

St. Joseph's Notes 125th Anniversary

Weedsport — Bishop Matthew H. Clark and about 20 priests of the diocese will join Father Elmer Heindl, Sunday, May 11, for a concelebrated Mass opening the observance of the 125th anniversary of St. Joseph's Church; here.

Special music by the folk group, headed by Mary Drury, will be part of the liturgy; Father Heindl, pastor, said.

A reception will be held from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the parish hall. Bishop Clark will be present during the early part of that reception.

St. Joseph's was established as a Mission in 1854, under the care of Father Zacharias Kunze, the first resident pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Auburn.

Three church structures have served the community: the first, built at the time of the parish's organization, on Green Street; the second, built four years later; and the present building, constructed in 1957. The present church was dedicated on May 4, 1958, with then Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey presiding.

In the past 38 years there have been but two pastors:

Father Leo A. Jones, who served from 1942 to 1972, and Father Elmer Heindl. Father Jones was born in Rochester, was ordained in 1926 and served in Auburn parishes and as Catholic chaplain at the Auburn State Prison, prior to his pastorate in Weedsport.

Father Jones retired to St. Ann's Home where he resided until his death in 1974.

Father Heindl, also a Rochester native, was ordained in 1936. Immediately prior to his Weedsport appointment he was pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Cato and St. Thomas in Red Creek. In addition to his pastoral service in the diocese, Father Heindl served six years on active duty with the United States Army in World War II, four of those years in the South Pacific. Following his discharge from the regular army in 1948, he served with the 98th Division Reserves until mandatory retirement in 1970, at which time he was Division Chaplain and held a Lt. Colonel's Commission. He holds, as well the distinction of being the most decorated chaplain of World War II; He is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with V.

Father Heindl will retire the pastorate of St. Joseph's this June, under the diocesan mandatory retirement policy.

Twenty-nine priests have served the Weedsport community since its inception. The pastors include Father Michael Creedon, Father Daniel Moore, Father David O'Donahoe, Father Joseph Ruby, Father Daniel Sullivan, and Father Fredrick Walz, who served as administrator.

An anniversary booklet, authored by Howard J. Finley, Brutus-Weedsport Historian, will be available at the May 11 celebrations.

William Sloane Coffin, Jr. of Riverside Church in New York City, one of the clergymen who visited the American embassy hostages in Iran at Christmas, will speak Monday night, May 12, in the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School auditorium, 1100 S. Goodman.

He will deliver the Rauschenbusch Lecture at 8 p.m., opening a series of lectures for Convocation '80 at the Colgate-Rochester, Bexley Hall, Crozer

Finley co-authored the booklet for the parish centennial.

The committee responsible for the festivities is chaired by Jack O'Neil. Other committee persons include Annie Backman, Patricia Barron, David Coyle, Howard Finley, Harry Gray, Albert Mazzoli, Thomas O'Connell, Frank Palleschi, Rose Piasick, Alec Wiczorek, Lillian Wiczorek, Mary Witek, Steven Ziemba.

Donna Scanlon is in charge of the reception, assisted by Mary Doran, Edith Mazzoli, Eleanor Skvorak, and Adeline Salisbury.

Theological Seminary. All of the talks are open to the public, free of charge. Other speakers are J.C. Wynn, professor of pastoral theology and director of the doctoral program in family ministries at the Divinity School, and Marianne H. Micks, professor of biblical and historical theology at the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia.

The title of Dr. Coffin's address is "The Evil of Banality."



Above, a postcard photo of the former church which was replaced during the 60s by the church below.



Bishop Pena To El Paso

Chicago (RNS) — Pope John Paul II has named Auxiliary Bishop Raymond J. Pena of San Antonio as the new bishop of El Paso.

Archbishop Jean Jadot, apostolic delegate in the United States, announced the appointment at the U.S. bishops' Spring meeting here as part of a day which focused on the contributions of

Hispanics to the American church.

Aquinas Reunion

The Aquinas Class of 1945 is planning a reunion for Friday, May 9, at Sweet's Party House in Webster.

Tickets are still available from R. Max McCarthy at 663-0984.

At Your Parish...

St. Johns of Rochester

St. John of Rochester, Fairport held a Fun Fair recently designed to raise funds for the new Kindergarten scheduled to open in September. The evening was well attended by parishioners and friends and the fund raising effort was declared a success.

St. Louis, Pittsford

The Rosary Guild at St. Louis, Pittsford, will sponsor its annual Queenship of Mary Banquet on Wednesday, May 14. The evening will begin with Mass at 6 p.m. followed by the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The banquet will take place this year at Locust Hill Country Club.

Christ the King, Irondequoit

Christ the King parish has finalized plans for its first annual spring carnival set for Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26. Special features for the carnival include a performance by the Irondequoit Community Band on Sunday at 4 p.m. and a "Kids' Matinee," where school children ride any and all rides for one admission price, on Monday, May 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"May Fair" co-chairmen are Bob Greis, Mike Kerwin and Walt Berke. Other committee members include Ron Eckert, Bill Schmitz, Mike Spang, Gene Lamendola, Frank Rinaki, Bernie Bromka, Bill Dillon, Dan Hoffman, George Supple, Frank McAlpin, Harry Welch, Tom Schnurr, Fred Lapple and Diane Bosco.

St. Thomas More

A new program has begun at St. Thomas More School that allows students to "share their musical talents with each other while having lunch," according to a parish release. Once each month students sign up to play their instruments for their classmates. Recent concert givers included Paul Barone and sister Catherine on piano; Christopher Young on bongos; Amy Harer and Jackie Friel, flute; and Kevin and Scott Rhatigan on guitar.

St. Boniface, Rochester

St. Boniface parish has set May 15-18 for its annual Spring Carnival. The carnival will take place on the corner of South and Averill Avenues. On Lilac Sunday, May 18, children may ride all rides from 1-5 p.m. for only \$3.

In other St. Boniface news, 14 students combined efforts to take first place in the Nazareth Academy Junior High Speech Tournament recently. The participants are Evelyn Schultz, Christopher Klee, Scott Englerth, Jodi Serio, Theresa Finn, Paul Kaiser, Ann Marie Weigand, Khoa Nguyen, Sue Syracuse, Cheryl Brownyard, Leslie Nicolay, Donna Crowder, Brigit Gordon, and Theresa Haight.

Abp. Sheen Memorabilia Shown Tomorrow

The public is invited to the St. Bernard's Seminary library tomorrow to look over a commemorative display of materials from the Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Archives. The informal open house will run from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Folk Dancing

St. Thomas More students took part in an enrichment assembly recently that featured the Da Igramo Folk Festival. The students took part in folk dances from Lithuania, Hungary and Poland.



New Arrivals

Members of Our Lady of Mercy parish welcomed the Lai-Nam family recently as they arrived from their refugee camp. The Vietnamese family is being sponsored by the parish. Shown here with the new arrivals is Father Charles Manning, associate pastor at Our Lady of Mercy.

Father Sebastian Falcone will offer Mass in the chapel at 5 p.m. in memory of Archbishop Sheen. The Friends of the Sheen Archives will meet from 2 until 4 p.m.

Father Jasper Pennington, curator of the Sheen collections, said the custom of celebrating Mass for Archbishop Sheen on his birthday had been established some years before his death last Dec. 9. The late prelate, sixth Bishop of Rochester, was born May 8, 1895.

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