

Msgr. Schmitt Notes 65 Years

A special celebration is being planned this month to honor Msgr. George J. Schmitt, former pastor of Holy Family Church.

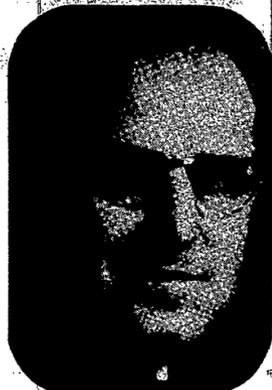
The Rosary Society of the parish will host a party for the priest who is celebrating this year his 65th anniversary of ordination. The party will take place on Thursday, June 14 at St. Ann's Home, where Msgr. Schmitt now resides.

The plans are that a bus will leave the Holy Family parking lot at 6:30 p.m. for

St. Ann's. The party will begin at 7. Reservations are made by calling Mrs. Anthony Mastrella, 235-2761, or Mrs. Milton Ritzenthaler, 458-6035, before June 11.

Msgr. Schmitt was ordained on June 14, 1914, by Bishop Thomas Hickey. The new priest had attended St. Peter and Paul, St. Andrew's Seminary, Underhill Business Institute and St. Bernard's Seminary.

The parishes he served were St. Boniface, for 17 years; St. Ann's Church, for



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19 years; and Holy Family, for 25 years.

Msgr. Schmitt will celebrate his 91st birthday on Oct. 21 this year.

Three Priests Celebrate 50 Years in Priesthood

Three diocesan priests are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their ordinations this year. Father Thomas Brennan, Father Benedict Ehmann and Father Albert Oscar will be feted by their parishioners and confreres this month.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will join Father Brennan at St. Mary's in Corning where he is pastor emeritus for a jubilee Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 10. A reception will follow the Mass.

The bishop will join Fathers Ehmann and Oscar at Holy Apostles in Rochester where they reside, a week later, also at 11:30 a.m. Later that afternoon, the parish has slated a social hour to honor the jubilarians.

Fathers Brennan and Ehmann were ordained on June 9, 1929, by Bishop John Francis O'Hern in Rochester's St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Father Brennan had attended St. Patrick's Grammar School, Rochester Catholic High School, St. Andrew's Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary. In addition, Father Brennan has studied at St. Bonaventure University, St. John's University in

Brooklyn and Niagara University. He holds an MA degree.

The parishes he has served are St. Augustine's, Rochester; St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris; and St. Mary's, Corning. For 17 years, Father Brennan also served on the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary.

In addition, Father Brennan served on the Priests Council during its first, second and fourth two-year sessions; and as a Diocesan Consultant from 1966 to 1969.

Father Ehmann, following schooling at St. Boniface, Rochester, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, took graduate studies in Liturgical Music at Pius X School of Liturgical Music in New York City, and Voice and Choir Leadership at the Eastman School of Music.

He served at St. Patrick's Cathedral, as Professor of Church Music and Public Speaking at St. Andrew's Seminary, as Professor of Church Music and Liturgy at St. Bernard's Seminary, and as Professor of Church Music and Scripture at Nazareth College.

He was pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake in Watkins Glen from 1947 to 1961, when he assumed the

pastorate of St. Michael's in Rochester, a post he held until his retirement in 1974.

In addition, Father Ehmann was editor of the Catholic Choirmaster, and chairman of the Diocesan Music Commission. In 1975 Father Ehman was granted a Doctor of Divinity degree (honoris causa) from St. Bernard's Seminary.

Father Oscar is a relative new-comer to the diocese, who, upon his retirement from parochial administration in Santa Barbara, Calif., was "incardinated," or canonically hired, by then Bishop Fulton J. Sheen for the Diocese of Rochester.

Father Oscar has served for the past 10 years in Holy Apostles Parish.

He was ordained on June 9, 1929 in Santa Barbara by Bishop John J. Cantwell.

Parishioners Fete Priests on Jubilees

The ordination class of 1939 hopes to get together "toward the end of the month," to celebrate a communal observance of its 40th anniversary in the priesthood, a class spokesman said last week.

The class includes Father Patrick Connell, who now works in Savannah, Ga., and the diocese's Fathers John Karp in Elmira, John Kleintjes in Cohocton, John Malley of Rochester, Joseph McNamara of Groton, Thomas McVeigh of Penn Yan, Richard Stanton of King Ferry, Francis Taylor of Rochester and John Whalen of Mt. Morris.

Individually, however, the class members are celebrating the occasion in a variety of ways.

Father Whalen was feted last Sunday by his parishioners at St. Patrick's, after he celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:30 a.m.

Father Stanton celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in his dual parish churches last Sunday morning. Later in the day, the Altar and Rosary Society from Our Lady of the Lake in King Ferry and the Parish Council of All Saints in Lansing feted the pastor with a reception.

Father Taylor's friends and former parishioners will gather on Sunday, June 10 for a Mass at St. Boniface at 11:45 a.m. A reception will follow in the school hall.

Father Malley celebrated a Jubilee Mass last Sunday at St. Joseph's in Penfield. From 1954 until his retirement in 1972, Father Malley was pastor of the parish.

Father McVeigh's parishioners celebrated the occasion last Sunday, too. Bishop Dennis W. Hickey concelebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's, and the event was followed by a buffet luncheon to which all parishioners were invited.

Father McNamara had a surprise last Sunday. He observed the anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. The coffee hour which followed however also brought with it a special gift from the entire community. Later in the day Father McNamara was feted at a family dinner.

On June 10, Father Kleintjes will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. The rites will precede a

reception and buffet luncheon by the parishioners of St. Pius V.

Father Karp's parishioners at St. Casimir's are firming up plans to observe the 40th anniversary of ordination, which, for him falls on June 25.

Father Karp was ordained in Poland on that date in 1939. He came to the U.S. in 1951, and to the diocese seven years later, as assistant at St. Stanislaus' Rochester. He was "incardinated," canonically hired, in 1965. He has served the parishes of St. Stanislaus, Bradford/St. Joseph's, Campbell, as well as St. Casimir's

Following his ordination on June 3, Father Kleintjes was assigned to St. Michael's Church in Rochester, and subsequently to St. Andrew's. In 1942 and 1943 he was commissioned a chaplain in the United States Navy and served overseas principally in the Philippine Islands. His other associate pastorates include St. Cecilia, Elmira; St. Mary's, Canandaigua; St. Anne's, Rochester; and St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls.

Father Kleintjes also is the founder and first pastor of Guardian Angels Parish in Henrietta.

Father Malley also was ordained on June 3 and has served associate pastorates at St. Patrick's, Rochester; Corpus Christi, Rochester; St. Ann's, Hornell; and St. Joseph's, Rexville. In 1954, Father Malley was named pastor of St. Joseph's in Penfield, a post he held until 1972 when he retired.

Father McNamara, following his June 3 ordination, served at St. Mary's, Auburn, as chaplain at the Newman Club of Cornell University, at Sacred Heart in Rochester, at St. Charles in Elmira Heights, as chaplain at the Elmira Reception Center, and, since 1961, as pastor of St. Anthony's in Groton.

Born in County Armagh, Ireland, Father McVeigh also was ordained June 3, after which he was assigned to Corpus Christi, Rochester. Subsequent assignments include the pastorate of Holy Angels, Nunda/Holy Name, Groveland; Epiphany, Sodus/St. Rose of Lima, Sodus Point; and St. Michael's, Penn Yan, a post he has served since 1968.

Father Stanton's post-ordination assignments include St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Mary, Elmira; St. Ann, Palmyra; St. Cecilia, Elmira; St. Augustine, Rochester; St. Anthony of Padua, Rochester, Holy Ghost, Coldwater; and St. Joseph's Wayland. He assumed the pastorate of Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry/All Saints, Ludlowville, in 1962.

Father Taylor's duties have included service at St. Boniface Church, both as associate, and later as pastor. He also served at Sacred Heart Cathedral for 12 years.

Father Whalen has been pastor in Mt. Morris for the past five years. Prior to that he was pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Rochester. His first assignment was to St. Jerome's, East Rochester. During World War II he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the United States Navy and served as chaplain in Trinidad, Maine, California, Hawaii, the Philippines, China, the Marianna Islands, Guam and Saipan. He returned from the Navy to a post at Holy Rosary Church. Subsequent assignments were to St. Mary's, Elmira; St. Lucy's, Rochester; and St. John the Evangelist, Greece.

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