



St. Rose, Lima Celebrates 100th

A Pontifical Mass will be celebrated in St. Rose Church, Lima, Sunday, May 23 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of construction of its present church building.

Bishop Hogan will celebrate the Centenary Mass at 12:15 p.m.

Immediately following the 12:15 Mass, a Centenary Dinner will be served at the Lima

Auburn Slates Bus Deadline

Auburn — Parents seeking transportation of children to the nearest available parochial school for the school year 1971-72, should request such transportation on or before April 15.

Requests are necessary for children who are entering a parochial school for the first time, and for children who are transferring to a parochial school different from the one they attended in 1970-71. No requests are necessary from those pupils who are presently receiving transportation and will attend the same parochial school next year, 1971-72.

According to policy established by the Board of Education, transportation will be provided for pupils in Kindergarten through the eighth grade who reside within the City of Auburn and live more than one mile from the nearest available parochial school. In addition, transportation will be provided for those pupils in Kindergarten through the eighth grade who reside within the Auburn Enlarged City School District, but outside the limits of the City of Auburn a distance of more than six tenths (.6) of a mile from the nearest available parochial school.

Forms for requesting transportation under the conditions as outlined are available at each of the City of Auburn Parochial Schools. The completed form should be forwarded to the Director of Transportation, Education House, 130 South Street, Auburn, New York 13021, on or before April 15, 1971.

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Country Club. Many friends of St. Rose Church, including former parishioners who have moved to other areas, will attend the Mass and dinner to join in celebrating the occasion. Persons interested in obtaining dinner tickets may contact Miss Anita O'Connell or Miss Margaret Boehme, co-chairmen.

Begun in 1870, completed in 1872, and dedicated in 1873, St. Rose Church stands on Lake Avenue, near a private home where the first Mass was celebrated in Lima in 1842.

Construction was accomplished in spite of many difficulties. When the walls were partly built, the entire front wall collapsed. The church was also struck by lightning. However, Father William A. Gregg and his parishioners and the builders were determined to complete a building that would endure. The result is the beautiful brick edifice which accommodates 750 people. In its early years, St. Rose Church services were attended by Catholics from Avon, Conesus, Honeyoye Falls, Livonia, Mendon, Rush, and West Bloomfield.

In 1898, when Father Simon FitzSimons was pastor, the church interior was beautified. Impressive statues, manufactured in Rotterdam, Holland, were installed along the upper walls. The statue of St. Bernard was given by Bishop Bernard McQuaid as his special Golden Jubilee gift. All the others were donated by the parishioners.

Central attraction is the ceiling, where a copy of the Ascension by Murillo was painted in oil by Aloysius Ertle of New York, one of the foremost artists in church decoration at that time. Ertle's name is connected with many of the first church buildings in America. He worked also on London's Parliament building.

The majestic Romanesque architecture, the beautiful interior appointments, the main altar of black walnut, and the new altar of celebration make St. Rose Church one of the outstanding landmarks in Western New York.

Migrants and Machines

By CECELIA VIGGO

When a factory shuts down, the loss in terms of shattered human lives and hopes is pretty appalling.

When a farm mechanizes its operation the effects can be even more devastating.

For the farm's migrant workers lose not only their jobs, but their homes.

At best, the migrant subsists in housing far below the standards of the average American. When mechanization threatens, the migrant is defenseless. He has no contract, rarely is covered by unemployment insurance and seldom has more than a grammar school education.

The special vulnerability of the migrant worker was brought home last month when Cornell University's College of Agriculture announced the closing of the Cohn Labor Camp. Cornell owns and operates the 200-acre Cohn demonstration fruit farms in Sodus. The College of Agriculture opted to mechanize the farm, and as a consequence, to curtail the seasonal employment of 35 to 45 migrants who had worked and lived at the camp for the last 12 years. Since the migrants had gone to Florida, they would make the journey back to Wayne County this summer to find no jobs and no homes.

In this particular case, however, the migrant worker had friends. A Cornell University committee previously had studied Cohn camp living conditions and found them substandard. When Cornell announced it would close the camp and quit hiring migrants the committee on minority interests pressed the university to reconsider.

Protests in the Wayne County community, spearheaded by the committee, were loud, long and vehement. According to Robert Gottlieb, former committee chairman, the College of Agriculture decided to discuss with the Senate alternatives to the plan for mechanizing.

The committee hopes to work out a viable plan for re-training the Cohn workers, to adapt them to a more mechanized farm operation.

"Cornell has the resources to show growers a model retraining program for migrant workers, which, in addition to being profitable to the farmer, would provide some economic stability for the migrant," Gottlieb commented.

In this instance, the migrant was fortunate to have others more powerful defend him. But this case is the exception.

"Non-consideration as a human being is what the migrant usually faces," said Father George Wiant, new head of the Diocesan Secular Mission in Wayne County. Asserting that the Church, "which has always helped the disadvantaged and underprivileged" as a special mission to the migrant, Father Wiant said he hoped the Secular Mission could act as a "catalyst in Wayne County, prompting community awareness of these problems and this poverty."

Father Sweeney To Speak

King Ferry — Father Eugene Sweeney, chaplain at DeSales High School in Geneva, will speak in King Ferry Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6.

His talk on the Sacrament of Penance is a feature of the Lenten series set up by the Rural Education Center. Father Sweeney spoke in Fleming last night.

Wednesday, March 31, 1971

Mothers Clubs Set Joint Meeting

Elmira — Mothers of children who currently attend St. Patrick's grammar school will be entertained April 20 by the Mothers Club of Our Lady of Lourdes, at the Lourdes parish

hall. The St. Patrick's pupils will be attending Lourdes school next Fall, under the consolidation plan worked out for Chemung County Catholic schools.

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