

ST. STEPHEN'S BULLETIN

EDITED MONTHLY BY THE ST. STEPHEN'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY OF PASSAIC
(English Branch)

* * * * *

Volume I Number 2

December 1949

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Rev. Andrew Molnar - Moderator
Benjamin Godri Jr. - President
John Militello - Secretary
Joseph Toth Jr. - Treasurer
Francis Swinarsky - Marshall

NEW YEAR'S PARTY TO BE HELD

A New Year's Party will be held in our School Hall on the eve of the New Year. Elaborate preparations are being made so that everyone will be guaranteed a wonderful evening.

A regular orchestra will play both Hungarian and English dance music, and a Buffet Dinner will be available for all who attend. The affair will get under way at 9 P.M. and will continue as long as there are people present. For the benefit of the Catholics a Mass will be celebrated in the Church at the conclusion of the affair so that they might not miss Mass on the Holyday of Obligation.

Tickets will be sold at \$3.00 per person and included in this will be the dinner, music, musicians, etc. to make the party complete. Only a limited number of reservations will be accepted, so please make them as early as possible. Anyone may attend. Bring your friends and the family!

The proceeds of the affair will go towards the purchasing of a large television set for the School building. So in the long run we can continue to enjoy the price of the ticket even in the future.

If you want to have a good time on New Year's Eve, come to our big **NEW YEAR'S PARTY.**

FLASH!!!

The contract for the dance has just been signed. The well-known **HADDON HALL CLUB ORCHESTRA** will supply the music at the affair.

'TAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

It won't be long before all of us will once more be celebrating another Christmas. As usual it will be celebrated in various ways by various people. We won't bother listing the various ways, but will merely tell you how a Catholic should celebrate the birth of his Saviour.

The word "Christmas" is really a combination of two words - "Christ" and "Mass". And so you can easily see, that if you leave out either Christ or the Mass (or what is worse, the both of them) you have no real Christmas.

We have so much to be thankful for and one of the best ways for us to show our gratitude to our Saviour is by showing Him that we are worthy of all His blessings; and the best way we can do that is by making another Bethlehem of our hearts and asking Him to be born anew in our souls thru Holy Communion on Christmas. That will make it a REAL Christmas.

There is a lot more to Christmas than gifts, cards, and highballs. These things in themselves are not wrong, but let's take first things first.

We must put more emphasis on the crib of Bethlehem rather than the Christmas tree; more emphasis on the Body and Blood of Christ's Banquet, rather than the food and drink on the dinner table, more emphasis on Christ rather than Santa Claus, and then we begin to approach Christmas in its true spirit. You'll be wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. How about wishing one to Christ at the Altar Rail.

The Members of the Holy Name Society want to wish from the bottom of their hearts the choicest blessings of the Infant Saviour upon all the members of the Parish together with their family & friends.

Although most people think Father Molnar was born here in Passaic, actually it was in the steel-city of Youngstown, Ohio, that Rev. Andrew Molnar first saw the light of day on the Feast of All Saints, Nov. 1, 1915. The oldest child of Andrew and Elizabeth (Bernath) Molnar, took his first train ride 3 weeks later when his family moved to Passaic, where his Dad was to assume his duties as Organist at St. Stephen's Church for the next 27 years.

His elementary schooling was completed at Passaic's # 10 and #12 schools. This was followed by four years at Passaic High, after which he entered Seton Hall College at South Orange, N. J. In 1937, he entered the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Darlington, N. J.

His First Solemn High Mass was offered in this, his home Parish, one day after his ordination to the Holy Priesthood at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson on May 31, 1942, making it truly a Memorial Day for him.

His first assignment was Sacred Heart Church in Clifton where he served until March 1, 1945, when he was transferred to this Church.

Besides being the Chaplain of this Holy Name Society, Father Molnar is also Moderator of the Parish CYO and the Altar Boys Society. But his priestly work is not confined to the Parish.

Father Molnar also teaches the Hungarian Language at the Seminary and instructs the nurses in Christian Doctrine at St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson. In addition to this, he is the Diocesan Chaplain for all the Deaf in the Paterson Diocese. Father Molnar is also a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus.

His parents, together with his sister, Marion, are still members of the Parish. May the good Lord bless them for having given a son to the service of God. And as for Father Molnar, we want to wish him God's choicest blessings in the faithful and humble service of his priestly ministry. May his labor in the Vineyard of the Lord ever bear good fruit.

For the benefit of members who miss meetings from time to time we shall run "Wot Hoppen?" as a monthly feature to keep them informed as to what happened at the previous meeting.

By agreement with the Hungarian Branch of the Holy Name Society, the English Branch shall have charge of the two Communion Breakfast (Lent and Christmas) and the Annual Holy Name Parade for 1950.

A pamphlet rack is being prepared for the vestibule of the Church. We will try to have it for Christmas.

It was decided to have the BULLETIN printed in large quantities for distribution at the Mass on Sunday. To curtail expenses, ads will be procured for the back page. If anyone wants to advertise or can get an ad, contact Father Molnar. (See back page in this issue)

A Communion Breakfast for the men of the Parish will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, 1949. Bring a buddy or relative to the 9 o'clock Mass and then to the Breakfast. Tickets will be given to all the members. Each one is to account for two tickets. The Toastmaster will be Andrew Tyukody; speakers:- Rev. Hippolyte Deesy in Hungarian, and James O'Shea in English.

Two new members were received:- Andrew Tyukody and Benjamin Kopacz. Welcome to our midst, brothers!!

The attendance prize was won by Joe Godri, Jr. (Don't get excited, Mrs. Godri - it was only 50 ¢, honest.) Joe Fett, Sr. would have won the jackpot prize of 60¢, if he had been present. That means a double prize next week.

In Dec. we shall complete plans for a Christmas Social for the members and their families. So you better attend.

The discussion club started with a bang. Keen interest was shown by those present. We hope to see more of the brothers around at each of them.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS!

How about making this Christmas a Merry one for the Treasurer by paying up your dues for this year?

It's a real treat to watch Frank Zurey bowl. Whatever he does not knock down with his atomic delivery, he brushes down with his extra long reach.... Now that Marty Schwartzinger is alternating days and nights at work, we may be able to capture him for a meeting once in a while. It'll be good to see you again, Marty, believe us!..... Other tie-downs are responsible and not lack of interest for the absence at the meetings of such as Dr. Ernest Johnson, Johnny Weisz, Jr. and Frank Soveges.... speaking of Johnny Weisz, we are happy to learn that his Dad is back home recuperating after a very serious operation in New York.... John Szilasi and Joe Godri Jr. deserve a big hand for their helpful assistance at the recent PTA Bazar, which incidentally was a big success. Joe (Martin Block) Godri did a grand job at the "mike" while John (Yellow Cab) Szilasi drove all over the USA picking up last minute items that were needed. That's the kind of fellows we have in the Holy Name. Incidentally a lot of huddles lost a little weight during the bazar, what with the little woman tied up with the affair. Now we know for a fact that the little dears will be more appreciated... Frank Zurey has recently moved into a new home. May God really bless your new home. But Frank, the boys want to know when that house-warming shindig will be. (HMMM?)

- 12-- Monthly Meeting - Holy Name
- 14-- District Meeting of the Council of Catholic Women at our Parish - 8 P.M.
- 17,18 - Children's Xmas Play -7:30
- 18-- Communion Breakfast for the Men. Breakfast after 9 o'clock Mass.
- 24-- Midnight Mass
- 25-- Masses 7:30, 9, 10, 11, & 12.
- 31-- New Years Party - School Hall Begins at 9 P. M.

ROSARY RECITED AT PECSI FUNERAL

On the occasion of the death of Mr. Paul Pecs, one of the big pillars of the Parish, the Holy Name Society recited the Rosary at the funeral Chapel. Mr. Pecs, had been a Trustee of the Parish for a good many years. He was the father-in-law of one of our members, Paul Bacsardi. May he rest in peace.

CORRECTION, PLEASE

Just in case we have created the wrong impression in our first bulletin, the Holy Name Society is not restricted to married men only. We shall welcome into our midst any male member of our Parish over 18 years of age. You fellows in the Parish, don't wait for an engraved invitation. We'll be more than happy to have you as a brother member. How about joining?

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Nov. 14 - Joe Godri (Birthday)
- " 28 - Mrs. Joe Sipos (ditto)
- Dec. 16 - Mrs. Steve Celmer (same)
- " 31 - Mrs. Joe Godri (likewise)
- Jan. 1 - Andy Weisz (again)
- " 5 - John Militello (once more)
- Nov. 26 - Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Martin Schwartzinger

Please hand in the names and dates for any anniversary or birth-days of members of their families.

Apologies are in order for the first addition of the BULLETIN. Now that the mimeograph machine and Father Molnar understand each other we should get better editions.

Let's remember that every good Catholic will end the old year by going to Church to thank God for the blessings of the past year. He will also begin the New Year, not by missing Mass but by again going to Church to ask for the much needed aid from God.

It is our fond hope that the BULLETIN will eventually build itself into a big Parish paper instead of just this. We welcome any suggestions from anyone. Please send in articles on what the other Parish groups are doing. We'll try to print everything. Send your copies to Father Molnar. Thanks!

ADVERTISE
IN THE
ST. STEPHEN'S BULLETIN

\$10.00 A YEAR

FOR EACH
BLOCK

OR

\$1.00 A MONTH

CALL THE RECTORY