

BISHOP TO BLESS NEW RECTORY

On Jan. 21, Sunday, at 3 P.M. we shall be honored by a visit by our beloved Bishop Boland, who will come to bless the new rectory. The services will begin at 3 P.M. and it is hoped that all of our parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity of seeing our Spiritual Shepherd on this occasion. A visit from the Bishop is always a privilege and we should welcome his coming as such.

The Parish Banquet, celebrating the blessing of the new rectory was to have been held on that same day, but due to extenuating circumstances, it will be held instead on Sunday, Feb. 4th. Please mark that date on your calendar, so that you can plan on being with all the other members of the Parish on that day. More details will be given from the pulpit and also in our local papers in both languages.

BLESSING OF HOMES AND THE CENSUS

With the Feast of Epiphany, the Parish priests will again begin their annual visit of the families on which occasion the census will be taken and the homes will be blessed. Every family should prepare as much as possible to have all the members of the family present at that time, so that together with the priest they might ask the blessing of God for this new year.

We shall try to announce the approximate date of the coming of the priest from the pulpit one Sunday in advance, so that you can expect him at a certain time. It must be realized that we have close to 1200 families to visit, and so patience is asked. It will take a long time before we may visit you, but we will get there eventually. If you have moved since last year and have not reported this change, please do so now!

CALLING ALL BOAT-BUILDERS!

We read a very amusing article in recent days about a fellow who had as his hobby, boat-building. He began with small models, later built rowboats, and finally got the idea that he would build a real speedboat. Since the cellar was the only place he could pursue his hobby, he spent months and months building his boat in the cellar. At last the big day came; with the finishing touches of his paint brush he completed his dream - a real hand-made speedboat.

It was only then that he realized his mistake - the boat was so big that he could remove it from the cellar, and when friends learned about this, they became the laughing stock of the town. This, incidentally, is a true story.

Why this story? Well, aren't we just such fools in life sometimes? We get an idea about what we want in life and we forget about everything else - God, heaven, hell, and our own salvation. We fail to realize that just like the poor boat-builder, we cannot take anything out of this world, except our own souls - nothing else.

A lot of things seem so bring, so important, so necessary, that we neglect the truly important things in life. A few extra hours of sleep on Sunday seems more important than God. A piece of meat seems to mean so much more to us than Christ on the Cross. A few minutes of bodily pleasure seems much more important than God's commandments.

It may be the foolishness that comes with youth, because it is not unusual for a priest to visit a sick old person, and have the aged one confess, how foolish they were to waste a lifetime with things that now prove themselves to be trivial. With the new year, it might be well to ask God to let us see all things in their true light, so that we will take care of first things, first, and not waste a lifetime building a boat, which we cannot move from this world.

FELLOWS, MEET FRANK HECK!

It was on Aug. 10th, 1915, that the stork left a little bundle of a boy in Passaic for John Heck and wife, nee Theresa Senft. When he was about seven years old, Frank, (for that was the name given to the little bundle) moved to Garfield with the family and there enrolled at School # 8, later completing his grammar school training at # 2.

After one year at Garfield High, as was the custom in those days, Frank went to work at a farm in East Paterson where for twelve hours each day he received one full dollar. After three years he decided to look for a better paying job and for the next seven years worked at Manhattan Rubber. This job came only after he had put in three rough months at the C.C.C. camp.

In 1940, he decided he needed someone to sew his buttons because on April 13th of that year, wedding bells tolled for Frank and Eleanor Palinkas here at St. Stephen's. His home at 38 Outwater Lane, Garfield, will plainly show how happy this marriage has been what with three little girls around the home, who call Frank their Daddy - they are Virginia, 8, Frances, 5, and Susan, 2.

In 1942, Frank switched to Hoffmann-La Roche, where he is still employed, currently as a working foreman among the chemical operators. It was here that Frank had a very close call in 1945, when a kettle of nitroxyline blew up in his face, and brought serious injuries to his eyes. Fortunately, stout fellow that he is, Frank recovered with nary an aftereffect.

Frank will be long remembered for his athletic prowess. His name appeared quite frequently on the local sport pages, since he played semi-pro, in football, basketball, as well as baseball. Ice skating and fishing are now his leading hobbies but he doesn't find much time for that what with working seven days a week. Even as a Charter Member of the Holy Name, he rarely gets a chance to drop in for a meeting. In his reserved way, Frank is the strong, silent type. His quiet manner may fool many, but we who know him, cherish his companionship.

SOCI-M. CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

- 8 - Holy Name Meeting - 8 P.M.
- 14 - Father & Son Vespers in the Cathedral at 3 P.M.
- 21 - Blessing of New Rectory by Bishop Boland - 3 P.M.
- Feb. 4 - Parish Banquet - 6 P.M.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- Jan. 5 - John Militello
- 14 - Mrs. Joseph T. Bizub
- 15 - Dorothy Lampert
- 21 - Brenda Cerny (age 3)
- 23 - Mrs. William Hudak
- 28 - Andrew Tyukody, Jr.

MONTHLY COMMUNION FOR HOLY NAME

Beginning this month, the members of the Holy Name will have an informal Communion Breakfast on the second Sunday of each month. The plan will work this way. At the latest each Holy Name Member who is interested will contact Tony Cerny before the 1st Sunday of each month, and tell him that they wish to partake in the Breakfast. This is to make sure that the right amount of food is ordered.

Then on the second Sunday of each month, these members will receive Holy Communion without fanfare or ceremony at the 9 o'clock Mass. After the Mass, they will retire to the School Basement to have an informal Breakfast. There will be no speech-making - only a Breakfast. This will take place every month.

The Holy Communions will be offered up for the families and for the intention of peace in the world. We hope to see this idea catch other men on fire so that each month we shall have more and more men approach the Prince of Peace in Holy Communion.

No formalities will be held, but we urge that all members who are interested please contact Tony Cerny on the first Sunday of each month at the latest. The expenses will be shared equally by the participants themselves.

Plans are being made now to make the next Communion Breakfast for Easter, a Father and Son affair. Please keep your ears and eyes open for details.

JOTS AND TITTLES

LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD - We just learned that Joe Godri has been hand-picked along with a few other men from Wright's Aero-nautical to fly soon to England for a big pow-wow over airplanes. We certainly are very proud of you, Joe. Incidentally, our spies have already told us about you getting a new home; now don't forget to invite us for the house-warming.....By the by, since Joe has tendered his resignation as a Delegate to the County Meetings, Ernie Hayzer has been named to take his place, and we know he will do a good job of it together with the old reliable, Steve Celmmer.....And now for a few notes on the New Year's Eve affair,.... One of the 50-50 Club tickets sold that night bore the signature "The Four Jerks", and the boys are laying even numbered money as to just who they are. The seller, incidentally, was, believe or not, "The Lone Ranger".....Cranks somewhat spoiled the night for a number of car owners when they found deflated tires on their cars. But we have it that there was enough air around that night to inflate them....Even Scoutmaster Louis Kral, Sr. was doing his good deed for the night. We understand he spread a lot of good beer, we mean cheer, that night.....Frank Zurey proved to the boys that night that he not only has long legs, but that they are hollow as well. His table, we are told, was as sober as a judge.....The boys as still raving about the women's fashions that night. It was quite a fashion show from what we hear and that bespeaks the good taste and style of the gals from our Parish. The old men were justifiably proud of their little women that night..... Ted Harsaghy, U.S.N. was there too with the little number that makes his heart go pitty-pat. No, he did not have his battleship along with him. All in all, the gang had a wonderful time and plenty to talk about for a long time; and they ended it all the real Catholic way by going to Mass before they went to bed. Happy New Year!

"TEEN-AGE TEMPEST"

SEASON'S GREETINGS, GUYS AND GALS! - and a word of congratulations to our Senior Sodality, who on Friday evening, Dec. 8th (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) were officially received into the organization and the so-called "veterans" renewed their vows. It was truly a touching and memorable sight, and we are certain these girls will try their best to live up to their promises. (Can't you just see those halos?)... The other day Betty Sabo, who does a beautiful job of coloring photos, offered to do some for Ethel Szarvas but "Et" replied with a blunt "Don't bother". Seems the pictures were taken when Ethel wasn't looking - her best, that is!....A good time was had by all those who attended the Annual Boy Scout Dinner held at the Sherbrook a few weeks ago, and despite a delicious turkey dinner, rumors have it that some of the younger set took Johnny Kramer, one of our fine Scout Leaders, for something to eat afterwards. Poor Johnny was hungry! Never mind, we love you even with an appetite, Johnny. You're an O.K. Guy in our books....Lately the choir group has held its rehearsals in the Kindergarten class rooms and they don't seem to mind it much either. The mechanical toys, you see....By the way, those melodious strains you've been hearing lately from the choir loft, may be attributed to our two new members, Rose Waldorf and Barbara Schwartzinger. It's nice having you with us, gals....Say did you happen to see Dolores Soos mailing a special delivery letter the other day? That couldn't be an order for next year's demands from Santa Claus, now could it????....A few weeks ago, one of our young ladies, Patty Miklos by name, took part in a very entertaining piano recital held in the Passaic High School Auditorium, at which some of our girls were present. You were a credit to St. Stephen's, Pat, and we're all proud of you....Strong rumor has it, that the C.Y.O. will definitely be reorganized very shortly. When that day comes, guys and gals, how about coming around. We should have a great outfit, if we would only stick together. S'long,

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Thanks are due the P.T.A. who in their usual generous way gave the School Children a Christmas Party. We know that the good parents had just as much fun in giving it as the Kiddies had in enjoying it.

While we are passing out orchids, we give a whole basketful to the Reverend Sisters, who outdid themselves this year in decorating the Church for the Christmas Holidays. All who saw our Church admired it for its beautiful decorations.

Congratulations are due again to the Reverend Sisters and the School Children for the wonderful play they presented for Christmas. New-comers were amazed at the talent of our children. If you missed it this year, you should be very sorry.

With the taking of the census a serious effort will be made to re-organize the C.Y.O. in our Parish. This cannot be done unless the Youth of the Parish cooperate. How about you young 'uns, getting ready for the reorganization meeting, sometime near the completion of the census in February? We have all the facilities; all we need is YOU! In a Parish our size, we should have a big Youth Organization.

An attempt shall definitely be made to also organize a club for the women of our Parish. We have clubs for everyone; except them. Also near the end of the census, we shall make an attempt to gather all the young ladies of the Parish into one organization. Ladies; begin to formulate your ideas now, so that when we have our first meeting, we can listen to your ideas and suggestions.

If we can get more advertisers for the BULLETIN, we hope soon to have it in a printed form and perhaps even mailed to each home. Here we depend on your cooperation. If you know of anyone who would like to advertize, see them about an ad. The rates are \$10.00 per year; the cheapest you will find anywhere. Help us reach that goal!

January 7th is the Feast of the Holy Family. On that day it is the custom among Catholic Families to dedicate themselves in imitation of the Holy Family. The usual procedure is for the whole family to kneel down and recite the prayers for the Dedication of the Family, which prayer can be found in any Catholic prayerbook. If you expect God's blessing on you and yours, you will certainly follow this age-old custom. God will do the rest!

THE KIDDY KORNER

Well, boys and girls, now we can tell you at last the winners of the coloring contest that we had for Christmas. The best coloring among the boys was done by Ernest Csaszar, 12 years old, of 115 Lake Ave., Clifton. There were two wonderful drawings among the girls, and since the judges could not decide, we thought it best to give a prize to both of them - Helen Kerstner, 13, of 202 Market St., Passaic, and Veronica Krehlik, 10, of 33 Grand St., Garfield. They shall receive their prizes now that we have told you who the winners are. We hope to have more contests later, so keep your eyes open.

And now I think we'll tell you another story. Do you ever dream? Sure, you do. You dream lots of times, especially if you eat too much before you go to bed. Sometimes, we dream about tigers and elephants and airplanes, and a million other things. And sometimes, our dreams scare us, so that we wake right up in the middle of our dreams.

Some time ago, I had a dream. It was a lovely dream, and I think I should like to tell you about my dream. Well, in my dream, I saw a long road, a road stretching from the ground away up through the air, away up into the sky, right up into heaven. It was an awful rough road, and the road was all sprinkled with tiny pieces of glass, old rusty nails, and little sharp stones. People were trying to walk along the road in their bare feet. Some got nails in their feet; some cut their feet on the glass and the sharp stones. They were having an awful hard time trying to walk along the road; they were trying mighty hard to get into heaven.

But then in the dream, I saw Jesus come along. He was in His bare feet, too. Jesus walked very slowly, and He was very careful. Up the road went Jesus, and never once did He cut His feet or get a nail in them. Up and up, Jesus went and finally, He got up to heaven,

and there He sat on a big gold chair, watching the other people climb the hill, and waving to them to keep on trying.

Pretty soon, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, came along. And she was wise. Do you know what she did? She just walked right in Jesus' footsteps. Wherever Jesus had walked, Mary walked in the same place, and why, in no time, Mary was up at the top of the hill, up in heaven with Jesus. Jesus made His Mother Mary sit right next to Him on a big chair. Then Mary, too, waved to the people down at the bottom of the hill, to walk in the same footsteps, and come up into heaven.

And the wise little boys and girls did just that. They too walked right in the footsteps of Jesus, and they never hurt themselves, and before long, they were right in heaven with Jesus and Mary. Of course, there were some boys and girls, who wouldn't walk in the steps of Jesus, and you can guess what happened to them. Why, they cut their feet and they never got to the top of the hill. They never got to heaven to be with Jesus and Mary.

Wasn't that a swell dream? Of course that was only a dream, but how true that dream is. It's a hard road to heaven; it takes a long time to get up there, but the boys and girls who will follow right in the steps of Jesus and Mary will get up to heaven very easily. And the boys and girls who won't walk in the steps of Jesus and Mary are going to have a hard time. They will never reach the top of the road. They will never, never get to heaven.

One time a man asked Jesus how he could get to heaven and Jesus only said; "Follow Me". He told the man to walk in His footsteps. You follow in the footsteps of Jesus and Mary each time you do what is right and good. You are not doing this is you break God's laws. So if you want to go to heaven, take it nice and easy and keep following in the footsteps of Jesus and Mary. That way you will get into heaven.

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BAPTISMS:- 59

Boys - 33
Girls - 22
Converts - 4

MARRIAGES:- 33

Church - 28
Mixed - 2
Revalidation - 3

FUNERALS:- 45

Male - 24
Female - 21
37 of these died with the Sacraments; 8 without.

SICK CALLS WITH SACRAMENTS GIVEN:-
475

Male - 162
Female - 313

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS FOR 1950

Boys - 29
Girls - 33

PARISH COMMUNIONS:- 17,500

130 WELCOME NEW YEAR AT SCHOOL HALL

It was a small but jolly crowd of 130 people who took part in the New Year's Eve Party sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Although a larger crowd was anticipated, the attendance enjoyed ushering in the New Year to the strains of Frank Panyko's Orchestra.

Credit is notably due to the three Co-Chairmen, Francis Swinarsky, Anthony Cerny and Stephen Colner, who made all the elaborate preparations. After all bills were paid, the Society netted a profit of over \$200.00 which they can well use. Anyone having suggestions for next year's party should make them to the Chairmen. The Society wants to do everything to please the people fully at the next affair.

PRE-MARRIAGE DISCUSSION TO APPEAR

With the divorce rate ever on the increase here in America, it is becoming more evident the fewer and fewer people are actually prepared for marriage. In order for us to do our share in helping young men and women for matrimony, beginning in the February issue, we shall inaugurate a column dedicated to the young people who are contemplating marriage.

This discussion in serial form will strive to show what people should look for before actually taking the marriage vows. Even in courtship, there are several danger signs which point to a bad marriage rather than a happy one. What are these signs? We shall discuss them. What should a person look for in seeking the right mate for a marriage which is to last, in the eyes of God, "until death do us part"? What are some of the real qualities to seek in this lifetime mate? All these and other matters will be considered in the discussion. We ask that all those who are thinking of taking the marriage vows in the near future, follow these articles from month to month. This discussion will begin in the February issue.

HOLY NAME PLANS FAMILY NIGHT

Realizing that all too often, the family is neglected even without intention, the Holy Name will sponsor a Family night sometime in Feb. More details will be discussed at the next meeting, and announcements of the final outcome will be made in the next issue of the BULLETIN. We would ask all the members to be present at the next meeting as this will be discussed together with other important matters.

Minden hívünknek és joakaronknak igen boldog és békés szent újévet kívánnak a ti nővéreitek az egyházközségi előljárok és alelkipásztoraitok. A jó Isten adja, hogy ez új esztendő hozza meg, ami után az emberiség vágyakozik, az igazságos és szent BÉKÉT.

Január 21-én új plébánia épületünk megáldása lesz. Püspök úr személyesen ohajt velünk lenni és személyesen végzi azt délután 3 órakor, tehát minden hívem tartsa büszke és becsületes kötelességének velünk lenni. A BANKET? NEMAZNAP LESZ? HANEM FARSANG VASÁRNAP? FEBRUÁR 4-én.

Itt közlöm hiteim részére az évi statisztikát, keresztelédek száma 59. Ebből 55 kis baba és 4 felnőtt.

Hiteim szíves figyelmét felhívom, hogy az újszülötteket egy-két héttel születés után hozzák keresztviz alá, ha a gyermek egészséges, ha beteg, akkor hívjanak szülés után azonnal, Mivel halál veszély mindig állhat fenn ilyenkor, azért a fiatal anyák jól tennék, ha kath.korházba mennének szülni. Ott mindig van pap, vagy nővérek, az ápolónők szintén egyházunk tagjai, akik egész pontosan tudják, mit kell ilyenkor tenni, t.i. a gyermeket szükhük, hiteim ez új esztendőben sok-sok kereszttségben kell részesíteni.

Szükség esetén mindenki keresztelhet és a keresztelés szavai ezek, Én megkeresztellek téged az Atyának és Fiúnak és Szent Léleknek Névében. A kis babát aztán később kell a templomba hozni, hogy a szerkesztés tartás potoljuk. Kerzstszülők is szükségesek a keresztelésnél. Ne felejtjük el, csak vallásukat gyakorló 14 évesnél idősebb fiú vagy lány lehet keresztzszülő.

Házasságok száma, 33. Ebből 31 tiszta katolikus, kettő pedig vegyes házasság volt. Az illetékesek szíves figyelmébe ajánlom az alábbiakat, bárki férjhez menni, vagy házasodni ohajt, ebbeli szándékát legalább 3 hónappal előbbközölje a plébánosnak, azért van és tartja fenn. Ha vegyes házasságról van szó akkor legalább kettő hónappal a terpedig hűn terhe alatt kötelesek szom vezett házasság előtt jelentkezzék. Temetésünk volt, 45, 24 férfi és 21 nő. Végso szentségek nélkül elhalt

8. Ezek hirtelen haltak meg és nem volt idejük a jó Istennel kibékülni a földön, legalább is nem úgy, hogy az utravalót és a szent kenet szentségét felvehették volna. Ez legyen figyelmeztető mindenki részére. Fital is halt meg, aki emberi számítás szerint, még velünk volna, de már nincs. Tudod, mi a teendő? Légy mindig készen, mert senki nem tudja az időt, modot, vagy helyet, amikor a Biro hív. Betegjeink minden ho első péntekjén otthon gyonnak ésáldoznak, ez az üdvös szokás elve szi a félelmet, ha az áldozopap szentséggel meglátogat bennünket. Van betegünk, akihez 17 éve járunk minden első péntek és igen boldog és készen van. Ne fosszunk meg senkit a hozzátartozók oktalán félelme miatt a lelkük legnagyobb kincsétől, Jézus Krisztustól. Mult évben a szentségeket otthon 475 alkalommal szolgáltattuk ki és boldogan tettük, mivel így akarjuk kiérdemelni, hogy mi részesülhessünk benne, ettől pedig senki ne akarjon megfosztani.

A templomban a szt. áldozások száma 17,500 volt. Sokkal több lehetne, ha egyházközségünk hiteinek nagy számát vesszük figyelembe. Reméljük, hiteim ez új esztendőben sokkal nagyobb számban járulnak majd a szentségi Jézushoz.

Az ifj. Szent Név Társulat Szilveszter estélyt rendezett. Szép számban vettek részt különösen az ifju házások és igazi magyaros jókedvel bucsuztak a szt. évtől és köszöntötték az új évet. Reggel 5 órakor szt. mise volt és ugyancsak idő kellett, amig mindenkit haza tudtunk tanácsolni.

Itt az új év, új tervek esztendője. Egyházközsőségünk minden tagja álljon tálpra és tegye meg pontosan, ami rája vár. Minden férfi és nő, ifjak és leányok számára van egyesületünk, nekik ott a helyük. A gyermekeink, járjanak saját iskolájukkal, azért van és tartja fenn. A public schoolbajáro gyermekek bati hitoktatásra járni és ha szülei nem törődömége miatt ezt nem teszik meg, akkor a bűnben segítenek nekik. Ezért van az a segély?

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