

Father's Parish — a Hospital

Father John Rosse is a diocesan priest whose parish boundaries encompass six floors of one building.

His parishioners number some 15,000 a year. His spiritual report for last year includes, 150 baptisms, 40,000 Communion, and 800 anointings.

These statistics are unusual — but then Father Rosse has an unusual "parish." He is chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital.

A typical day for this hospital chaplain begins with a 6:30 a.m. Mass for the Sisters of Charity in the chapel on the hospital's first floor. An average of 100 patients request Communion each day and it takes about 40 minutes to distribute Communion throughout the hospital.

FATHER ROSSE spends his morning visiting patients from floor to floor, bringing a word of cheer, checking progress, often counseling or advising. After lunch he fits in his recitation of the Divine Office, then is back to his rounds, giving patients an opportunity for confession. He concludes each afternoon with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament for the Sisters.

His evenings are kept available for interviews with student nurses or families of patients, or for preparing classes. He is on duty night and day for emergency calls, and spends many hours in assisting the dying and consoling bereaved families.

In addition to his care of patients, Father Rosse also teaches medical ethics and religion courses to the student nurses at the hospital. He is spiritual director of the Children of Mary, an organization for the spiritual development of the students, as well as chaplain of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses and moderator of the Monroe County Chapter of Catholic Nurses.

All in all, it's a busy life and one that demands patience, sacrifice and dedication. Apparently Father Rosse has all these, for he is beloved by patients, students and staff alike. As for himself, he says, he wouldn't exchange his "parish" for any other in the diocese.

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The day begins with Mass for the sisters. Soon they will have their own chapel.



When Daddy can't be there, Father tries to take his place.



Father Rosse confers with sister concerning progress of his students.



Patients look forward to the chaplain's visit.

Nurses Slate Rabbi, Cleric

The Monroe County Chapter of Nurses will hold a dinner meeting on Monday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Nurses Home of St. Mary's Hospital.

The Role of the Catholic Nurse to the Non-Catholic Patient will be presented by Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman, spiritual leader of Temple Sinai, Rochester, and the Rev. Charles A. Behnke, D.D., full-time Protestant Chaplain of the Monroe County Home and Infirmary.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. M. Eckert, R.N., ED 4-3385.

25 Years Ago

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Plans for Peace Rallies of Catholic men in response to Pope Pius XI's appeal for prayers and effort to end hostilities were announced. Diocesan Holy Name Union designated 11 churches for rallies.

"Schools of Cooking" sponsored by the Catholic Courier announced demonstration to be made at Corpus Christi Parish Hall. Cooking information appeared on two pages of the paper's current issue.

Cathedral Blessing Set For Expectant Mothers

The Rosary Guild meeting will follow the blessing service. Bishop Casey will speak about the third session of the Vatican Council. Guests from other parishes are welcome to attend.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will give the special blessing of the Church to expectant mothers of Sacred Heart parish and other Monroe County parishes Monday night Jan. 11 at the Cathedral at 7:45 p.m. and will include Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. To each of the mothers being blessed, Bishop Casey will present a medal of St. Gerard, patron St. of Mothers.

Day of Recollection Set By Knights of Columbus

In the Civic Center Chapel, Sugar Hill, C.S.S., a chaplain at the Cardinal Mooney High School. He will be assisted by the Council Chaplain, Rev. William B. Holberton. Sponsored by Rochester Council No. 178 K of C. Area Council officers and members are extended an invitation to participate.

The following Brother Knights have also lent a hand in making the program possible—Ray Wiedman, Sam Speranza, Harry F. Pritchard, Armand Fafard and Rudy Schwenzler.

Auburn AOH Sets Installation

Auburn — The John F. Kennedy Division No. 1 of Cayuga County, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will conduct its installation of officers this Sunday afternoon in the clubrooms at 7-11 East Genesee St., Auburn.

State officers will be on hand to perform the installation. Among those to be installed are: Lawrence F. Malloy, president; Charles B. Wride, vice president; John M. Brennan, secretary; Walter McConnell, financial secretary; John E. Major, treasurer; Bernard J. McVahb, chairman of standing committee; Patrick Maye, marshal; Martin Brennan, sentinel; Joseph Ashley, Thomas May and Charles Phillips, trustees.

A buffet luncheon will be served following the luncheon. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary and out-of-town friends are invited.

Ithaca CDA

Ithaca — Court Santa Maria No. 240, Catholic Daughters of America, will have a catered dinner for members and guests on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Home.

Rev. John S. Maloney will be guest speaker. His topic will be his recent trip to Japan.

Naples Drive Hailed Success

The recent fund drive for a new church of St. Januarius, Naples, has reached \$48,100.00 to date, according to Father Bernard Kuchman, pastor.

The success, said the pastor, is due to the diligent work of the committee headed by Philip Baader. Team leaders included: Don Bouchard, Robert Cornish, Robert Cullinan, Carl Dinzler, Julian Fox, Lee Hosenfeld, William Lyon, Ray Polmanter, Edward Reitenwald, George Riesenberger, Nicholas Riesenberger, Richard Riesenberger, Charles Shepard, Euclid St. Pierre, Don Warren, Charles Wixom. Many other parishioners canvassed for 3 year pledges.

Elmira Church Now Debt Free

Saint Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, is now totally free of debt, it was announced at all Christmas Masses.

The parish bulletin read: "The restoration program on the church has been paid in full; the convent debt has been paid in full; and the allotment for the Sisters of Mercy at Notre Dame High School has been paid in full."

Not resting on its laurels, the parish will continue its program of repairs and maintenance with new kneelers and a public address system listed for the near future.

"A spirit of great sacrifice is desperately needed to keep the church out of debt," the bulletin concluded.

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