



Sixteen youngsters at Craig State School received First Holy Communion Sunday, May 3, from Father Dominic Mockevicius, shown in the school's Chapel of the Divine Compassion. Afterward, the chaplain, residents and staff put on a party in the rectory.

Dryden Holy Cross Opens New Church

Dryden — Members of Holy Cross parish worshipped in their new church on South George Road for the first time last Sunday, ending a 20-year use of Christ Chapel at the George Junior Republic nearby.

Father Thomas K. Cleary, who began Catholic worship for the neighborhood in the Republic's chapel when he became chaplain there in 1950, was the celebrant of the Mass to open the new church and preached the homily.

What had been known as the "Dryden Catholic mission" from 1947, became a formally incorporated parish in 1962 with Father Cleary as pastor.

The first establishment of Catholicism in the township dates from 1851 with the dedication of St. Patrick's Church (now closed) in the town of McLean. Early Masses in Dryden were said in a makeshift chapel above a restaurant in what was formerly the old Grange Hall.

It was also First Communion Day for children of the parish.

In the afternoon there was an open house at the new church and the new rectory connected directly to it for parishioners and friends and neighbors of the parish.

Formal dedication ceremonies will take place in the fall.

The new brick-faced church, constructed by Murphy Structural Systems of Syracuse, is on

a site about one sixth of a mile below Route 13. The site, purchased by the parish in 1966, is formerly a portion of the Alton Mott farm.

The church and rectory form a one-story complex. In the church there is seating for some 400 persons. In the immediately connected rectory, in addition to living quarters for the pastor and housekeeper, there are offices and counseling rooms for carrying on parish business. There is an all-purpose room which can serve as a crying room and nursery during Mass and meeting room at other times. This room has a glass wall which looks out into the church proper.

Construction of the new Holy Cross Church began a year ago following a successful Holy Cross Building Fund Appeal which surpassed its \$100,000 goal.

Arnold Grace and Alfred Wisning have served as co-chairmen of the Holy Cross Parish Building and Construction Committee while Duane Winters served as chairman of the Holy Cross Building Fund Appeal Committee.

Village Churches Mark Pentecost

Honeoye Falls — St. Paul of the Cross parish was host to an ecumenical gathering last Sunday afternoon in celebration of Pentecost.

Father Albert Bartlett, rector of McQuaid, spoke on the spirit of ecumenism. Scriptural readings were given by laymen from the Presbyterian, Episcopalian and United Methodist Churches. St. Paul's Folk Group and three Becket Hall seminarians provided the music. The service was planned by Father Michael Hogan, pastor, and the ministers of the other churches.

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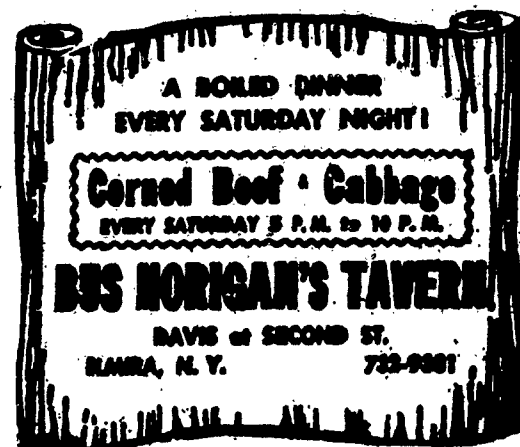
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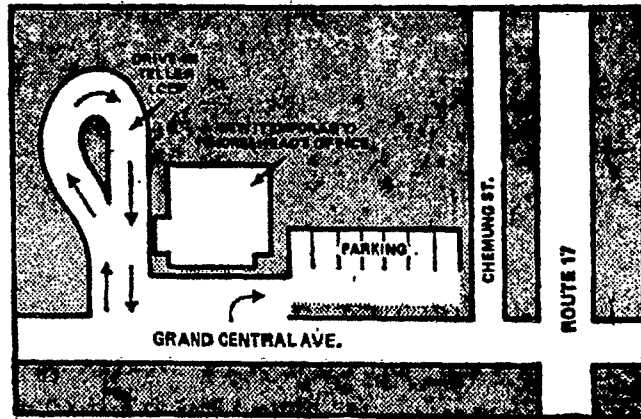


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