

St. Ignatius Celebrates 50 Years

Hornell — Bishop Matthew H. Clark celebrated the festive Mass of Thanksgiving to note the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish here last Sunday.

Following the Mass a parish dinner was held at the Ponce de Leon Restaurant during which plans were revealed to install a plaque commemorating the fact that all four pastors of the parish celebrated the 25th anniversary of ordination while stationed here.

The four pastors are Father Ignatius X. Cameron, 1931-1950; Father Joseph M. McDonnell, 1950-1957;

Father Joseph P. Haffey, 1957-1973; and Father Leo Mans, the present pastor.

St. Ignatius was described last week by a trustee, John Tobin (who served as an altar boy while the parish family attended Mass in a grocery store 50 years ago), as a "very active parish — we've done real well."

Tobin, who also is Tax Assessor for Hornell, cited the accomplishments of the present pastor as appealing to a broad spectrum of Catholics in the area, as a successful fund-raiser, for having established a parish council, and for having introduced successfully the liturgy of the Second Vatican Council.

He particularly noted the success of the stewardship program to which the parish subscribed last year and realized funds in excess of its expectations.

St. Ignatius Parish was founded on July 31, 1931, the feast of its patron saint, with Father Cameron as its founding pastor, at the direction of Bishop John Francis O'Hern, to serve the increasing number of Catholics in this Southern Tier city.

Initially the parish served 350 families (now grown to 525), in that part of Hornell

south of the Erie railroad tracks.

Ground was broken for the present church building in 1934. Funds for the construction, Tobin related, were raised through a "mile of pennies" campaign. He noted that the building was built during the Depression, and that the special campaign seemed at the time to be the best way to raise the needed money.

The parish last week completed a "mile of dimes" campaign ("We figured with inflation we'd go with dimes," Tobin chuckled), to finance the 50th anniversary celebration.

The church was dedicated Sept. 17, 1935, by then Archbishop Edward Mooney, who also preached the sermon.

Father Cameron retired in 1950 and Father McDonnell assumed the pastorate. During his tenure, funds were raised, and the church was redecorated and a new altar was dedicated by then Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey.

In 1957, Father McDonnell was transferred to Newark, and his post was assumed by Father Haffey, who, during the diocesan year of celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, erected a shrine to the Sacred Heart.



FATHER MANS

Father Haffey retired in 1973, and was followed in the pastorate by Father Mans.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Pope's Critics Are His Own Household

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 16:13-20. (R1) Is. 22:15, 19-23. (R2) Rom. 11:33-36.

Thomas Edison was one of the greatest inventors of all time. Though Edison was not a religious man, he had a profound respect for people who were genuinely religious. For 64 years, he gave generously to the Little Sisters of the Poor. He had a great admiration for Pope Pius XI. When he learned that the Pope was daily flooded with letters demanding his personal attention, the Wizard of Menlo Park invented a special dictating machine, finished in gold, silver and ivory. In gratitude Pius XI sent Edison a medal with his personal blessing. Edison treasured this medal with special affection.

No doubt the greatest moral leaders of the twentieth century have been our modern Popes, successors of the Rock upon whom Christ built His Church (R3). Will Rogers once said of the Pope: "He is the only leader in the world today that we know what he means when he speaks."

Any Bible commentary will explain next Sunday's first and third readings. Shebna was the major-domo of the palace. He wore robe and sash like all those close to the king. But what marked Shebna off from everybody else in the court was the large key to the main door of the palace (the House of David) which he carried on a loop over his shoulder. He was the "key" man in the court, the one with authority to grant an audience with the king or to deny it.

In the gospel story, Matthew shows Jesus making Peter the "key" man of His Church. To indicate this, Jesus changed his name. In Scripture, a change of name meant a break with a former way of life and a new power conferred by God to undertake the work of the Lord. Saul came to be known as Paul, and each of us at baptism receive new names as a sign of a new life and a new power at work within us.

Peter's new name was "Rock." Rock connotes

firmness. Jesus ended the Sermon on the Mount thus: "Anyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built a house on rock. When the rainy season came, the torrents came and the winds blew and buffeted his house. It did not collapse; it had been solidly set on rock."

What is especially significant is the fact that up to this time no one had ever been called "Peter." It was not a personal name. It simply meant "rock," nothing more. When Jesus called Simon "Peter," it was truly a new name.

The setting of this scene was near Caesarea-Philippi. In the mountainside nearby were caves, gaping mouths — no doubt reminding Jesus of jaws. The jaws of death — error and/or persecution — would not prevail against His Church, so Jesus promised, because it was built on a rock.

We could go on in an apologetic manner and prove the primacy of Peter. I feel there is no need for this. Rather I feel our need is to deepen our love and respect for the Holy Father — a love and respect which so many non-Catholics have had in this century for our Popes.

It seems today the only critics of the Pope are his own household. It is interesting to note that the only place Pope John Paul II was attacked in his tour of the United States was in the city with a Catholic University and by a religious.

To Father Gobbi, the Mother of God is alleged to have said, "The new Pope (John Paul II) was obtained by my Immaculate Heart from my Son, Jesus, for the welfare of the Church."

"You must support him by your prayers, by your love and by your fidelity."

"You must defend him..." (Our Lady Speaks to Her Beloved Priests, p. 249)

Regarding "theologians" dissenting with the Holy Father, it is well to recall the words of the great St. Thomas Aquinas: "The teaching of the Roman Pontiff is to be accepted over that of any theologian however learned."



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Festival Grows To Two-Day Event

Elmira Heights — The St. Charles Borromeo Parish bazaar will be Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 23.

The previously one-day, indoor festival has grown to a

two-day outdoor event.

Among the new features will be a dunking machine, farmer's market, and chicken wing booth. Food selections will include pyrogys, pigs-in-

blankets, hot dogs, barbecues, and Italian and Polish sausages.

the 40' and 8' "Locomobile" will provide entertainment for the children.

Joey Augustine's polka band will provide music for dancing on Saturday night. A young magician, Dave Sullivan, will perform on both Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Women of the Altar and Rosary Society again will operate a flea market, arts and crafts and cake booths.

Saturday's events will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday's will start at noon.

Our Lady of Lourdes Schedules Festival

Elmira — The Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Festival will be Saturday, Aug. 29, and Sunday, Aug. 30.

Events Saturday will begin at noon, with Sunday's program running from noon to 8 p.m.

Several special programs will be part of the festival, including a West Elmira Fire Department-Lourdes parade on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the business and individual floats and bicycles. Entry forms can be picked up at the West

Elmira Fire Department.

Entertainment also will be provided. The YWCA gymnasts, Bernie Rosplock and his accordion, the Wellsboro Drum and Bugle Corps and Ramie Noluch all are scheduled to appear.

A spaghetti supper will be served Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m.; other food booths will be open throughout the festival.

A mechanical bull, dunking machine, and craft, baked goods, and plant booths also will be included in the festival.

Clowns, a fish pond, face painting, fun food booth and

Bob Case and Bob Lintz are co-chairmen of the event.

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Program Available

Hornell — Newly developed materials are now available to those interested in people with developmental disabilities moving into community residences.

In an attempt to provide more complete responses to questions about funding, training of clients, differences in types of residences, and the overall effect of retarded people living in a specific community, new pamphlets and an up-to-date slide-tape

presentation are now ready for use with local groups.

Anyone wishing to schedule a speaker for a program may do so by contacting Dolly Klee, Coordinator of Public Education at the Developmental Disabilities Service Office, 254 Main St., Hornell, (607) 324-4910.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.

Seminar Scheduled

Elmira — J. Frank Stark, ACSW, STARS program coordinator, will review the book "Caution: Kindness Can Be Dangerous to the Alcoholic," at the monthly alcoholism seminar at 12:15 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20, in the Doctors Meeting Room at St. Joseph's Hospital.

A discussion will follow. Further information can be obtained by contacting the STARS office at 733-5519.

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