



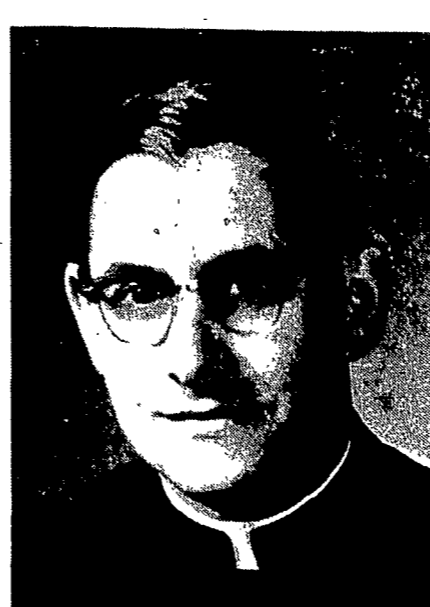
MSGR. EDWARD A. McANIFF



FATHER JOSEPH LYNCH



FATHER LEO E. LYNCH



FATHER GENNARO J. VENTURA



FATHER JOHN A. WIDMAN

Fire Hits St. Monica's Storerooms

Fire of undetermined origin struck two storerooms behind the sanctuary of St. Monica's Church, Genesee Street, at approximately 9 a.m. Wednesday, spreading smoke and soot throughout the church and causing damage which the fire chief said "will run into thousands of dollars."

More than 30 firemen under Chief Bernard H. Mensing of Battalion 4 battled the blaze from 9:20 a.m. until noon.

Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert, pastor, said Wednesday that so far as was known there was no structural damage to the building itself, and that he expected to be able to maintain the usual Sunday Mass schedule.

The smoke was discovered by the veteran organist of the parish, Hugh Dodge, who had played the organ for the 8 o'clock high Mass celebrated by Monsignor Lambert and who, as was often his custom, had remained at the organ after the pastor and parishioners had left the church.

Dodge rushed from the church to the rectory, and the call for firemen was made by Mrs. Mary Hall, parish bookkeeper.

Monsignor Lambert entered the church to endeavor to remove the Blessed Sacrament and valuables in the sacristy, but was blinded by smoke and soot only a few feet inside the door and had to get out.

The fire apparently started in one of two storerooms at the northwest end of the structure — rooms separated from the sanctuary by a corridor and wall. Its origin was under investigation Wednesday afternoon.

Among articles destroyed were a washer and dryer, church kneelers, vases, candles, an ironer and ironing board.

Monsignor Lambert, who noted it was the first fire he has experienced in many years of administering buildings, said he was thankful particularly for two things — that no one was injured, and that his organist decided to remain for a while in church following the Mass.

"If the fire had continued much longer before discovery," the pastor said, "the damages certainly would have been far greater."

Because of technical difficulties in our shop, the remaining half of the text of the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Human Life in Our Day," is not contained in this issue of the Courier-Journal. The pastoral will be concluded in next week's edition.

Five Priests from Diocese Mark 25th Anniversaries

Five priests of the Rochester Diocese will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of their ordination to priesthood during the week of Dec. 15. Among them are Father John Widman, who served as a Navy chaplain, and two, Fathers Joseph and Leo Lynch, are brothers.

Father Joseph Lynch, pastor of Holy Spirit Church, Penfield, was ordained by Bishop James E. Kearney on Dec. 18, 1943. His first assignment was to St. Ambrose parish; he then taught science at St. Andrew's Seminary until the founding of Holy Spirit in 1965.

Bishop Kearney will preach the homily at the concelebrated Mass on Dec. 15, at 5 p.m. in Holy Spirit, to mark the anniversary. A reception will be held at the church after the Mass.

Father Leo Lynch, chaplain at St. Ann's Home, will concelebrate on Dec. 18 at 4:30 p.m. with retired priests at the Home, to mark his anniversary. Msgr. Joseph L. Hogan will preach the homily.

Father Lynch was first assigned to St. Mary's in Elmira. He then served as chaplain to St. James Mercy Hos-

pital before his assignment to St. Ann's.

Father Joseph Lynch was born May 14, 1916, and Father Leo on May 23, 1918. Their mother, Mrs. Joseph Lynch, presently resides at 2989 Chili Ave., Rochester.

Father Gennaro J. Ventura will celebrate his 25th anniversary in a concelebrated Mass of thanksgiving on Dec. 15, at 12:15 p.m., in Mount Carmel Church, where he is pastor.

Father Ventura was born Sept. 5, 1918, and has served in priestly min-

istry at Mt. Carmel, St. Francis Xavier and St. Lucy churches.

Concelebrating with Father Ventura will be Father James Moynihan, Father John Lynch, Father Anthony Valenti and Father Vincent Panepinto. A reception is planned in the afternoon at the parish hall.

Father John A. Widman, a Navy chaplain in San Francisco celebrates his anniversary on Dec. 18.

Before his appointment to the Armed Services, in 1948, Father Widman served as assistant pastor at St.

Andrew's, St. Alphonsus', Auburn, and St. Philip Neri parishes. In 1963 he was promoted by the Navy to the rank of commander.

Very Rev. Msgr. Edward J. McAniff, in residence at St. Michael's Church rectory, Livonia Center, also will mark his anniversary Dec. 18.

Msgr. McAniff was assistant rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral for 11 years, and then served eight years as secretary to Bishop James E. Kearney. He became pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in 1963, and retired last June for reasons of health.

Saving for Needy

Queen of Peace Children Plan Special Offering

Children of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish are saving their allowances this week and next in order to purchase clothes and toys for inner city youngsters.

The children of the parish—more than 300 of them from 6 to 15 years of age — will wrap the gifts and take them to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 15. At each Mass that day some of the youngsters will be selected to take gifts to the altar during the offertory procession.

The gifts then will be turned over to the Sisters of Mercy who conduct the Joseph Avenue Settlement House, for distribution to some 100 children — mostly Negro — who are helped by that agency.

Sponsoring the project is the parish Rosary-Altar Society, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Eugene Bergin and Mrs. Patrick Gaffney.

Mrs. Bergin explained that children participating are expected to

buy a gift — such as toys, games, mittens, dolls, and so forth — at from \$1 to \$2, and to note on the wrapped package whether the article is for a boy or girl, and the approximate age range.

Belgian Organist

Plays At Cathedral

Sacred Heart Cathedral will present Flor Peeters, celebrated Belgian organist and composer, in a recital at 8:15 tonight.

The program will include works by Bach, Beethoven and de Kerckhoven, and his own "Lied Symphonic."

Dr. Peeters is the director of the Royal Flemish Conservatory in Antwerp.

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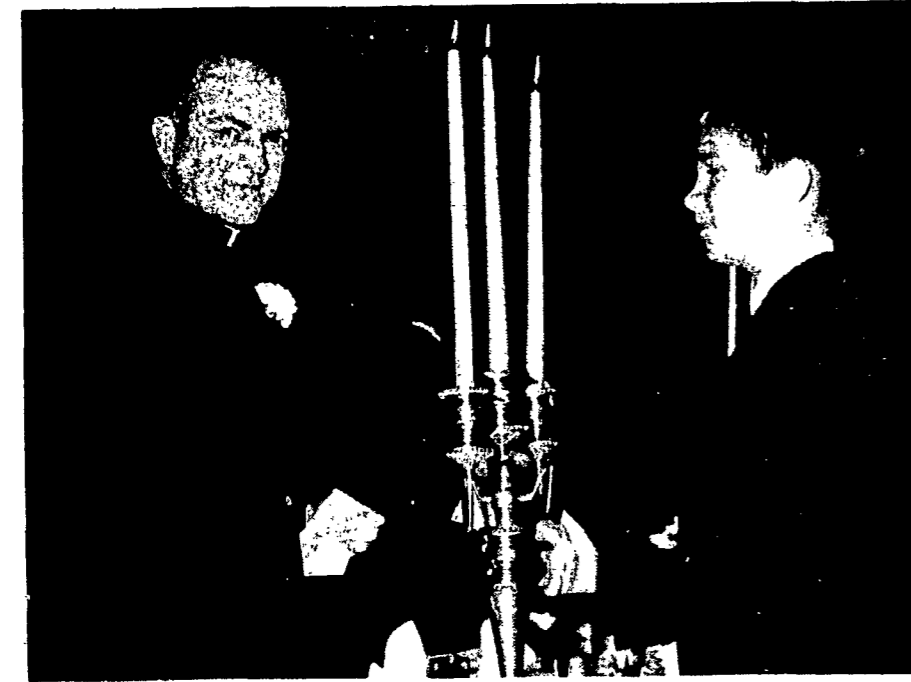
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Sisters at Holy Ghost

50-Year Teaching Milestone



Leaders of the Holy Ghost parish committee planning golden jubilee ceremonies Sunday commemorating the 50 years the School Sisters of Notre Dame have taught at the parish school are pictured with the pastor, Father Edward Steinkirchner. They are (from left) Mrs. Francis Gutberlet, Mrs. Charles Crane and Mrs. Robert Hansford.



Very Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Babak, pastor of St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Irondequoit, receives congratulations on his 25th anniversary of ordination from Mark Bach, a pupil at St. Joseph's School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Bach, 89 Oakbend Dr.

Msgr. Babak Celebrates 25th Jubilee

Very Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Babak, pastor of St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ridge Road East, Irondequoit, celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination Dec. 1.

Among those present was the Most Rev. Joseph M. Schmondiuk, Bishop of the Stamford (Ukrainian Byzantine Rite) Diocese, which includes Rochester.

Other guests included Msgr. Basil Seredowych, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Syracuse; Msgr. Leo Adamiak, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Youngstown, O.; Father Thor Pelensky, Lackawanna, N.Y.; Msgr. Babak's brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. John Babak, Dearborn, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Babak, Gary, Ind., and an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sernowski, St. Albert, Alberta, Canada.

Congratulations to the jubilarian included an apostolic blessing from Pope Paul VI and messages from Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Washington, D.C., apostolic delegate to the U.S., and President Lyndon Johnson.

The day's activities included a jubilee Mass at 9 a.m., a Holy Name Society breakfast, and a 5 p.m. dinner and reception at the Ukrainian-American Club, Hudson Avenue, attended by nearly 500 parishioners.

Born July 7, 1915, in Nanticoke, Pa., the jubilarian studied for the priesthood in Austria and Switzerland, at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and at Catholic University of America.

He was ordained Dec. 4, 1943, in Immaculate Conception Cathedral,

Fifty years of teaching children at Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater Road, by the School Sisters of Notre Dame will be marked Sunday, Dec. 8.

Bishop James E. Kearney will celebrate the 12:15 p.m. Mass and preach the homily to note the golden jubilee.

Parishioners will conduct a reception for the Sisters in the school hall from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Several pioneers in the Gates area remember hearing of the days in 1865 when a few Catholic families engaged a layman to teach their children religion in a small frame building on Coldwater Road donated by the Vogel family. This was 10 years before the Catholics in the area, who attended St. Joseph's Church in Rochester, constructed the first Holy Ghost Church.

First teacher noted in parish historical records was Engelbert Entress, who taught from 1890 to 1918. In 1899 he was joined by Miss Julia Foss, who later became Sister Mary Walburga of the Sisters of Mercy. Miss Foss often rode horseback or on a bicycle to get to the schoolhouse.

In 1918 four Notre Dame Sisters were brought from Baltimore by the pastor, Father Peter Erras. Two of them taught the 72 pupils registered that year, a third taught music, and the fourth served as cook and housekeeper.

Currently the school, with an enrollment of 280, is staffed by four Sisters and five lay teachers. Sister M. Walburga, SSND, is principal. Sister M. Alphonsa teaches the sixth grade, Sister M. Joseph the fourth and Sister M. Hermina the first.

Two retired Sisters, former teachers, also reside at Holy Ghost Convent. They are Sisters M. Eva and M. Hermina.

Don't Forget Poor

At Christmas Time

Have you remembered the poor in your Christmas plans this year? Bring joy and happiness to 2,000 of your brothers and sisters in Christ by donating to the Catholic Charities Christmas Fund, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

Philadelphia, by the late Bishop Constantine Bobachevsky.

Besides parish assignments in Newark, N.J., and New Britain, Conn., Msgr. Babak also served as rector of the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, Stamford, Conn. He was named a Papal Chamberlain in 1953.

Msgr. Babak was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's in 1967. Assistant pastor is Father Vladimir Korchny. Five Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate and four lay teachers staff the school, which has 285 pupils.

Included on the parish jubilee committee were Charles Bastuk, John Boychuk, William Hussar, Eugene Kowalchuk, John Kuchmy, William Lenyk, Michael Perzik, Wolodymyr Pryjmak, William Roman, Lawrence Sokolsky, William Tatyga, Joseph Wasyliskyn and Michael Wasyliskyn.

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