

Campbell Church Notes Centennial

Campbell — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the principal concelebrant of the centenary Mass for St. Joseph's church at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24.

The Mass will be followed by a dinner at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bath, where Bishop Hogan, Steuben County District Attorney John Finnerty and Father Michael Regan, of Elmira, will be guest speakers.

Concelebrants at the Mass include Father John Karp, pastor of the parish; Father Henry F. Adamski, former pastor of the parish; and Father Stanislaus Bialaszewski, also a former pastor.

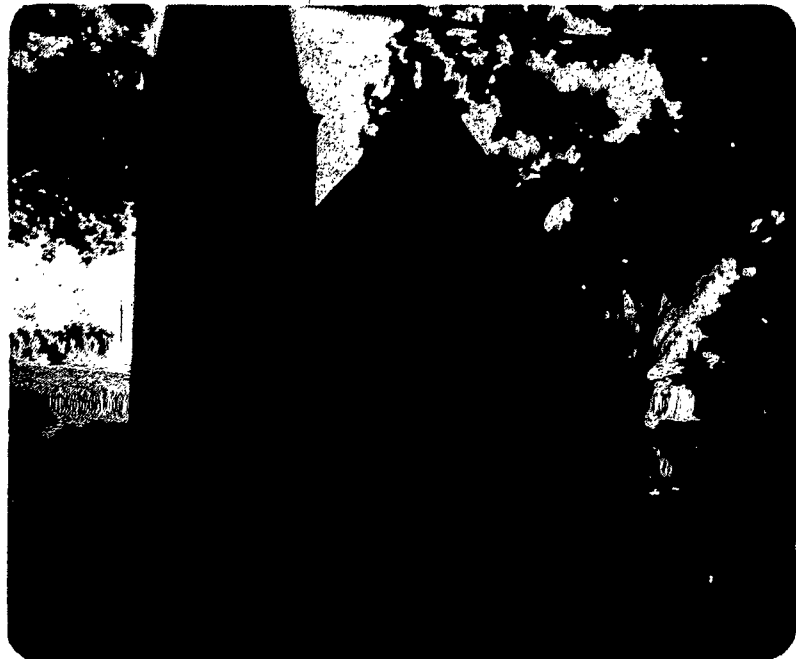
Gary Cardinale is chairman of events for the celebration which will feature the Knights of Columbus of Bath and Corning in ceremonial procession.

The Catholic history of Campbell dates back to the early 1850s when Father Thomas Cunningham (1850-1860) and Father Peter Colgan (1860-1869) ministered to the early Catholic settlers in the area. The Holy Sacrifice was offered by Father Colgan in the homes of Michael Enright, John Dee, Robert Walsh, John Collins, Michael Lyons and Patrick McLoughlin.

On Sunday mornings, large groups of men, women and children trudged their way along the old river road to attend Mass at St. Mary's Church, Corning, N.Y. The zealous Father Colgan, by fairs, festivals, and subscriptions raised the funds to purchase a site for a new church.

In 1871, Campbell was changed by Bishop Ryan from St. Mary's Church, Corning, to the care of Father Mathew Darcy of Bath. Upon the site purchased from John Clawson, Father Darcy immediately erected the present edifice at a cost of \$4,000.

Eugene Sullivan and John King are credited with having broken the first ground. They were assisted by William Bennett, Michael Collins, John Patrick and Thomas Cunningham, Michael and Miles Dunnigan, John Patrick and Garrett Dee, John Divine, John Donovan, John Donoghue, Michael Enright, Thomas Fenton, Patrick Foley, M. Hanrahan, Edward Halpin, John Kelly, William Kruse, James Malloy, William Murphy, Patrick Mulvihill,



Simon and John Mulvihill, Thomas Malong, John Menter, Patrick McLoughlin, John and Stephen McCabe, Michael McGannon, William O'Donnell, T. O'Connell, Arthur O'Leary, James and Thomas Patterson, Joseph Sherer, John Stenson, Thomas and Michael Lyons, Patrick Lynch, Francis Wood, Robert, John and Edward and Michael Walsh, and Michael O'Connell.

These families constituted the nucleus of a thriving parish 100 years ago. Most of these men were employed in the tanneries. Some of them were farmers.

Miles Dunnigan and Mary Collins were the first couple to be married and James Dee and James McCabe were the first children to be baptized in the new church.

Father Darcy was succeeded by Father J. J. Baxter in 1874, during whose pastorate the church debt was entirely liquidated and a new iron ceiling was installed. In 1878, the parish acquired a cemetery, a gift of Patrick Mulvihill, located about a mile from the church along the river. Its use has been discontinued.

In 1889, Father Baxter was succeeded by Father Gleason, whose zealous labors bore much fruit. However, during his pastorate the tanneries were discontinued, in 1893, and many of his parishioners sought a livelihood elsewhere.

Father Gleason was succeeded by Father James Griffin in 1895 and two years later the parish of Campbell was changed from the Buffalo to the Rochester Diocese.

In March, 1898, Father Robert E. Walsh was ordained to the priesthood, celebrating his first Mass in St. Joseph's Church March 6. Naturally an occasion of great joy, heavy clouds of sorrow hovered about, as the following day he officiated at the funeral of his loving mother, who died some hours before his ordination.

For a few months, Father Thomas Carroll was pastor of Campbell in 1908 but was shortly succeeded by Father Philip Golding to whose credit is due the erection of the Stations of the Cross which adorn the church.

On the appointment of Father John Cassidy to Bath, the care of St. Joseph's Church was transferred to St. Patrick's Church of Corning, under Father W. J. Lee. Father M.B. Groden, assistant to Father Lee, attended the mission from 1913 to 1914 and was succeeded by Father Arthur C. Smith. Father Smith wrought many changes and much good: plastering the walls of the church, installing a bell in the tower and effecting many other needed repairs. He is well remembered for the material and spiritual results of his labors.

July 1, 1916 Father Joseph S. Cameron, Superintendent of Diocesan Schools, was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's assisted by Father William A. Doran.

During the years, many improvements were made including new stained glass windows, carpets, furnaces and chimney and brass candles, statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph and vestments. The interior and exterior of the church were painted and decorated.

For the first time in the history of the parish, Midnight Mass was celebrated Christmas Eve 1919 in St. Joseph's. The church was filled to overcrowding by large numbers of Catholics and non-Catholics from far and near.

June 15, 1921, was the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of St. Joseph's Church.

Within the past fifty years the priests who served at St. Joseph's include Father Stanislaus Bialaszewski, Father Henry Adamski and the present pastor, Father John Karp.



Patricia Murray, Ann Preston

2 Win X-Ray Diplomas

Hornell — Miss Ann Marie Preston and Miss Patricia Ann Murray of Hornell, received diplomas at graduation ceremonies of St. James Mercy Hospital School of X-Ray Technology re-

cently at St. Ignatius Church. The invocation and commencement address were delivered by Father Joseph P. Haffey, pastor of St. Ignatius.

The candidates were presented by Sister Margaret Ann, X-ray department head; Sister Mary Colette, director of the school, conferred the diplomas. Joseph Murray gave the scripture reading. Miss Preston led the responsory psalm. James Brzozowski, at the organ, played the processional hymn, "We Gather Together," and the recessional "Whatever You Do." A reception was held at the hospital immediately following the ceremonies.

Hornell Area Notes

Bath — A Home-School Association meeting for St. Mary's School will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in the hall.

Bath — The Knights of Columbus will meet Thursday, Sept. 21 at 8:30 p.m. in their Liberty St. hall.

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