

St. John's Celebrates Centenary



Remembering

Pope John Paul II kneels in prayer at the tomb of Father Adolph Kolping. The society Father Kolping founded celebrates his death Dec. 4, and his birth Dec. 8. A special meeting of Rochester Kolping will be 8 p.m., Dec. 9, in St. Boniface School Hall.



Nazareth Thinks Christmas

The Nazareth Academy Christmas Craft Show and Sale is from 3 to 8 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 4, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. Admission and parking are free and the public is welcomed. Organizers of the event are Mrs. Sheila Sedor, Mrs. Elaine Montros (shown above), and Mrs. Mary Butera. Over 50 craftspeople from the area will display handcrafted items.

Frank Sheed Dies; Catholic Publisher

Jersey City, N.J. (RNS) — Frank J. Sheed, the Australian street preacher who became the leading lay literary figure among English-speaking Roman Catholics in the mid-20th century, died here Nov. 20, 1981, at St. Francis Hospital. He was 84.

Cardinal Terence Cooke was chief celebrant at a Mass for Christian burial for the famed author, publisher and lecturer on Nov. 24 in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

Sheed, author of some 30 books, was known especially for his ability to explain Catholic theology in a clear and understandable style, both as a writer and a lecturer.

He and his wife, the late Maisie Ward, founded the publishing firm of Sheed and Ward in London in 1927.

They founded an American branch in 1933 and built it into one of the leading Catholic book firms in the country with a reputation for "progressive" Catholic publishing.

Sheed's best known books were "Theology and Sanity," which became a standard theological text after its publication in 1947, and a 1953 companion piece, "Society and Sanity." His last book was "Christ in Eclipse," published in 1978.

In 1956, Sheed was awarded an honorary doctor of theology by the Vatican Congregation of Seminaries and Universities. The degree was conferred by the Catholic University of Lille, France. A press release from France said that this was believed to be the first time that a Roman congregation had ever conferred such a degree on a lay person.

Fisher Classmates Sponsor Benefit

The St. John Fisher College Dorm and Commuter Councils are sponsoring a benefit dance for injured football player sophomore Ralph Montemalo from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Kearney Auditorium. Featured will be the Bowery Boys, the Cliches (three members are from Fisher), and the Prestones. Refreshments will include

beer, wine, and soda along with pizza and snacks.

All proceeds will go to the Ralph Montemalo Fund. Tickets are \$2, advance sale, which begins Nov. 30, and \$3 Saturday night. They can be purchased at Fisher's Commuter Council Office on the ground floor of St. Basil Hall; the Student Life Office, second floor; or at the door the night of the dance.

Newark Valley — While St. John the Evangelist Church here has been celebrating its centenary, continuous Catholic settlement in the area preceded the establishment of the parish by at least a decade.

It was in 1870 that the first Catholic families began moving into the township of Newark Valley. The first Catholic congregation met in the home of Michael and Bridget Fahey. That congregation was Irish, some of them farmers and others tannery workers.

The area was under the spiritual jurisdiction of St. Patrick's in Owego, and during the period 1871 to 1877, Father James Rogers, the Owego pastor, celebrated Mass in Allison Hall. He was succeeded by Father James O'Mara who oversaw the construction of the present church.

On June 30, 1880, Dr. R.C. Tappan donated land on East Newark Road for building the church. Father O'Mara directed the construction of a brick structure by Samuel Loring, using brick from the Loring Brickyards.

On Jan. 8, 1881, Bishop Stephen V. Ryan, the second Bishop of Buffalo, under whose jurisdiction Newark Valley then fell, dedicated the new structure as St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church of Newark Valley. Nine years later, parishioners John and Abigail Conway donated land for a cemetery and an organ was purchased from E.P. Carpenter Co., of Brattleboro, Vt.

In 1896 the Tioga County parish was transferred to the jurisdiction of Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid of Rochester.

In 1908, Mrs. Fahey, one of the founders of the parish, died, thus bringing to a close a chapter of the parish history.

In 1909 the parish was incorporated; among the signers of the incorporation

Volunteerism Workshops Scheduled

The Coordinators of Religious Education in the Yates-Ontario-Wayne Region will begin a series of three workshops on Friday, Dec. 4, on the topic of Volunteerism in the Church. The series will be presented by Dr. Angela Palmieri of Penfield.

The topic of the first workshop will be Planning and Recruitment of Volunteers. Other workshops will cover Placement, Orientation and Training on Friday, March 19; and Support and Evaluation on Friday, May 21.

The first two workshops will be at St. Anne's Parish Hall, Palmyra, and the third will be at St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario.

document was Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, Bishop McQuaid's successor.

Five years later, Bishop Hickey placed Father John Hogan in the pastorate. A few months later, the parish's first annual report stated there were 113 parishioners.

Over the course of the next several years the parish changed status from mission to full parish, to mission several times. Serving the congregation during this period were Father Arthur Smith, Father Remy M. Fac, and Father Ignatius Klejna.

Finally, in 1939, Bishop James E. Kearney restored the parish to full dignity and named Father Alexander Stec as pastor.

On April 14, 1941, the parish celebrated the opening of the parish hall. In 1954, under Father Stec's direction, the first parish rectory was built.

Father Matthew Siudara was named pastor in 1959 and served in that post until 1974, a period which encompassed the renewal engendered by the Second Vatican Council.

Father Siudara was succeeded by Father Robert Donovan, during whose three-year tenure the rectory was renovated, the size of the parking lot was doubled and seven classrooms were constructed in the hall basement.

He was followed in 1977 by Father Eugene Weis, the

present pastor, who has, to date, supervised the redecoration of the Stations of the Cross, the installation of new kneeler pads, the painting of the church and the installation of a new entrance drive.



Words of Our Lady

Dec. 12, 1981 to Dec. 12, 1982 is known as the year of Hope and Healing.
I will give all my love, my compassion, my help and protection to the people. I am your merciful mother, the merciful mother of all of you who live united in this land and of all mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who seek me, of those who have confidence in me. (This message dated Dec. 9, 1531)
Let nothing discourage you, nothing depress you, let nothing alter your heart or confidence. Also do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not near who am your mother? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms, is there anything else that you need? (This message dated Dec. 12, 1531)

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