



Photo by C.B. Jennings

Bishop Hickey raises his hands in prayer at the dedication Mass. To the bishop's right is Father Joseph McNamara, to his left is Father Elmer McNamara. Others at the altar are Fathers Joseph F. Hogan, Albert Ryan, Robert Egan, William Gaynor, Paul Wohrab, John Maloney, Thomas Cleary and Richard Stanton.

## Special Day Dawns In Groton's History

By LORRAINE DRAZEK

Groton — Parishioners of St. Anthony's recently celebrated the dedication of their new church complex.

Pope Paul granted a special blessing to the parish and Bishop Joseph L. Hogan extended personal congratulations and best wishes to St. Anthony's. They joined together with Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, auxiliary, in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Bishop Hogan's message closed by saying that he is looking forward to a personal visit in May when he administers the sacrament of Confirmation.

In the dedication-centennial booklet, distributed to guests and parishioners, Father Joseph M. McNamara, pastor, stated that "Every best and perfect gift is from above." He expressed his gratitude for the cooperation of the people in building a new home of God in Groton.

"We are persuaded that these buildings, the material structures, as necessary as they are, are secondary in importance," Father McNamara said. "The many blocks of stone laid up to build our church are symbols of you people, the faithful."

During the Mass of dedication, Bishop Hickey began his sermon saying, "Peter, upon this rock I will build my Church." He likened the parishioners in Groton to the men in the parable who were asked by their father to work in the vineyard. Unlike the sons, the parishioners responded perfectly. Bishop Hickey continued saying the parishioners, "saw a need, served God's will and fulfilled the need in building the church and complex."

He concluded by offering congratulations from himself, Bishop Hogan and the entire diocese to the parish and to Father McNamara for his leadership, vision and zeal.

Following the dedication 261 people attended a dinner held in the new complex hall.

Those involved in the celebration included: Mrs. Norman Bartlet, organist; an ecumenical choir directed by Mrs. James Reagan and C.B. Jennings; and Edward Heffron. Members of the building committee were Thomas Heffron, chairman; Marian Cenecal, secretary; Mary Sill, Kay Arcail, Daniel Carey, Bernard Neville, Alexander Pilat, Frances Carey, Roger Hastings, Floyd Vassalotti, James McAuliffe and Paul Lanciault. The trustees and auditors are Raymond Bishop, John O'Brien, John Kero and Eugene Harrington.

fostering of high moral conduct if the church fails to do so. Seven of the commandments begin with, "Thou shalt not." 'Tis time that total permissiveness was checked. The Bible teaches that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. What is wrong with telling sinners that if they do not repent and change their sinful ways they will not see the glory of God? In other words, it is possible to be condemned to hell in our final judgment. Is this still true or isn't it? In my mind I can never imagine anyone in hell but I have lived in fear that this could be so.

Sincerely,  
A. Y.

Dear A. Y.,

Your letter is pretty much 'right on' with the following small exceptions:

"There was no mistake about it, if you committed serious sin you were going to suffer the consequence". Perfectly true, but we should not think of God in any way as being vindictive. I don't think you are among them, but many people want to see God come down hard on people they observe doing wrong. "God will not the death of the sinner but rather that he be converted and live."

Those who choose right, — union with God — will certainly attain heaven; those who choose to separate themselves from God will get just what they choose — and that is hell, whether here or hereafter. Most of our problems about hell are in trying to describe it.

I believe we have lapsed into permissiveness on many fronts and must return to discipline, but I'm not sure we can scare people out of hell by scaring the hell out of them.

### THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

About missions, four years ago our parish had a mission. For two weeks I attended daily a.m. Mass and the church was fairly well filled for that hour. I understand the evening Masses were very well attended. The mission was inspiring and particularly helpful to me at that time. The two mission priests were not the hell and brimstone type, but they were serious, straightforward, and in my opinion, did not water down their teachings to fit modern day morality.

Would I like to attend another Mission? Yes, very much so. Personally, I would not even object to the fire and brimstone type of Mission that I appreciated even as a child. There was no mistake about it, if you committed serious sin, you were going to suffer the consequence. I feel people should be taught they will suffer for sins as that is as true today as it was forty years ago. Today everything is made to appear easy. Life is not easy. It requires much discipline. I believe people of all ages are looking for strong leadership and guidance. Who is going to lead the world in high principles, religious teaching and the

### IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

Remember way back in August when Broadway Joe Namath's agent was saying he might quit football?

There was a difference of about \$100,000 in pay in what Namath wanted and what the Jets were offering.

It surprised no one when Namath came into the fold at the club's figure. Because Joe's football salary is a mere fraction of his overall income.

Not that he's that great a quarterback. Pro analysts will tell you he's one of the top ten; that he can't possibly take the Jets to the playoffs; but he is dangerous and exciting; also prone to injury that could sideline him at any time for the season, or for his career.

Joe didn't play out his option and he did stay in New York because Fun City is where the media is and it's also where the endorsements and commercials are.

Namath's close friend and

attorney recently outlined some of the off-field deals that have been incorporated under Namanco, Inc., meaning Namath And Company.

Joe's big money commercials, started when he shaved on camera for Schick. Since then he's done jobs for Braniff, Noxzema, Olivetti, Ovaltine, La-Z-Boy, Hamilton Beach, Beauty Mist, Arrow, Fieldcrest and Brut. These bits included making popcorn, typing, and hustling panty hose.

There is also a company that produces Joe Namath footballs, helmets and jerseys.

There was this press conference two months ago, Namath still unsigned with the Jets, that attracted the New York sports media.

It turned out to be an announcement that Namath had signed with Faberge. Minimum: \$250,000 a year for eight years, with extensions taking the value up to \$5 millions.

That's only the Faberge contract. Later on Joe signed with the Jets, because the Jets play in New York, and that's where all the bread happens to be. He should play football for free.

#### GIOIA MEMORIAL

A room in the new Lavery Library at St. John Fisher College has been designated the Horace P. Gioia Room, in memory of the Rochester businessman and civic leader who died last May 24. Mr. Gioia was a member of the board of trustees from 1961 on, and played an active part in the development of the college.

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