

Mass to Open St. Mary's School

Dansville — Mass of the Holy Spirit at 8 a.m. opened the fall semester at St. Mary's today, Sept. 8.

Sister Margaret Frank, Mrs. Elaine Wisniewski, Sister Margaret Mary Morris, and Mrs. Sally Leeson.

School reopens with an anticipated enrollment of 252 children. The kindergarten will begin Monday, Sept. 13.

FOSMS parishioners have pledged their support to St. Mary's School Board and will lend financial assistance to the school. Teachers are: Mrs. Rita Schwan, Sister Mary Linus, Mrs. Anne Fahy, Miss Maureen Sweet, Mr. James Roby, Mrs. Sally Leeson and Mrs. Vivian Keller.

Sister Wilma, principal of the school, says "a flexible program is being pursued whereby the teachers from grades five — eight will rotate in order to meet the needs of the students. A new room has been readied for students involved in specialized programs." New teachers coming to the staff are:

A hot lunch program will begin Sept. 8 and a school nurse will be available onehalf day a week.

Hornell, Arkport CCD Soon in Full Swing

The CCD program in Hornell and Arkport will be in full swing soon with a progressive program of enrichment planned, according to its director, Father Albert Delmonte. The staff is as follows: (Grades 1 thru 6 consist of three grades of each class) Pat O'Neil, Mary Casamento, Beatrice Mahoney, Ann Potter, Betty Rahmlow, Teresa Bigger, Angel Lang, Teresa Feltham, Mary Cortese, Eileen Crosby, Teresa Haynes, Eleanor Murphy, Peggy Pease, Ruth Bishop, Sister Jude, Genevieve Griswold, Toni Connors, Mary Frances Dunning.

Helpers are Rita Smith, Rose-Ann O'Connor and Rose Moore. The teachers for grades sev-

en and eight are the Rev. Mr. Louis Vasile, Sister Jude, Joan Loree, Jim and Mary Rucinski. Their helper will be Eleanor Murphy.

The ninth and tenth grade program will be a home study with the following teachers: Mr. and Mrs. James Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bellanca, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fillmore, Mr. and Mrs. Donald VanWinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. William Schick, Miss Leona Dessena and Miss Joanne Caruso.

The Arkport teachers are: Ann Gentile, Donna Kelly, Ann

Leith, Joan Higgins, Mary Mahoney, Sharon Davies.

The Junior High program in Arkport is tentative, as is the Senior High program.

The Hornell 11th and 12th grades have as their Principal, William C. Lores with assistance from Dolores Lamb, Mickey Smith, Josephine Ciancaglini and Gail Mularz. Joan Kittel is librarian and general assistant.

The Pre-School program Sunday mornings is under the direction of Mrs. Pat Prete.

Father Delmonte says, "We hope to have more teacher training programs this year, which would include workshops being sponsored by the Christian Formation Board of the Southern Tier and St. Ann's Parish Adult Theology Committee." Mrs. Stella Degeatano is principal of the CCD program in Hornell.

ADDISON CCD

Addison — The Christian Education program for kindergarten through sixth grade will begin Saturday, Oct. 2 classes for grades 7-12 will be on the first and third Sundays, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The first class is scheduled for Oct. 3.



FR. PAUL J. CUDDY On The Right Side

Recently I approached a trim, sixtyish woman who was sitting in the lobby of our hospital, to extend an offer of help or hospitality or welcome. After the first amenities my friend said: "Maybe you can answer a question for me. I live in X City. Each day the bells of the Catholic church ring in the morning at 7 o'clock. They are always the same. First there are three rings, then a pause; then another three rings, and a pause; then a third ring, and a pause. Finally the bells ring an invariable seventeen times. I've counted them dozens of times. I have asked many Catholics what the bells signify, and no one seems to know."

I am always humiliated and chagrined at the inexcusable ignorance of Catholics about ordinary Catholic practices. They wouldn't be ignorant of them if they would practice them — in this instance, the Angelus. This ancient prayer is theology, poetry, drama history, faith, scripture and prayer, repeated thrice daily throughout the whole world.

So I explained: "It is a devotion called the Angelus. You are familiar with the painting by the French artist, Millet, called The Angelus. A farmer and his wife stand with bowed heads in the field, praying the Angelus prayer as the bell in the distant steeple sounds out to the countryside. It is so called because the first word of the prayer is "Angelus." It begins, in Latin: "Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae . . . An Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,"

My friend is a woman of culture and understood. So I continued. "The words are from the Gospel of St. Luke. The bells and prayers recall God's love for us in sending His Son, the Word made flesh who dwelt among us. The bell rings three times for each verse from St. Luke, and between each verse we recite the Ave Maria. The seventeen strokes at the end have no particular significance. It's just that the automatic electric device which rings the bell evidently is set for seventeen strokes, which is about the time

it takes to recite the concluding prayer: "Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace etc."

"Well I'm certainly glad to know this! It also rings at noon and at 6 p.m. each day."

"Yes. The Angelus is recited three times daily by many devout people. In fact one of the high lights of a visit to Rome is the noon-day Angelus. Pilgrims from all over the world meet in St. Peter's Square and the Pope leads them in this beautiful prayer, in Latin, with Rome's bells sounding out this message of faith and love. I do hope you will tell your Catholic friends about this. They probably know more about the horses and the race tracks than they do about their Faith. It's appalling."

A couple of years ago the fathers at the local St. Anne's parish were short of help. One phoned: "Could you say the evening Holy Day Mass for us?" "Glad to." So I did. As I was purifying the chalice after Communion, the congregation was praying quietly. Organist John Bartell was playing softly. It became 6 p.m. The Angelus bell boomed out. I love the Angelus and all that it signifies. So as the bell struck the signal to remember the Incarnation, wiping away at the interior of the chalice I proclaimed: "An Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary," and with a spontaneity of surprise and gladness the congregation thundered back their great act of faith: "And she conceived by the Holy Spirit." As we alternated the verses of love and praise I think Our Lady rejoiced that this beautiful prayer of faith in the mystery of the Incarnation is still alive and loved.

In our own diocese the Angelus is recited over several radio stations three times a day by Msgr. Joseph Cirrinclone and a group with him. If you want a copy, write to him at Rosary for Peace, 77 Whitney St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611. If he is out of copies write to me at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell 14843. It delights my soul to share the treasures of the Church's prayers.

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