

St. Mary's Launches Jubilee Celebrations

More than 400 worshippers, including civic and religious dignitaries joined at Old St. Mary's Church New Year's Eve to launch the sesquicentennial of the City of Rochester, St. Mary's and the Baptist Temple.

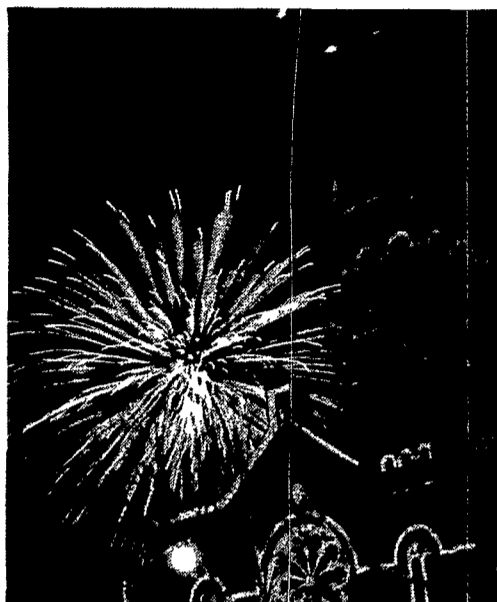
Rev. Hugh Morton shared the sanctuary with Father James Lawlor, pastor, who presided at the jubilee Mass. Rev. Morton, pastor of the Baptist Temple, led the prayer of the faithful.

In his homily, Father Lawlor praised those of past generations who carried the spirit of the parish to this point, and he challenged his congregation to bear that same spirit into the future.

Following the Mass, about 300 attended a party welcoming in the New Year at St. Mary's.



Deacon Stanley Zawacki reads the Gospel at the Sesquicentennial-opening Mass at St. Mary's on New Year's Eve. Right, Marcia Marriott took this photo of the New Year's fireworks as they burst over the church.



Mayor Thomas Ryan presented St. Mary's pastor, Father James Lawlor, with a street sign officially naming South Street as St. Mary's Place in a brief ceremony in front of the church on Friday, Dec. 30. From left, Joan Young, Joseph and Lucille Hofmann, Leo Stupp, Mayor Ryan, Thomas Bagwell, Father Lawlor, Jean Boyle, Patrick Sullivan, Sister Sheila Walsh, SSJ, Harold Hacker, Sister Kathleen Milliken, RSM, Peggy Amsden, and Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

Christmas Finally Came

"Christmas wasn't the same this year. It came too fast," said our son. The rest of us agreed with him. Thus the Christmas cards are still affixed to the wall and kitchen door, the wreath remains over the fireplace and the Douglas fir with its lights and painted cutout wooden ornaments is still in place.

Last year in writing about the cutouts which have adorned our tree through thick and thin for the last 15 years, I mentioned the name of the artist who made some of them and helped me to make the others.

Unfortunately, gremlins were at work that day and her name appeared incorrectly. So we'll try it again. Sue Regen of Penfield is the woman who designs and paints the ornaments.

A former neighbor of ours, Sue generously showed me how to cut the stars and the angels and the other miniatures from birch plywood and then apply several coats of paint. It goes without saying that my finished products are very primitive compared to those fashioned by Sue but all are loved. Sue's gifts are well-known among the Regen circle of friends.

Sue's parents started the tradition of wooden cutouts for the tree during World War II when it was difficult to buy Christmas trimmings. They found an

article describing how to cut tiny figures from cardboard which were then to be painted or colored and hung on the branches.

But the couple decided to make something more permanent and cut the miniature Santas and reindeer from wood using a hand coping saw. It had to be a laborious project but because of them, many a family has treasures which each year are brought out and exclaimed over anew.

Another Christmas fixture which we are reluctant to put away is the creche. Because I was under the weather, the head of the house and the kids did all the work necessary to decorate the house.

Every once in a while somebody would say, however, "But we haven't found the creche yet. Mom, can't you remember where you put it?"

Appropriately, it was 11:30 p.m., Christmas Eve, when the creche was unearthed in the basement and taken from its protective covering.

Bringing it upstairs, we placed the traditional figures in the stable and then took the Babe from the skirted table in the living room where it resides year around.

Purchased in the Vatican on our first trip there, this Christ Child does not really fit in with the setting any more than I suppose than the Original did in His. Uncritical, we stood back to admire the effect. And then Christmas came.

Summer Homes Needed

The Irish Children's Program, spearheaded by Mark and Diane Weisskopf, is preparing for the summer 1984 program. To obtain host families for Irish

children from Belfast, Northern Ireland the organization is holding two meetings: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17, St. John's Parish Center, 2400 Ridge Road

West; 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 26, Henrietta Town Hall, 475 Caulkins Road. Anyone interested in the

program and its activities - fundraising, publicity, host families - may contact the Weisskopf's at 671-2634.

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