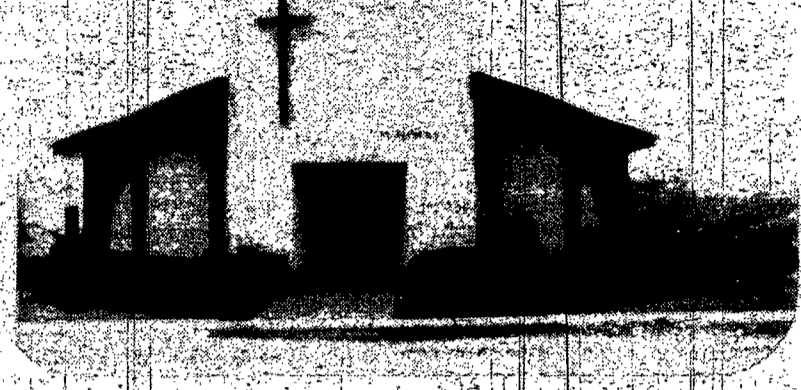


# Savannah Church Notes 100 Years

Savannah — Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish are preparing for the centennial celebration of their parish on Sunday, March 21. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will celebrate the Mass and a buffet supper will follow.

Members of the Altar and Rosary Society are making a large banner and ceramic plates commemorating the event. A centennial book committee is preparing a pamphlet which traces the history of St. Patrick's. Members of the committee are Betty and Joseph Kolczynski, Mary McPeak, Aggie Arliss, Joyce Stoell and Father M. Gerard Hafner.



## The Old . . . . . And the New

St. Patrick's was established some time in 1875. At that time, there were 22 Catholic families registered as parishioners in the area. Prior to the establishment of the church, Masses were celebrated in private homes with priests visiting the village occasionally, two of whom were Father P. W. O'Connell and Father J.P. Stewart.

The first St. Patrick's was located about a quarter of a mile from the village on Route 31 and was a wooden structure, 25 feet by 50 feet which accommodated 120 people and cost \$2,500 to build. The ar-

chitects and builders were Grade and McCarthy of Weedsport.

St. Patrick's Church at that time was a mission church of Clyde and was under the supervision of Father Patrick W. O'Connell, pastor. The Catholic parish census of St. Patrick's Church in 1880 was 105 persons. This represented approximately 10 per cent of the total area population. From 1905 until 1911, St. Patrick's was a mission church of St. Michael's in Montezuma. This was because Father Gleeson of Clyde could not manage both communities. However, in 1912, Father Gleeson was assigned an assistant pastor at which time St. Patrick's was reassigned to Clyde.

The old St. Patrick's Church was remodeled in the late 1930's. New siding was put on and a new entrance and cupola added to the building. However, in the late 1950's and early 1960's it was felt that the old building was not adequate. Many suggestions were made and, in August of 1962, meetings were held to discuss the problem.

Finally, a decision was made and approved by Father Paul J. Cuddy, pastor, and associate pastor, Father Henry Adamski, that a new church and hall would be built. A lot was purchased for \$600 on Grand Avenue as the site for the new church. On July 12, 1963, the

bishops' building committee reviewed the pre-plans and during the week of Sept. 8, 1963, the final plans and specifications were taken to Rochester for the bishop's building board to approve. Plans were approved by the bishop's office on Sept. 15, 1963.

Contract to build the shell of the church was let Jan. 14, 1964 to David De Barr and Son of Newark. On March 21, 1964, feast of St. Benedict, Joseph Lopez started the excavation for the foundation. On June 1, 1964, the contractor started the footing.

The cornerstone was laid on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13, 1964


and the first Mass was celebrated on Sunday, Aug. 22, 1965, by Father Joseph Gaynor assisted by Father Cuddy.

On Sept. 28, 1969, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen visited Savannah to bless St. Patrick's Church.

On Oct. 24, 1970, the parishioners burned the mortgage. Sixty people attended the burning ceremony which was followed by a parish dinner.

The first Holy Communion class of five children was held in the new church on Sunday, June 5, 1966, Trinity Sunday.

**IN THIS CORNER**



**George Beahon**

Finally we are headed into the time of year that justifies those average \$100,000 plus salaries in the two "minor" sports — pro basketball and hockey.

I am referring of course to the National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League; not to their struggling imitators, the World Hockey Association and the American Basketball Association, both of which are terminal cases.

Now after six months of flying all over the United States, the roundball and hockey people are starting what they like to call the "real season."

They do not call it the "real season" until after they have taken the fans' ticket money for 30 or 40 home games, apiece, which are played so they can decide that a few clubs will not be permitted to play in the "real season."

The playoffs! Yecch!

Twenty-four major league baseball teams play to establish four division winners, two in each league, and these four, rightfully, play off for the right to make the World Series. The National Football League has a fairly sensible playoff system.

But hockey and basketball! All season long just to eliminate a few weak sisters? Or is it really that way?

In the NBA the weak sisters will be right there in the thick of the "real season" action for all that playoff money. I give you the four-team Western Conference. As of this writing it was Milwaukee, Detroit, Kansas City and Chicago, in that order. The top three clubs will be in the playoffs.

Would you look at the records of these top three clubs that will represent the Midwest Division in the NBA playoffs?

Milwaukee had Won 28, Lost 35.

Detroit had Won 25, Lost 38.

Kansas City had Won 25, Lost 40.

There are losing records in two other NBA divisions, also, that will be in the "real season."

But look up at the power, the Atlantic Division, where Boston, Buffalo and Philadelphia have been banging heads all season, establishing impressive, winning records. The only club in the Atlantic that won't get into the playoffs is New York, which the league needs in the playoffs. The Knicks at this writing were 31 and 34, which was as good or better than the records of 10 other teams in the 18-club NBA. Twelve teams make the playoffs, but the Knicks, I say again, are one of the six best clubs in the game, playing in the toughest division of them all, but are shut out of the "real season."

The NHL is almost as unreal, but nothing makes so little sense as the American Hockey League, with eight teams battling all season to decide which two will not participate in the "real season."

Take the Richmond Robins, for example. They show 23 and 35 record, with 6 ties after 64 nights of action. They could wind up with the Calder Cup, richest prize in minor league hockey, under the AHL playoff system. Playoffs, translated, means a license to take the public's money a second time around.

## Committee Backs 'Rights' Bills

Albany — The New York State Catholic Conference, representing all the bishops in the State, has given its backing to a number of bills now in the State Legislature which are of special interest to women and parents.

### 8th Graders Hope To Hit the Road

Two fund-raisers this weekend are tied to the aspirations of eighth graders. The Corpus Christi crowd will be washing cars for two days to help pay for a trip to Washington, D.C. Their contemporaries at St. Pius X, heading for Philadelphia, presumably will help their mothers with a public Sunday dinner.

Caf wash hours at Corpus Christi, 880 E. Main, are 1:5 p.m. Saturday, March 20, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday.

Roast beef dinner will be served at St. Pius X, 3000 Chili, from 2 until 6 p.m. Tickets bought in advance will be cheaper than those sold at the door. The numbers to call are 889-2074 and 889-9188.

### ADULTED

Penn Yan — The adult education classes at St. Michael's will be meeting for one session a month for the next three months. The dates are March 21, April 11 and May 2 at the school.

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In opposing discrimination against women who become pregnant while working, the conference has backed three bills, S. 2018-B; S. 2166 and A. 6394. These bills protect the right of a woman who is pregnant to continue working as long as she is capable. The decision is made by the woman in consultation with her doctor.

Another series of bills backed by the conference, A. 4452; A. 5293 and S. 4278, would eliminate the present prohibition in the law forbidding a woman to re-enter the labor market until four weeks after the birth of her child.

A pro-family, parents' rights bill, S. 7031 and A. 9313, now pending in the Health Committees in both Houses of the Legislature was supported by the conference as


important for parents of young girls.

This bill provides that no abortion clinic or doctor can perform an abortion on a young woman who is a minor under the law, without consulting the parents or guardians.

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