

Fr. Kelly, Fr. McDonnell Mark 50th

Father Leonard A. Kelly and Father Joseph M. McDonnell will be feted this year on the occasion of their 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

Father McDonnell was ordained June 7 in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester. Father Kelly was ordained in the Chapel of St. Bernard's Seminary on Sept. 14. Bishop Francis O'Hern presided at both rites.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will join Father McDonnell at a 5 p.m. Mass on June 6 at St. Michael's Church in Newark. A parish reception will follow the liturgy.

Father McDonnell is pastor emeritus of the Newark church. He was born Jan. 12, 1905; attended Haverling Elementary School in Bath, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

His ministry has included service at Holy Rosary and St. Mary's in Rochester, the New York State Agricultural and Industrial School at Industry, St. Gabriel's in Hammondsport and St. Patrick's in Prattsburg, and St. Ignatius in Hornell.

Father McDonnell was named pastor of St. Michael's on June 25, 1957. During his time there he launched a drive to construct an addition to the parish school. In 1961 Bishop James E. Kearney dedicated the addition, a combination auditorium and gymnasium. In 1970 it was reported that the parish, the largest in Wayne County, shortly anticipated being debt free, and that a mortgage-burning party was being slated. A year earlier the parish celebrated its centenary milestone.

Father Kelly, a Rochester native, was born Feb. 8, 1905.

He attended St. Augustine's School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries prior to his ordination. He also earned a master's degree in education from Niagara University.

His priestly career has included ministry at St. Augustine's, as assistant pastor; at Aquinas Institute, as a teacher of mathematics; at St. Mary's, as assistant; at Nazareth College, as chaplain and professor of religion.

He served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy from 1941-1945, following which service he was named pastor of St. James in Trumansburg and St. Francis Solanus in Interlaken.

In 1954 he was named pastor of Assumption in Fairport, where he still resides. In addition, Father Kelly assists at St. Ambrose Church.

Throughout his Assumption pastorate, Father Kelly was, and continues to be, lauded for his pioneering approach to religious education. In 1956, he opened, with the help of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, a school of religion. On the centenary of the parish, Bishop James E. Kearney observed: "This program has shown what an efficient school program can be developed in any area where there is no parish school, or where no parish school could be maintained large enough for the prospective pupils. You (Father Kelly) have shown what can be done with proper organization of such a program."

Because of the school, Fairport has been called the "birthplace of the modern CCD." The school has drawn the attention of national magazines and television for



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its work. In addition, Father Kelly's ideas have been translated into action not only in the diocese, but across the country. Ten years ago it was estimated that more than a

thousand such schools had been established following Father Kelly's model.

Both men have served on the diocesan Priests Council.

9 Priests Note 25th

Nine diocesan priests are celebrating the 25th anniversary of their ordination this June. The anniversary date for all nine is June 4; but two of the men look to St. Patrick's Church in Elmira as the site of their ordinations. It happened that, for the first time in the history of the diocese, simultaneous ceremonies were held in two different locales in 1955. Bishop James E. Kearney ordained part of the class at Sacred Heart Cathedral, while Bishop Lawrence B. Casey ordained the others in Elmira.

Those celebrating are Father Thomas M. Erdle, Father Richard A. Hart, Father Edwin B. Metzger, Father John J. Phillips, Father Conrad J. Sundholm, Father Daniel P. Torney, Father James T. Wolfe, Msgr. William M. Roche and Father Daniel J. Wheeland.

The class of 1955 will gather at St. Salome's Church on Thursday, May 29, for a concelebrated Mass, presided over by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. Joining the class will be Fathers Leonard Kelly and Joseph McDonnell of the Class of 1930, as special guests.

Father Erdle, chaplain for the Rochester deaf community, chaplain at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf campus of RIT and chaplain for the Rochester School for the Deaf, held a private celebration for family and friends on Mother's Day. He also anticipates celebrating with the area deaf community at a later date.

Father Erdle has served at Holy Redeemer, Holy Ghost and St. James churches. Besides his chaplaincies, he is president of the board of the Monroe County Association of Hearing Impaired, a board member of the Rochester Health Association and a charter member of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

Father Hart will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 1. Following the liturgy there will be a reception. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. the parish will fete him with a banquet at Thunder Ridge Country Club in Rush. Reservations for the last mentioned are required, and must be made today, May 28, by calling Sister Barbara Kuhn, 334-3770.

The pastor of Guardian Angels has also served as assistant at St. Ann's in Hornell, Assumption in Fairport and Sacred Heart. For a time he also was chaplain to DeSales High School in Geneva and has also been pastor of St. Patrick's in Cato/St. Thomas the Apostle in Red Creek.

Festivities for Father Metzger will begin with a buffet dinner June 6 at the Diplomat Party House. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Mrs. Lena Kuzmik, 467-5065, or Holy Redeemer, 544-2442, prior to June 3. Father Metzger will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, Sunday, June 8 at 11 a.m. A reception will follow the mass in the school hall.

The pastor of Holy Redeemer has also served at St. Mary's in Auburn, Christ the King and St. Anne's in Rochester and at St. Bernard's Seminary. He holds a degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Father Phillips, pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport, is a native of Rochester, who was schooled at Immaculate Conception and the diocesan seminaries prior to his ordination. Father Phillips has served at St. Michael's, Blessed Sacrament and St. Louis in Pittsford. In addition, he was a member of the diocesan music commission, was a regional coordinator and is a member of the Priests Council.

Father Sundholm has served at Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart, St. Mary's in Auburn, and St. Cecilia's. He was appointed to St. Salome's in 1974. He has served on the Priests Council, as Regional Coordinator, on the Ministerial Review Committee, and, most recently, as executive director of diocesan development, a post he resigned in March.

Bishop Hogan will be principal concelebrant and homilist at a celebration Mass at 4 p.m., Sunday, June 8.

Father Torney celebrated his 25th in the company of 300 schoolmates at Notre Dame University where he is presently studying. The residents of Grace Hall there feted him with a Mass, a cookout and a special gift the weekend of May 10/11.

Father Torney has served at St. Francis deSales in Geneva, St. Francis of Assisi in Auburn, St. John the Evangelist in Greece, Rochester General Hospital, San Jose Obrero in La Paz, Bolivia, the Office of Human Development in Rochester and the State Correctional and Reception Center in Elmira. He has, in addition, served on the Priests Council, the Priests Personnel Board, the board of directors of the National Association of Catholic Hospital Chaplains. In 1971 he worked as chaplain on the SS Hope.

Father Wolfe will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to Holy Spirit in Webster at noon on June 1. The parish will fete him with a reception following the liturgy.

Father Wolfe has served the parishes of St. Mary of the Lake in Watkins Glen, St. Vincent's in Corning, St. Charles Borromeo in Greece, St. Mary's in Canandaigua, Our Lady of Lourdes in Brighton, St. Rita's in West Webster, Holy Angels in Nunda/HolyName in Groveland, St. John the Evangelist in Greece and Holy Spirit.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will join Msgr. Roche, pastor of St. Mary's in Canandaigua, for a noon Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 1. The parish will fete the jubilarian at a reception following the Mass.

Msgr. Roche was first assigned to Immaculate Conception in Rochester. A year later he was assigned to the diocesan Catholic Schools Office, a place he retained for 13 years, during which time he was named diocesan superintendent of schools. He was named pastor of St. Catherine of Siena in Ithaca in 1969 and pastor of St. Mary's in Canandaigua in 1975.

Father Wheeland will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 1 at 11 a.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights, where he is now stationed. The parish Altar and Rosary Society will host a reception for him that afternoon between 2 and 4 p.m.

In his priestly ministry, Father Wheeland has served the people of Holy Redeemer and St. Ambrose in Rochester, St. Alphonsus in Auburn, St.



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