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## Of Pipes and Prayers

Auburn — The wailing of the bagpipes signaled the start of the St. Patrick's Day Mass at Holy Family Church here last Tuesday, March 17.

Brian Darcy played the pipes which led the processional into the oldest Catholic church in this area. The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard followed, then came the American, Irish and Papal flags.

Altar servers Timothy Donnelly and Kevin Wallace and crucifix bearer Kenneth Aldrich (president of the John F. Kennedy Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians) immediately preceded Father Ralph Fraats and other priests.

Holy Family Choir under the direction of Robert Nolan and organist Francis Newcomb sang the Mass and Irish hymns, including Hibernia's Patron Saint All Hail and All Praise to St. Patrick.

At the Offertory, the gifts, which included a statue of St. Patrick and a large shamrock plant, were presented by Kenneth Aldrich; Helen Dannahe, county president of the AOH auxiliary; Helen Schmitz, president, AOH Auxiliary 1; Anne Mae Ferguson, president AOH Auxiliary 2; Lynn McNabb, president, junior girls division, and Michael Gauthier, president of AOH junior boys.

Father Fraats, AOH

chaplain, gave a homily on St. Patrick and a short history of the Irish and their contributions to the Church in the United States.

At the Recessional, the choir and congregation sang the Irish National Anthem. Lector was Judge James G. Cuddy.

Priests who concelebrated were Msgr. Joseph Sullivan, pastor, Holy Family; Father Edward A. Zimmer, pastor, St. Mary's; Father Fraats; Father Paul Cuddy, Holy Trinity; Webster; Father Bernard Kuchman, St. John's, Port Byron; Father Felix Mazur, St. Hyacinth; Father Robert Casey, St. Alphonsus, and Father William J. Gaynor of Auburn.



The scene at the Irish Mass in Holy Family Church.

## Teachers Offered Choice Of Workshop Programs

By Martin Toombs  
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The Catholic school teachers of the Southern Tier had a choice of teacher workshops Friday, March 13.

About half the teachers spent the day at Mount Saviour Monastery in Big Flats, where they learned about meditation and contemplative prayer.

The other teachers were at St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, for a workshop which dealt with the religion curriculum, as well as with some aids for the teachers' own spirituality.

The Mount Saviour program was conducted by Alice Pempel, who teaches religion courses in the philosophy department at Ithaca College. She talked about silent prayer and contemplation, and prepared the teachers for a 15-minute session of silent prayer. She explained later that she talked

of the need for them as persons to be able to pray that way, and she attempted to help them pray without using memorized prayers.

The group session was followed by a time for personal reflection. The teachers then participated in the Mount Saviour brothers' noon prayer, and in a liturgy ending the program.

The same opening prayer and closing liturgy were used at St. Mary Our Mother. The teachers there heard three speakers.

Dr. Thomas Curran, an Elmira dentist who has been active in Catholic education on several fronts, opened the session by discussing the role of the religious person as an educator.

The teachers then split up; those teaching sixth grade and younger children attended a session on prayer given by Sister Kathleen Carroll and Sister Eileen Daly. The

seventh and eighth grade teachers heard Father Eugene Sweeney of St. Pius V, Cohocton, on personal prayer.

Father Sweeney then talked to the teachers of the younger pupils, while Sister Anne Michelle of the diocesan Education Department conducted a session on the religion curriculum with the junior high teachers.

The two programs, sponsored by the Southern Tier Principals Association, followed through on the year-long in-service emphasis on the teaching of religion and religious practice in the Catholic schools. Sister Catherine Gibbons, St. Mary Our Mother principal, explained.

The unusual splitting of the sessions came from requests of some teachers for a day of recollection. Sister Catherine said, and from the realization that the discussion of religion curriculum would not be useful for those teachers who don't teach religion classes.



The teenagers and their advisors attending the regional youth meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, on March 14, got themselves all tangled up in this warming-up exercise. They managed to untangle amid much laughter.

## Youth Programs Discussed

Elmira — The first of six regional meetings of youth as part of an information collecting process for the youth delegates to the Diocesan Pastoral Council took place at Our Lady of Lourdes Saturday, March 14.

Eight teenagers from Elmira, Corning and Hornell attended the session, and talked of the successes and failures they have had in programming for youth activities in their areas.

Mary Rita Wayne of Our Lady of Lourdes described her parish's youth group's variable success, noting the good

attendance at a dance the group sponsored, and small turnouts for other programs.

The Corning representatives told of the resources for youth activities the three parishes have, but of their limited success in getting the teenagers involved.

The lack of involvement also was cited as a problem by those from Hornell.

The teenagers and the advisors present, including Father Louis Sirianni from Hornell and Sister Edna from Corning, discussed ways to get the youth involved in parish-sponsored activities. A reason cited for the lack of success in some instances is poor communications.

Miss Wayne spoke en-

thusiastically for Teen Seminar, and urged the others present to make a seminar.

The group also heard of preparations for a second annual Youth Day in the fall from Father Lewis Brown of the diocesan Religious Education Department. Father Brown, who is organizing the series of meetings, also distributed information on the youth programs offered by the various diocesan departments, and brochures on the Catholic Youth Leadership Institute scheduled for next summer. The one-week institute at Camp Koionia in Middlesex will provide training for youth leaders.

## Volunteer Receives OPPY

Elmira — A "superactive" St. Joseph's volunteer and a heavily-involved community resident, Christine Zaineddin, received the OPPY Award in ceremonies at St. Joseph's Hospital March 16.

Mrs. Zaineddin joined the hospital auxiliary in 1974, following the death of her husband, Keramat, an Elmira surgeon. She has contributed more than 1,000 hours and has consistently focused her attentions on patient care. A registered nurse, she lent her expertise to the patient representative program in her first year and worked for CIDS in a demonstration project at the hospital soon after. She was instrumental in the organization of the Faye Epstein, Chapter of Make

Today Count for life-threatening illnesses, was its first chairperson, and is still active in the support group. She presently serves as a member of the St. Joseph's Hospice Consultation Team, Hospice Education sub-committee, and is the hospital coordinator of volunteer services.

Her other activities include membership on the Board of Directors of the YWCA; she served as its president from 1976 until 1979, and as a national delegate.

Active at North Presbyterian Church, she serves on a number of its committees and has taught in the parish summer school.

"Her compassion and availability to all who need her, whenever she is needed, is outstanding," said her nominator for the award. "She is exemplary in the true sense of the definition of the award's intentions," said John J. Reed, St. Joseph's associate administrator, who presented her with the OPPY plaque and lapel pin. Mrs. Zaineddin was joined by her children, Marta and Mark, and a host of friends at the reception in the hospital cafeteria.

A native of Mercer, Pa., she received her nursing education at Hamot Hospital, Erie, Pa. She came to Elmira in 1968 when her husband chose to practice his medical specialty here.

### Breakfast Scheduled

Elmira — A pancake breakfast sponsored by the St. Casimir's Regional School Board will be served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, March 29 at St. Casimir's. Tickets will be \$2 for adults, and \$1.50 for children.

The St. Casimir's Regional School Board consists of the parents of children who attend St. Casimir's School.

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