



A Mass for the dead was celebrated Memorial Day in SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Elmira, under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, Council 229 and Fourth Degree. Msgr. Leo Schwab, celebrant, was assisted by Father William McGahn and Father Robert Kanka. More than 300 persons took part.

2 Priests Mark 55th Jubilees

Two priests of the Rochester Diocese will mark their 55th year of ordination on Friday, June 12.

They are Msgr. John M. Ball, pastor emeritus of St. Rose Church, Lima, and Father William A. Doran, pastor emeritus of St. Ann's Church, Palmyra, who were ordained in old St. Patrick's Cathedral June 12, 1915, by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey.

Msgr. Ball, born in Rochester, served as assistant at parishes in Rochester, Auburn and Palmyra, and taught for a time at the old Rochester Cathedral High School, predecessor of Aquinas Institute. In 1925 he was named pastor of St. Patrick's Cato, and on June 3, 1934 was appointed pastor of St. Rose Church. He retired in June, 1967.

Msgr. Ball's brother, Msgr. Edward K. Ball, is pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva.

Father Doran, born in Rush, served as assistant at parishes

in Auburn and Bath. After some years as chaplain of St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira, and later at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, he was named pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Rochester, in 1929, and appointed pastor of St. Ann's Church in Palmyra on June 17, 1939. He retired in June, 1957. He resides at St. Ann's Home.

Elmira Couple Celebrates 50th

Elmira—Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Fischer of 964 East Avenue will mark the 50th anniversary of their marriage Sunday, June 21, at the 10:30 Mass in St. John the Baptist Church.

A reception from 2 to 5 p.m. in the American Legion Home, Elmira Heights, will be given by their children, Mrs. Edward Hughes of Elmira, Mrs. James Arndt of Rochester, and Mrs. Emory Bennett and Richard J. Fischer of Horseheads. The Fischers have 15 grandchildren.

1,000 Attend Field Mass In Auburn

Auburn — More than 1,000 persons attended an annual field Mass on Memorial Day in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Celebrant of the Mass was Father Felix Bracikowski, OFM. Conv., pastor of St. Hyacinth's Church. Father John Nacca, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, also attended. At the close of the homily, Father Bracikowski declared:

"It is important that we renew our faith in God and in our country; then Memorial Day serves its purpose—a day to remember—our nation under God with liberty and justice for all."

Sponsoring the Mass were the Catholic War Veterans. Included in the color guard were members of the Cayuga County Veterans of Foreign Wars and several American Legion posts.

Elmira Hospital Employees Cited

Elmira — Seventy-eight employees of St. Joseph's Hospital with service totaling more than 850 years were honored at the hospital's annual service awards dinner May 27 in the Tom Sawyer Restaurant.

Sister Mary Adelaide, SSJ., hospital administrator, presented the awards, highlighted by a 50-year award to Sister Wilhelmina Martin. A 35-year award was given to Mary Bilick, and a 30-year award to Sister Ann Loretta Riesenberger. Awards for 25 years of service were given to Margaret McGovern, Dorothy Young and Sister Florence Ribson.

Principal dinner speaker was

WINS ESSAY CONTEST

Hornell — Thomas Murphy, a seventh grader at St. Ann's School, won the award offered to his grade in an essay contest sponsored by the Kanestio Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy of Ransom Street.

Judge Daniel J. Donahoe, a member of the hospital's board of directors.

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