

# ST. STEPHEN'S BULLETIN

BISHOP BOLAND TO BE HERE JAN. 22

His Excellency, Bishop Thomas A. Boland, will honor us on Jan. 22 when he will come to bless our renovated Convent Chapel. Bishop Boland will preside at the 11 o'clock Mass, and the blessing of the Chapel will take place after the Mass.

To have our beloved Bishop in our midst is a rare privilege, and we know that every good Catholic of St. Stephen's Parish will be on hand to give the Bishop a welcome worthy of his dignity.

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BLESSING OF HOMES AND THE CENSUS

According to the custom in our Parish, we shall begin the blessing of the homes and the census of the Parish in Jan. With the blessing, traditional after the Feast of Epiphany, we invoke the graces of the Almighty upon our family and our home. Certainly all of us welcome that blessing.

With the census, we check on the spirituality of the Parishioners. We hope that each family will anxiously look forward to this little visit by one of our Parish Priests. Each Sunday in advance we shall announce in Church the section that will be covered during the coming week. Please try to be home so that it will not be necessary to cause delay by having the priest come back again.

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NEW YEAR'S PARTY A SUCCESS!

Thanks to Steve Celmer and his Committee of hustlers, our New Year's Eve Party was a social success. A crowd of over 200 people enjoyed themselves and expressed their desire to be with us not only next New Year's but each time we sponsor another affair. We want to thank every one who contributed towards the success by their work or by their presence as our guests. We know they will be with us again.

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY - JANUARY 8

When God made man, He created him with a craving, a craving for happiness that can be satisfied only in heaven. How else can we explain our work, our recreation, in fact all our activity except by saying that we want these things because thru them we can find happiness.

Unfortunately for too many of us we are ever reaching after bubbles and castles in the air, confusing them with the genuine article.

For the married ones, we offer the only real solution if they really want the "McCoy". Imitate the Holy Family in your daily lives and you will begin to enjoy true happiness.

We need not talk to those who have families, for they already know the happiness of having a family, but we would rather talk to those who prefer a television set to a baby, or a car to a baby carriage. How often is it necessary for them to be reminded that they stand in danger of Christ saying to them: "Depart from me, ye cursed".

They don't know the joy of being called "Dad" or "Mother" because they're too busy having a goodtime. They don't know the joy of seeing their own flesh and blood approach the Altar of God for their first Holy Communion. They still belong to that pitiful group of people who think they can have their cake and eat it at the same time.

On Sunday, Jan. 8, every decent Catholic family that has not been contaminated with the filth and godlessness of Birth Control, will solemnly dedicate themselves once more to the Holy Family. They know the real score. They know that riches do not make homes happy. They know that the only way they can have treasures that no wealth can give or poverty take away, is by imitating Mary and Joseph. Would that every home were like the humble home at Nazareth. IS YOURS?

In the life story of Benjamin J. Godri, Jr., we have another example of "Local Boy Makes Good". Ben was dropped by the stork on Feb. 26, 1913 in the city of Passaic, and was promptly greeted by his parents, Benjamin Sr., and Helen Soos. He began his schooling in #10, Passaic, and after his family moved to Clifton, he attended #7 & #12 in that fair city.

Despite the fact that he began saving a lot of money on haircut expenses (his Dad being a barber), young Ben decided to go into the big world and earn a more substantial living for himself. His first job was that of a glass cutter. The water shortage soon converted him into a bartender, after which he went from carpentry to dry cleaning.

Here his hobby became his means of livelihood, when he entered the field of radio. After several years at various plants, Ben finally settled down with Federal Telecommunications, where he is at present the General Foreman of the radio equipment department, a well deserved job for a swell fellow.

On May 27, 1944, he made Mary Novak, "the happiest girl in the world" by changing her name to Godri. Among his activities, he completed a course in theory and drafting, as well as a course in Public Speaking at the Xavier School for Public Speaking and Labor Relations, plus a course in "Labor and Management Behind the Headlines" at Rutgers University.

He is a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus, a charter member of both the Parish Bugle and Drum Corps and the Holy Name Society, at present, President of the latter. He recently displayed most proudly a new pair of bowling shoes at the Wed. Night Bowling League, of which he is also a member.

Among his hobbies, he lists his work - radio, in addition to photography and interior decorating. He has done practically all of his own decorating in his home, of which he can justly be proud. All we can say to Brother Ben is - continued luck and success, Ben!

- 8 - Reception of new Holy Name Members - 3 P. M.
- 9 - Holy Name Meeting - 8 P.M.
- 22 - Dedication of Convent 11 A.M.
- 29 - Parish Annual Meeting - 2 P.M.

SPONSOR BOY SCOUTS

The Holy Name Society (English Branch) has taken over the responsibility of sponsoring Troop #31 of the Boy Scouts of America. It is a great opportunity for the members to be a partner in the molding of the younger members of our Parish into better citizens and Catholic men. With the grace of God and the cooperation of the Holy Name Men, all our expectations will be realized.

WOT HOPPEN?

Dec. 12th Meeting.

The Pamphlet rack will be installed during January; thanks to Mr. John Doychak for his creation.

The Bulletin Committee will meet at the Rectory each Saturday following the meeting.

Election of Officers at the next meeting, together with the choosing of new Committee men.

Spaghetti dinner after the Jan. meeting, prepared, cooked, etc. by Chef John Militello.

Attendance prize of 50¢ won last month by Andy Tyukody. Jack Pot of \$1.10 won by Joe Fett Sr., he not being present, it will be carried to Jan. meeting.

Report of the New Year's Eve affair will be made at the Jan. meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Jan. 23 - Mrs. Wm. Hudak-birthday
- 28 - Andy Tyukody - ditto

Please hand in the names and dates for any anniversary or birthdays of members or their families. We'll gladly print them

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Our man of distinction - Andy Tyukody! He joined our Society recently and already he is displaying great interest by his swell job as Master of Ceremonies at the last Communion Breakfast in Dec....The deer hunting season opened and closed as far as some of our members were concerned. Father (Frank Buck) Molnar, Frank (Daniel Boone) Zurey, and Andy (Zane Grey) Henyecz just went for a walk in the woods.. We are all very sorry to hear that Brother Frank Heck is confined to his home due to an illness. We're all plugging for you, Frank. How about dropping in to see Frank or send him a card at his home, 38 Outwater Lane, Garfield...from the looks of things, we have an engineer in our midst. Mrs. Swinarsky claims her husband would rather go without supper and play with the choc-choo train that Santa left for their kiddies. Now weally, Francis! ...Did you see Ben Godri's photo in the Herald-News recently. He received another diploma on Labor Management at Passaic High School. After all, we expect our presidents to be smart, huh, fellows?. Nice goin', Ben....Someday, some comedian will make a recording of the little get-to-gether that the editorial staff has each time in preparing the BULLETIN. Half the time is wasted in laughter. They really have fun. As "Red" Barber once said "we haven't had so much fun since the pig ate my little kid brother". (The more you think about that one the sillier it gets)..s'long now...

SCHOOL CHILDREN ON THE RADIO!

On Dec. 25th, a rebroadcast of a sermon by our Pastor, Father Gaspar together with the singing of traditional Hungarian Christmas songs by our School children was short-waved by the "Voice of America" to our kinsfolk in Hungary. We are honored to have had this privilege of spreading a little cheer among our less fortunate brethren in Hungary. We can well imagine the many tears that must have been shed as they listened to our greetings in the native tongue.

In this issue we begin a new column, called simply "The Question Box". Time and again, we Catholics are asked for information about our religion, and more often than not, we are stuck for the answer. Again it may happen, that we ourselves have questions about the Catholic Religion. Here's the answer to your prayer. Merely send your question, anonymously if you wish, to the Rectory, and we shall publish both question and answer in this column.

Any questions on religion will be welcomed. Let's get into the habit of getting the straight answer from a reliable source rather than a mere opinion from a usually unreliable source.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REV. SISTERS

A big hand of applause goes out to the Reverend Sisters for the beautiful job they did in decorating the Church for the Holidays. They outdid themselves in enhancing the House of God. Many remarks were heard, all singing the praises of the beauty of the Church.

Congratulations are due to them again and also the school children for the wonderful two evenings of Christmas entertainment which they gave us. We certainly thrilled at our little ones doing their share in their own inimitable way of spreading the Christmas cheer. God bless them all!

PARISH STATISTICS FOR 1949

<u>Sick calls</u>	- 311	
Female	- 211	
Male	- 100	
<u>Marriages</u>	- 32	
Church		25
Mixed		2
Revalidation	-	5
<u>Baptisms</u>	- 65	
Male	- 32	
Female	- 29	
Converts	- 4	
<u>Deaths</u>	- 36	
Male	- 21	
Female		- 15

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