

LOCAL NEWS SECTION

New Church, Center in Hilton

Parishioners of St. Leo's Church, Hilton, now have a church officially blessed by the Bishop.

They have used their new structure since summer but the Bishop's blessing was delayed until construction work was completed in both the church and catechetical center.

Bishop Kearney solemnly dedicated the new buildings Sunday noon, Dec. 11, and then said Mass and gave the sermon.

The new units replace the long familiar wood frame church built over eighty years ago for the scattered Catholic farmers of northwest Monroe County. The area today is the County's "last frontier" as city-dwellers move out for elbow room in the suburbs.

The new Hilton parish buildings were constructed for approximately \$293,000 — the church which will seat 506 people, doubling the capacity of the old church, and the six-classroom religious instruction center for close to 800 youngsters who are taught in 5 sessions each Monday and Tuesday. A staff of 26 volunteer teachers is the faculty for the instruction program.

FATHER RAUBER, who has been Hilton pastor since 1954, has seen the parish grow from 120 to 350 families.

The parish began in 1880 when Father James E. Hartley



Bishop Kearney blesses parishioners at dedication rite for new St. Leo's Church and catechetical center in Hilton. With him are Father James Moynihan, his secretary, and Father Jacob R. Rauber, pastor.

of Spencerport said Mass at Penneyson Hall, at the corner of Hilton's Main St. and South Ave. Land was bought for the old church in 1882 and Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid blessed the cornerstone that summer. The

church was completed in 1884 and dedicated to Pope St. Leo the Great, 5th century pontiff.

John Conroy and Frederick McCulla were first trustees of the parish. Today they are George Eichas and Harley Bigler.

The Hilton church was a mission of Spencerport until 1946 when Father John Maxwell, now of Churchville, was named its first pastor. He purchased a dwelling for a rectory and renovated parish properties.

Father Rauber, appointed pastor in 1954, provided a hall beneath the church, a modern parking area and enlarged the church. In 1961 he acquired the house next to the church for a rectory and in 1963 purchased the nine and a half acre site of the new structures.

Father James Malley is assistant pastor.

An open house was held Sunday after the dedication for clergy and people of Hilton of other religious denominations.



Father Robert Collins begins Mass at Plymouth Gardens.



A glimpse of congregation—and of the U of R across the River.

Mass at Apartment

Bishop Sheen recently remarked, "Today the people come to the Church. Tomorrow the Church must go to the people."

Today is already tomorrow in Rochester.

Priests of St. Monica's parish have inaugurated a monthly First Friday Mass at Plymouth Gardens, residence for more than 20 senior citizens.

The monthly Mass draws up to twenty people who can't get out of the parish church. They

come—some in wheelchairs, one or two with crutches, a few with canes, one or another nursing a broken arm or leg.

The Mass is celebrated in the apartment of Mrs. Delia J. Atwell who prepares her dining table to be an altar. Father William Barrett and Father Robert Collins arrive about half an hour before the Mass time—4:30 p.m.—to hear Confessions and check last minute details.

The congregation joins in the Mass prayers and all receive Holy Communion.

Just about the time the tower clock at the University of Rochester across the Genesee River from the Plymouth Gardens rings out its five o'clock notice, the Mass concludes and the "chapel" again becomes an apartment-home.

25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier files, Dec. 11, 1941)

Bishop Kearney, in a statement placed all the spiritual, moral and material forces of the Diocese of Rochester at the disposal of the government in the crisis with Japan.

Ladies of Charity in Elmira responded to the call for volunteers in Elmira and Chemung County in the civilian defense program.

Father Charles P. Hilbert, M.M., Rochester native, and Pro-Vicar of the Maryknoll Preparatory Seminary at Kaying, South China, edited "The New Southern Star," a publication in Chinese language and distributed among Chinese in the Malay States, Netherland East Indies and in China itself.

CFM Sponsors Party For World Students

International Students in the Rochester area have been invited to attend a Christmas Party in their honor on Dec. 11, at 8:00 p.m. The party, to be held at St.

John Fisher College, Kearney Auditorium, is sponsored by the Rochester Diocese Christian Family Movement, in cooperation with the Rochester International Friendship Council.

Program entertainment will include a Roll Call of Nations; songs by "The Pastimers," a barber shop quartet; and group dancing, to be led by Mr. and Mrs. David Valentine. Master of

of Ceremonies will be Mr. Gerald Barrett.

Students from Nazareth and St. John Fisher colleges will serve as hosts. Chair-couple for the party are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mooney. Refreshments and transportation will be provided by other CFM Representatives.



Thanksgiving Service in Ontario

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service was held Wednesday, Nov. 23 at St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario. More than 600 attended. Participating clergymen included: Rev. Ronald Sloan, Ontario Center Presbyterian; Rev. Clement Yinger, Rochester District Superintendent of the Methodist Church; Rev. Harry R. Lee, North Ontario Methodist Church; Rev. Lee Anglin, First Baptist Church; and Father William J. Gaynor, pastor of the host church.

Open House Scheduled At McQuaid Jesuit

McQuaid Jesuit High School will hold an Open House for grammar school administrators and teachers as well as seventh and eighth grade boys of public and private schools and their families on Sunday, Dec. 11. All facilities will be open from 1 until 5 p.m.

There will be demonstration classes given in most subject areas and a walking tour of the physical plant will be completed with refreshments.

In addition to these, there will be a special orientation and discussion program for administrators and teachers in the school library.

From 1:30 to 2:15, and again from 4:15 to 5, Father Albert Bartlett, rector, and Rev. William Poorten, acting principal, and others will explain the goals of the school and discuss the possibilities of cooperation in achieving them.

McQuaid's annual Spelling Bee will also take place this same day, beginning at 2:15 in the school gymnasium. Full and partial scholarships are awarded to the winners.

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