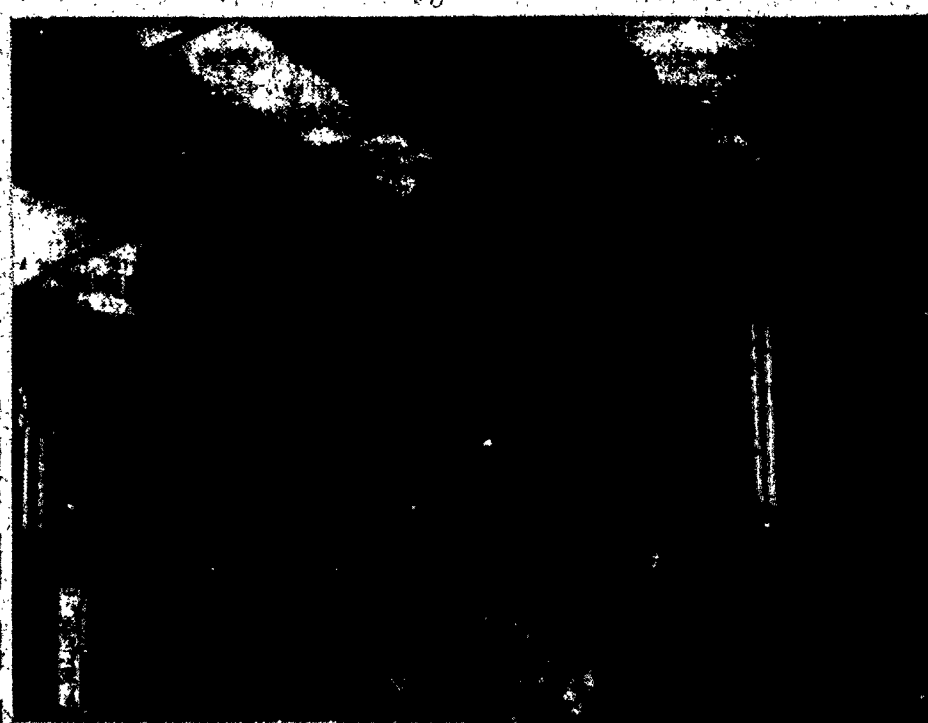


Father William Burns, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, shows Joseph Cirulli and Carol Eddy, sixth grade pupils, the new parish center.

## Religion Classes In Apalachin

Apalachin—Released time Religious Instruction classes for children in St. Margaret Mary's Church, Apalachin, will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Children in grades 2 thru 8 in Apalachin Elementary School will be transported from school by bus to and from St. Margaret Mary's Church. Classes for Junior and Senior students attending Owego schools, will begin on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

The CYO of St. Margaret Mary's Church will begin this year's activities at their first meeting in the church hall, on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Junior and senior high students are invited. Various activities are being planned for the year, including dances which will be sponsored by volunteers from St. Margaret Mary's Rosary Society.



Workmen paint basketball court lines in gym of new St. Anthony's parish center.

Antonio Trezza, the Diocese purchased a house and lot on West Washington Avenue where the present church-school building stands.

The house was remodeled and the first Mass was said here for the Italian people in a "home of their own." This first church building is how the convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph who teach in the parochial school.

Father Adolph L. Gabbani became pastor of the new parish dedicated to St. Anthony in 1908 and remained there for 17 years. Work was soon begun on a new church which was completed and dedicated in 1910 by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey. An annex was added to the church-school building in 1921.

In 1928 Father Gabbani was succeeded by Father Naab who served for two years before returning to his native Diocese of Newark.

During the eight years that Father Anthony Richard was pastor at St. Anthony's, a fire destroyed the church with damage estimated at \$15,000.

The people answered Father Richard's appeal for help and repairs were made and the sanctuary and vestries of the church enlarged.

Father Charles J. Anz came to St. Anthony's as pastor in 1935. During his administration, parish societies were revitalized

and new ones organized. Under his management, all parish property was put in good condition.

Father Anthony Pece, a priest of the Congregation of the Most Precious Blood, succeeded Father Anz in 1937. Two years later, Father Bernard C. Hanna was named pastor of St. Anthony's.

In 1941, the old parish hall was given a new floor and was repainted by volunteer labor. Later in the same year, the church was completely redecorated.

Appointed administrator of St. Anthony's in 1942, Father Albert L. Simonelli set in motion a number of parish activities with the aim of reducing the parish debt. Three years later the parish indebtedness was completely liquidated.

Tragedy again struck St. Anthony's in 1947 when a devastating fire reduced the church to a smoldering ruin.

Despite the great shock to priests and parishioners, plans were made for a fund raising campaign which was actually underway in a few weeks.

Close to \$170,000 was pledged and the new St. Anthony's

church and school building was dedicated by Bishop Kearney on Dec. 5, 1948.

The parish also acquired property at 912 College Ave. to house the kindergarten and another adjacent to the rectory.

Father William Burns came to St. Anthony's as pastor in 1953. A short time later the church and school were com-

pletely painted. Property was purchased on the corner of West Washington Ave. and North Main St. in 1957 to serve both the school and parish organizations.

Auxiliary Bishop Casey presided and preached at the Golden Jubilee Mass at St. Anthony's on May 24, 1950.

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## Notre Dame Highlights Golden Jubilee Marked By Pirozzolo Couple

By HANK LOCKWOOD

Department editors of the Credo staff of Notre Dame-High School, Elmira, will journey to New York City to attend a yearbook conference. Sponsored by Columbia University, the annual Columbia Press-Association Yearbook Conference will be held on the university campus. Clinics and sectional meetings will be held to discuss various aspects of yearbook publishing.

Accompanied by Miss Rita Lockwood, yearbook moderator, Carole Chalk, Esther Johnson, Anita Apostole, Michael Donlin and Kathleen King will participate in the conference at which yearbooks from high schools throughout the nation will be rated. The Credo has been awarded an "A" rating for nine successive years. Luncheon in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria will close this year's conference.

Sister M. Cornelius, Notre Dame librarian and head of the English department, will attend the New York Library Association Convention in New York City, Oct. 7-10 at the Hotel Commodore.

The annual yearbook patron drive, conducted by Business Managers Tom Argersinger and Roy Spillone, and moderator Sister M. Christopher, opened at Notre Dame this week. With the goal of financing much of the cost of the Credo, the student body will solicit patrons throughout Elmira and vicinity for several weeks.

The Notre Dame Sodality sponsored a dance after the Notre Dame-Hortell football game last Friday evening. Sister M. Jane Frances, moderator and Ed Curtin, sodality prefect, organized the dance committee.

Season tickets for the Notre Dame football games were sold for the first time this year. Offered only to the student body, the tickets were sold at a discount price by members of the varsity team.

The first of a series of guidance meetings for parents was held in Notre Dame auditorium on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Sister M. Declan, principal, gave the parents results of the entrance and placement tests, explained school policy on scheduling of classes, reviewed the regents' and local program of

feetings and presented the necessary requirements for graduation from Notre Dame.

This first meeting was for parents of freshmen. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for parents of students in the three upper classes.

Principals and faculty members of the local parochial elementary schools were also invited, to become informed on Notre Dame's program and course offerings.

Refreshments were served in the cafeteria following the meeting.

Spiritual activities got underway this past week at Notre Dame with the first meeting of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, which boasts a membership of 75 boys this year. Founded nine years ago, the society meets at St. Peter and Paul's Church from 10 to 11 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month.

An organization comparable to the Nocturnal Adoration Society has been formed by the girls at Notre Dame. They will meet in the Notre Dame School chapel from 4 to 5 p.m. on each fourth Sunday of each month for a holy hour. The first group, which met on Sept. 27, numbered 65 girls.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated in the auditorium by Father Reinhart on October 2 at 11 a.m. Bishop Kearney will celebrate Mass for the opening of the school year on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

## Elmira Knights Schedule Meet

Elmira Council 222, Knights of Columbus, will meet Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. at Columbus Center.

GRAND KNIGHT Edward A. Claus will preside.

Past Grand Knight Frank J. Kublak is chairman of post meeting activities.

A report on the recent 57th Annual Elmiras Council Outing will be presented by General Chairman Cornelius L. Sullivan and Edward A. Hess, council warden.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pirozzolo, 814 Hatch St., Elmira, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 27. Rev. William A. Burns, pastor of St. Anthony's Church celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 a.m.

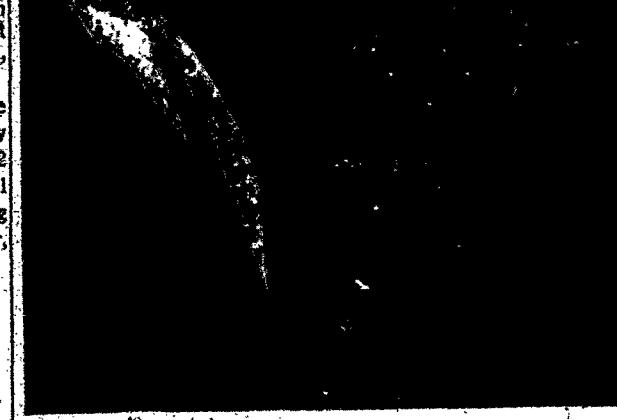
Open House, given by their children, was held from 3 to 7 p.m. at the home of the jubilarians.

Mr. and Mrs. Pirozzolo were married Sept. 27, 1914 at St. Anthony's Church. The Rev. E. Schaefer performed the ceremony.

They have 27 grandchildren. Dinner for the family was held at Lib's Supper Club.

Mrs. Lawrence J. Sassano, Elmira; Mrs. Robert J. Mills of Horseheads; Joseph F. Pirozzolo of Dallas, Texas; John J. Pirozzolo, Mrs. Francis E. Hurley, Miss Jean M. Pirozzolo, Elmira; Miss Frances Pirozzolo of Syracuse; Mrs. Harry G. Ferschback, Jr. of Dallas and Richard Pirozzolo of Horseheads.

They are the parents of 10 children: Miss Corinne Pirozzolo,



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