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SAINT PETER'S PARISH

GRENADA, MISS.

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THE OBJECT OF THIS COLLECTION IS TO GIVE TO POSTERITY AN IDEA OF THE WONDERFUL WORK OF THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PETER, AND THE GREAT PROGRESS THEY MADE FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PARISH THROUGH THE TWENTY*FOUR YEARS, WHEN THEIR FIRST RESIDENT PASTOR RETIRED. THE SCRAPS HEREIN SHOW THEIR SOCIAL LIFE WAS INTERWOVEN WITH THEIR RELIGION.

MY THANKS AND APPRECIATION GOES TO FATHER BALSER AND THE SEVERAL CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS RECORD.

THE SCRAP COLLECTOR.

REV. C. E. MEADO,
PASTOR, ST. PETER

MAY 1, 1943 ~~May 31, 1967~~

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

WHERE THE FIRST RESIDENT PASTOR MADE HIS FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION UNDER THE PASTORATE OF MONSIGNOR PATRICK C. HAYDEN, CANON, CHANCELLOR AND VICAR GENERAL, APRIL 7, 1907, AND WAS CONFIRMED AT 10 O'CLOCK MASS OF THE SAME SUNDAY BY BISHOP THOMAS HESLIN. HE WAS ORDAINED SUB-DEACON BY BISHOP R. O. GEROW ON JUNE 1933, and A PRIEST ON MAY 20, 1934. HE WAS ASSISTANT FROM MAY 20, 1934 UNTIL FEBRUARY 10, 1935, WHEN HE WAS SENT TO CAMDEN (SULPHUR SPRINGS) FOR EIGHT YEARS, THEN TO ST. PETER, GRENADA, MAY 1, 1943.



CATHEDRAL
NATCHEZ MISS

SAINT PETER'S PARISH
GRENADA, MISS.

PRELIMINARIES

St. Patrick's Division:

St. Patrick's Parish, Water Valley, Mississippi, of which Grenada and Holly Springs were Missions, was divided into three parishes. They are St. Peter's, Grenada; St. Joseph's, Holly Springs; St. John's, Oxford; and the parish seat of the remaining portion transferred from St. Patrick's, Water Valley to St. John's, Oxford.

ANTECEDENT TO PRELIMINARIES

Father Cletus J. Manon, pastor of St. Patrick's, started a drive in January 1940 to raise funds to purchase land, and on March 2, 1940 bought a lot on the corner of Mound Street and College Boulevard from the Mississippi Methodist Education Commission for a consideration of \$1,600.00.

DONORS TO PURCHASE LOT

Sam Barranco.....	\$100.00
Vincent Barranco.....	100.00
Vincent Marascalco.....	103.00
J. W. Enderlin.....	15.00
Frank Marascalco.....	100.00
John V. Messina.....	100.00
Anthony Marascalco.....	50.00
Charlie Marascalco.....	100.00
Charles Michele.....	50.00
Joe Galutza.....	5.00
Big Joe Marascalco.....	50.00
Joe L. Marascalco.....	5.00
Grenada Coca-Cola Bottling Co.....	50.00
City Ice and Coal Co.....	50.00
J. H. Oliver.....	50.00
Dr. R. A. Clanton.....	10.00
Dr. Hill.....	1.00
City Lumber Co.....(Material).....	10.00

Moss Brothers.....	5.00
Will Moss.....	1.00
H. R. Savage.....	1.00
H. T. Rogers.....	1.00
51 Lunch Room.....	1.00
Quinn's Milk Produce Co.....	2.50
T. H. Meek.....	1.00
J. B. Anderson.....	1.00
W. K. Pierce.....	5.00
J. J. Marascalco.....	5.00
L. D. Boone.....	50.00
L. P. Mistrot.....	10.00
Wm. R. Moore Dry Goods Co., Memphis, Tenn....	5.00
Whittington Dry Goods, Greenwood.....	5.00
So. Leather Co., Memphis, Tenn.....	15.50
Greenwood Grocery Co.....	3.00
Standard Textile.....	5.00
L. J. Doak.....	25.00
W. E. Jackson.....	10.00
Canton Grocery.....	2.00
W. W. Robinson.....	2.50
A. Isenberg.....	2.00
R. E. Lee Cafe.....	2.00
A. P. Minns.....	.50
G. W. Grazier.....	2.50
J. D. Crenshaw.....	5.00
E. C. Neely.....	2.50
T. B. Revell, Jr.....	5.00
444 Tire & Battery Shop.....	2.00
L. G. Roberts.....	2.00
J. W. Berry.....	1.00
J. T. Thomas.....	10.00
N. N. Wright.....	1.00
Heath Brothers.....	2.00
J. W. Hill.....	1.00
C. P. Chapius..... (Work)	25.00
2nd Class Drug Store.....	2.50
Mrs. Boales.....	.25
Jay Gore.....	3.00
A. L. Cons.....	.25
J. A. Chapius..... (Work)	15.00
Turnispeed..... (Work)	25.00
American Legion.....	2.50
J. H. Bull.....	1.00

B. C. Adams.....	\$ 5.00
John Weil Simon Co.....	5.00
Sewell Manufacturing Co.....	10.00
Mrs. Mittchel.....	1.00
O. W. Scott.....	5.00
Mason Fowlkes Co.....	2.00
James B. Curtis.....	1.00
B. T. Stedman.....	.25
Mr. Cox.....	.25
Mr. Bidy.....	1.00
H. Siefried & Sons, St. Louis, Mo.....	5.00
Kabakoff & Lewis.....	2.50
Mr. Brown.....	.25
Mr. LeCola.....	.25
Mr. Criss.....	1.00
Gene Carr, New Orleans, La.....	25.00
R. D. Wooldrige, Calhoun City.....	15.00
Abraham Packing Co.....	10.00
Wilson Meeks.....	1.00
Mrs. Henry Roberts.....	1.00
H. A. Alexander.....	10.00
Nick Portra.....	5.00
Joseph Messina.....	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marascalco.....	5.00
Anonymous.....	28.50
Total.....	\$1,651.00

With sufficient funds to purchase the lot on which to build the church, the next step was to raise funds to erect the structure. In the above list some money was given to the general fund to build the church, but there was so little left after paying for the lot that more funds had to be raised. Plans were devised by which a loan could be made. After many meetings and suggestions the following was decided upon: A loan of five thousand dollars was obtained from Grenada Bank for which a note was signed by parishioners, Sam Barranco, Charles Marascalco, Vincent Barranco, Joe Louis Marascalco, and Frank Marascalco. The congregation made pledges to repay the loan by weekly donations.

Carl Day, an architect, drafted the plans for the building. The contract for the building was let to Mr. H. M. Day for his bid of eight thousand, eight hundred

dollars. Mr. Carl Day received the contract for the pews for his bid of eight hundred fifty dollars.

FUNDS FOR BUILDING AND FURNISHINGS:

Grenada Bank-Loan.....	\$5,000.00
Catholic Extension Society Donation.....	5,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Marascalco	
Cash.....	1,000.00
Holy Water Font.....	95.00
Statue of St. Joseph.....	56.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Marascalco.....	
Mr. & Mrs. Joe L. Marascalco.....	
Mr. & Mrs. Salvo Seric.....	
Statue of St. Peter.....	165.00
Miss Mary Marascalco	
Blessed Mother Statue.....	80.00
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Barranco & Family	
Statue of Sacred Heart.....	80.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Barranco & Family	
Statue of St. Anthony.....	62.00
Rev. Father John F. Clerico, D.D.	
Altar Angel.....	50.00
Rev. Father Cletus J. Manon	
Altar Angel.....	40.00
Mr. H. M. Day.....	50.00
Mr. J. T. Thomas.....	20.00
Mr. Carl Day.....	50.00
Mr. Joseph Marascalco	
Stations.....	163.00
Mr. Joseph Curro	
Station.....	28.50
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Barranco	
Stations.....	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Barranco	
Station.....	28.50
Miss Mary Marascalco	
Station.....	28.50
Mr. & Mrs. John V. Messina	
Station.....	28.50
	<u>\$12,225.00</u>
Total Donations.....	\$ 7,225.00

Corner Stone of St. Peter:

On the afternoon of June 9, 1941, His Excellency, Bishop R. O. Gerow, of Natchez, laid the corner stone of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Grenada, with the usual ceremonies. He was assisted by Rev. Father Clerico of Greenwood and Rev. Cletus J. Manon of Water Valley. The purpose of the ceremony is beautifully expressed in the prayer from the Roman Ritual read as the corner stone was put in place, "in the faith of Jesus Christ we lay the first stone in this foundation in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, that true faith, the fear of God and brotherly love may flourish in this place, which is destined as a place of prayer and for the invocation and praise of the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth God for ever and ever, Amen."

After the ceremony Bishop Gerow addressed the people present, voicing his pleasure in being with the people of Grenada and congratulating them in achieving the goal of their ambition, having a Catholic Church in their midst, a building altogether different from every other building, a house of God where Jesus Christ, true God and man, would dwell fulfilling His promise: "Behold I am with you always even to the consummation of the world." It is hoped that before long there will be a resident priest in Grenada, as without doubt Grenada is one of the finest and most progressive cities in Mississippi.

Since 1878 spiritual care of the Catholics of Grenada has been entrusted to the pastor of Water Valley. In the early days the Sacrifice of the Mass was offered only several times a year in Grenada, and that in the home of one or the other of the parishioners. For the past year, through the kindness and courtesy of those in charge, the Catholics of Grenada have been privileged to use the Community House for services every other Sunday morning of the month. It is hoped that the new church will be ready for use the latter part of July. The church will be solemnly dedicated later on. Several Bishops and a large number of priests will take part in the ceremony

and all who have so generously contributed toward the purchase of the property and the building of the church will receive a special invitation to be present for the dedication service. The exact date will be announced later. The Pastor, Rev. Father Cletus J. Manon, desires to take advantage of this opportunity to express his sincere appreciation and gratitude to the people of Grenada for their fine spirit of charity and cooperation, and trusts that abundant opportunities will arise giving him occasion to prove his appreciation and his esteem for the people of Grenada.





ST. PETER'S DEDICATED (GRENADA)

With all the pomp and ceremony the Church ordains for the blessing of what is to be a House of God, St. Peter's, the first Catholic Church in Grenada, was solemnly dedicated Sunday, October 19, 1941, at 10:30 in the morning. Most Reverend James A. Griffin, Bishop of Springfield, Ill., officiated at the dedication ceremonies, which were followed by a Solemn Pontifical Mass by Most Reverend R. C. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez.

Officers of the Mass were Very Rev. John H. Gasper, S.V.D., Rector of St. Augustine Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss., and Very Rev. Andrew J. Gmelch, Pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf, Bay St. Louis, Miss. Deacons of honor: Very Rev. Joseph F. Eckert, provincial of the Southern Province of the Fathers of the Divine Word; Archpriest, Rev. Pius Leabel, c.p. of Birmingham, Ala. Deacon, Rev. Fabian Hoffman, o.s.b., of the Benedictine Abbey at Cullman, Ala., sub-deacon, and Rev. Guthbert Bender, o.s.b., also from Cullman, master of ceremonies.

Present in the sanctuary were Their Excellencies, Most Rev. William D. O'Brien, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and president of the Catholic Church Extension Society; Most Rev. James A. Griffin and Rt. Rev. Abbot Boniface Seng of the Benedictine Abbey at Cullman. His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop O'Brien delivered the sermon.

Richard Prendergast and Aurello Messina, students at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) served as crosier and mitre bearers, respectively, and Vincent Barranco, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barranco, was train-bearer to Bishop Gerow.

The choir, composed of members of the Grenada and Winona congregations, and students of the University of Mississippi, sang the beautiful "Missa Angelica", whose author is Rev. R. J. Sorin of DeLisle, Miss. Miss Flora Alice Gore, of Winona, majoring in music at Mississippi State College for Women, was organist.

You are cordially invited to be present at the

Dedication Services of

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

Grenada, Miss., at ten thirty, Sunday Morning
October nineteenth, Nineteen Hundred Forty-one

Officiating

Most Reverend Bishop
James A. Griffin, D. D.
Bishop of Springfield, Illinois

Celebrant of Solemn Pontifical Mass

Most Reverend Bishop
Richard O. Gerow, D. D.
Bishop of Natchez, Mississippi

Sermon by

Most Reverend Bishop
William D. O'Brien, D. D., L. L. D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, Illinois

Father Cletus J. Manon
Pastor

ST. PETER'S DEDICATION

After the ceremonies, dinner was served at the Grenada Hotel and from five to seven-thirty o'clock that evening the ladies of the parish entertained the benefactors of the church at a spaghetti supper.



BISHOP JAMES A. GRIFFIN OFFICIATING AT
DEDICATION CEREMONIES



BISHOP R. O. GEROW GIVING THE BLESSING AT THE
SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS



BISHOP WILLIAM D. O'BRIEN GIVING THE SERMON



Group taking part in the ceremonies of dedication as they appear in picture: V. Rev. Andrew J. Gmelch, V. Rev. John H. Gasper, S.V.D., V. Rev. Joseph F. Eckort, S.V.D., Rev. Pius Leabel, C.P., Rev. Fabian Hoffman, O.S.B. Bishops Wm. O'Brien, R. O. Gerow, James Griffin, Rt. Rev. Boniface, O.S.B., Father Manon

The following are the articles appearing in the local paper The Daily Sentinel Star:

FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GRENADA COUNTY

St. Peter's is the first Catholic Church to be built in Grenada County, and serves the Catholics in an area of about one thousand square miles. It is considered a credit architecturally to the good taste of the Catholics in Grenada and their non-Catholic friends and donors.

RECTORY PURCHASED

The rectory was purchased February 24, 1943, from Mrs. Carl Day, a non-Catholic. Mrs. Day purchased the house from Mr. and Mrs. Martin in her name and then turned it over to Father Manon. The price was \$2,800.00. Copy of the deed is in the rectory safe and the original in the archives of the Diocese. The house, not desirable in many ways, was bought as there was no other choice. The town was over-crowded with soldiers and their wives from Camp McCain and the house was at a premium. The house is located about six blocks from the church, but it will serve its purpose until funds can be raised to build on the lot next to the church.

To purchase this house it was necessary to obtain a loan. One was made February 23, 1943, at the Grenada Bank for \$1,300.00 at 6%, and \$1,500.00 from the Diocese of Natchez at no interest.

ST. PETER'S ELEVATED TO THE STATUS OF A PARISH

At noon of Friday, April 30, 1943, the Reverend Clifford E. Meador arrived to take over the new parish of St. Peter as its first pastor. The Rev. Cletus Manon met him at the church. After looking over the building they went to town, where Father Meador was introduced to Miss Mary Marascalco and Mr. Sam Barranco. They were the two upon whom he could depend to get cooperation and help in getting settled. After a few more details had been taken care of the two priests went to Water Valley, as Father Manon was moving to his new rectory at Oxford. Father Meador made the trip to secure Sacred Vessels as



REV. CLIFFORD E. MEADOR

there were none in Grenada. He remained overnight in Oxford with Father Manon. On May 1, Father Meador offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in St. Patrick's Church in Water Valley and then returned to Grenada. Here he contacted Sam Barranco in regard to getting the necessary furnishings to enable him to occupy the house. Sam introduced Father to Mr. Grant of Grant Furniture Company and instructed him to give Father what he needed and the congregation would take care of it. The few necessary articles selected were to serve until the house could be completely furnished. Articles selected were a bed, two rockers and a chiffarobe and shades. They amounted to \$217.00 and were paid for on July 16.

A meeting was called Sunday evening, May 2, immediately after Benediction. All agreed to contribute what was necessary to pay the cost of the furniture.

HOUSE FURNISHED

Father Meador went to Jackson, Mississippi, and was given credit for thirty days asked from Mr. Jones of C. W. Jones Furniture Company. A selection was made amounting to \$1,429.00. Mr. Jones gave a donation of \$410.00. Office furniture was bought from the Mississippi Office Supply Company amounting to \$182.99. Mr. P. N. Harkins, Jr., gave a discount amounting to \$16.00. The ladies made other purchases for the house which brought the amount of furnishings in the rectory to \$1,979.62. The donors for the furniture are as follows:

Vince Barranco.....	\$100.00	.....	\$30.00
Vince Marascalco.....	100.00	.....	25.00
Charles Michele.....	20.00		
Frank Marascalco.....	106.35	.....	20.00
Joe Louis Marascalco.....	100.00	.....	15.00
Sam Barranco.....	100.00		
Big Joe Marascalco.....	50.00	.....	25.00
Jos. P. Marascalco.....	50.00	.....	25.00
Joe Curro.....	50.00		
John Messina.....	15.00	.....	8.00

Joe S. Messina.....	\$15.00	.....	\$15.00
Joe Matassa.....	15.00	.....	20.00
Jim Fonte.....	10.00	.....	5.00
Dona Marascalco.....		.....	50.00
Mary Marascalco.....	50.00	.....	20.00
Mrs. Rose T. Marascalco.....	50.00	.....	15.00
Mrs. L. D. Boone.....	Studio Couch	.....	10.00
Lucien Mistrot.....	10.00		
Sam Robert Marascalco.....	10.00	.....	10.00
Joseph Galutza.....		.....	1.00
Ralph Brocato.....		.....	5.00
Vince Skettino.....	20.00	.....	10.00
T. Joe Marascalco.....	10.00	.....	10.00
Mrs. Salvo Serio.....	15.00		
Joseph Ihle.....	50.00		
Vigus.....		.....	20.00
Miss Amy Cawley.....		.....	5.00
	Total		<u>\$1,285.00</u>

EXTENSION DONATION FOR RECTORY

On May 1 a check to the amount of one thousand dollars was received from the Church Extension of Chicago, through the office of the Bishop, to apply on the rectory purchase. This sum was applied on the \$1,300.00 at the Grenada Bank, leaving a balance of \$300.00 and \$1,500.00 to the Diocese of Natchez.

INTEREST ON THE CHURCH LOAN

On June 4, \$150.00 was paid as interest on the \$5,000.00 loan to build the church.

HANSEN BILL PAID

On July 12 a check for the amount of \$67.00 was paid Hansen and Son on the bill of \$167.40, leaving a balance of \$100.40. This balance was paid September 20.

HELP THROUGH EXTENSION

Monsignor Murray of St. Frances de Paula of Chicago, Illinois, sent the first monthly help through Extension on July 11. This was to help the new parish. This help was to continue for at least a year, and perhaps longer. The amount sent was \$50.00.

CHAPLAIN AT THE AIR BASE

William J. Bresnahan, O.P., First Lt. - Sept. 1, 1943



DEDICATION OF USO WOMEN'S DIVISION CLUB
by
BISHOP R. O. GEROW

THE USO

The USO Women's Division Club operated by the National Catholic Community Service opened Sunday, September 19, at 4 o'clock. Bishop R. O. Gerow of Natchez made the principal address. Army and Civilian officials were present.

The first floor of the Club had recreational facilities which included a lobby, social hall, kitchen, sewing and craft rooms. On the second floor were beds for emergency housing of army wives.

The Committee of Management of the USO Club was under the direction of Miss Gertrude Bouchard. The public, both Army and Civilian, are cordially invited to this formal opening.

SOLDIERS AND ADULTS TO BE CONFIRMED

At 8 P.M. in St. Peter's the Most Reverend R. O. Gerow, D.D., confirmed a class of soldiers and converts, followed by Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

RECTORY BANK NOTE PAID

September 21, 1943 the note of \$300.00 and interest of \$27.20 due the bank on the rectory was paid. This left only the \$1,500.00 note due the Diocese on the rectory.

MEETING TO CLEAR \$5,000.00 ON NOTE ON CHURCH

On Sunday, September 26, 1943, a meeting was called by the pastor to talk over the \$5,000.00 note due the bank. Mr. Oliver offered to give \$250.00 if the debt on the church was cleared by Fall. This was put before the men of the congregation and they all agreed to pay what they had promised in advance instead of paying over a period of years. The following Sunday a meeting was called and the sum of \$3,666.50 was collected, and \$333.50 from current collections was applied to the note October 6. Names of the donors were:

J. F. Marascalco
Sam Barranco
Sam Robert Marascalco
Charles Marascalco
Lucien Mistrot
Joe S. Messina

Joe Curro
Vince Barranco
Louis T. Marascalco
Big Joe Marascalco
Frank Marascalco
John Messina

Salvo Serio
Dona Marascalco

Joe L. Marascalco
Mrs. L. D. Boone

DRIVE FOR CRIB FOR CHURCH

A meeting of the ladies was held at which it was suggested that they sell Christmas cards to purchase a crib for the Church. The project was a success and a crib was bought for \$200.00.

BISHOP CONFIRMS

On September 19 the Most Reverend R. O. Gerow, D.D., Bishop of Natchez, confirmed 20 soldiers. These soldiers came from Camp McCain and the Grenada Air Field. After the ceremonies the Bishop and the Pastor were the guests of the Chaplains at the Officers Club for a Steak Dinner. The Chaplains were: Major Malachy J. Hegarty; Malachy J. Cashman; Patrick Casey; Joseph T. O'Brien; Irving J. Kirschbaum. After the dinner the Bishop drove to Jackson.

FIRST BAPTISM

Sunday afternoon, October 17, marked the occasion of the opening of the beautifully furnished new Baptistery of St. Peter's with James Alan and Joseph Henry, twin sons of Lt. and Mrs. James Robert Sheeler, receiving baptism from the hands of their pastor, Rev. C. E. Meador.

VOTIVE STAND

The last Sunday in October three ladies, the wives of soldiers, called to offer \$20.00 towards a votive stand. On November 1, they returned and gave \$50.00 more toward the stand. This last sum was donated by the soldiers of the 3530th Ord. HAM Co. Lt. Angele C. Esposito donated the sum of ten dollars. The second Votive Stand was donated by Mrs. Vince Marascalco.

BANK NOTE PAID

On December 4, 1943, the remaining \$1,000.00 loan in the bank with interest of \$93.55 was paid through the donations of the congregation thus clearing the parish of all debt with the exception of the \$1,500.00 loan due the Diocese on the rectory. This debt was paid by seventeen families.

December 16, 1943 Father C. E. Meador appointed
Moderator of NECS-USO
December 27, 1943 Hansell-Bell Wedding

1943

REPORT ON SPECIAL COLLECTION

	May	\$119.03	
	June	63.35	
Special Envelope	July	<u>59.04</u>	
	Total		\$241.42
House to House Collection		\$1415.35	
Winona Special Envelope		40.96	
Extension Society		<u>1000.00</u>	2456.31
Discounts on Furniture or Donations			
Mississippi Office Supply		16.00	
Jones Furniture Co.		410.00	
Baldwin Jeweler		33.85	
Doak's		4.26	
Miss Mary		<u>31.11</u>	Plus
Total Discount		495.22	<u>495.22</u>
Total Receipts			\$3192.95
House and Furniture	\$	5115.52	
Paid on this debt		<u>3059.58</u>	
Balance due		2055.94	
Cash on hand to apply on this debt		<u>143.37</u>	
Which when paid will leave a debt of	\$	1912.57	
		<u>1800.00</u>	
		112.57	

This does not include the \$5000.00 and the other bills being paid each month. A fuller account will be given on this debt later.

FIRST WEDDING - MAY 10, 1943

The reason this wedding is recorded in the history of St. Peter's Parish is two-fold. In the first place, it is the first wedding, and secondly, it has a story that is filled with suspense.

To get down to the story, the pastor, Father Meador, sitting in his office was interrupted in his mental planning for the future of the parish by the ringing of the phone. On the other end was a soft pleading voice of a female seeking an interview with marriage in mind. The party was given directions and the pastor sat back to await their arrival. This was about ten in the evening. After waiting until midnight, Father gave up and went to bed - only to be aroused at 1:30 A.M. Who was it? The young couple still looking for the rectory. Further directions were given and they finally made it at 2:00 A.M. tired and exhausted. They were greeted and invited in. As the rectory was not furnished, except for two chairs and a card table, the ladies were asked to take the chairs and the two soldier boys sat on the floor. After all forms were filled out they left with the understanding that they would be notified when they could be married. The next day the proper dispensation was obtained from the Chancery Office and the wedding took place the next morning at 10 o'clock. After the ceremony, the Director of the USO Women's Division served them refreshments. The bride wished to have some pictures taken so we started out, only to have the bride stumble down the steps but she was saved from serious injuries by the groom and Father Meador who caught her before she fell. As all were getting out of the car, the pastor stumbled only to be saved from a fall by one of the party.

The young couple getting married were Arthur Ray Mullinix, a non-Catholic, of Corbin, Indiana, a soldier in the Acorn Division stationed at Camp McCain 9 miles south of Grenada, and Miss Mary Jane Brunett of Brazil, Indiana. Mrs. Floyd Mortin of Brazil accompanied Miss Brunett down and was one of the witnesses at the wedding ceremony. Master Sergeant John Swek-Band from Detroit, Michigan, stationed at the Grenada Air Base 4 miles north of the city, was the other witness.

CHAPLAIN CASEY - Camp McCain had many chaplains, but in 1943 Father Casey, from a California Diocese, was stationed there when the Parish of St. Peter was established. The picture is of Chaplain Casey and a Methodist Chaplain, two fine fellows, with Father Meador. The Protestant Chaplain jokingly said that they were both trying to convert the other to their religion but no progress had been made. These two were of the Acorn Division that pulled out in 1944, and I learned later that the entire Division was wiped out. I enjoyed the friendship of Several Chaplains, both Catholic and Protestant.



SNAPSHOTS OF U S O PERSONNEL



Mrs Libbie Feinstein, Miss Ann Miller, Asst. Dir., Miss Patricia McCullough, USO, Women Division, Director. Irvin Feinstein and Father Meador.



Mrs Libbie Feinstein at the camp, Patricia behind her.



Father Meador and Miss Patricia McCullough, USO Director Women Div.



SACRED HEART - WINONA



ST. PETER'S - GRENADA - 1944

WINONA CHURCH IN THE WINTER OF 1944 - The New Year had a cold beginning as shown in the two pictures below



SACRED HEART MISSION
IN WINONA - Father
C. E. Meador, Pastor,
is shown in this cold
scene in front of
the church

Cary L. Cullins,
Father Meador's
nephew with foot
on log of trees
cut down to improve
grounds



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Mr. J. A. Quinlan of Lima, Ohio, USO Director, Winona
Miss Prout of Boston, Mass. Director of USO Women's
Division, Grenada
Miss Mildred Daniels of Tiffin, Ohio, Assistant
Director, Winona
Rev. C. E. Meador, Moderator of both Clubs and Pastor
of St. Peter's, Grenada, Miss.



ST. PETER'S RECTORY

1150 Poplar Street

Purchased

February 24th
1944



January, 1944

The New Year began with a debt of only \$1500.00 which the people were determined to liquidate. On Jan. 1, Mr. Oliver presented his promised \$250. With the War Fund Drive on the pastor suggested that bonds be bought to pay off the debt.

Bonds Donated Feb. 26, 1944:

On Feb. 26, three bonds amount to \$222.00 were received. Adding this sum to the special collection of \$278.00, they were able to pay \$500.00 on the loan on April 4, which left only \$1000.00.

Bonds:

Miss Mary Marascalco.....	\$74.00
Mr. Vincent Marascalco.....	74.00
Sam Barranco.....	74.00

Repairs on the Rectory:

During February the dining room and front bedroom were remodeled. The living room had already been finished by the pastor. \$210.19 was paid to H. M. Day, the contractor for the work. Carl Day donated insulation board and in this way saved the parish a fairly good sum of money.

Meeting to pay off Debt on Church and Addition to House

On May 3, the first Sunday, a meeting was called and held at the rectory for the purpose of raising money to clear the \$1000.00 debt on the Church and to pay for adding an extra room to the rectory which would cost \$820.00 including the furniture. All agreed that \$2000.00 would be necessary and agreed to contribute \$100 each.

Contributions June 5, 1944:

Vincent Barranco.....	\$100.00
Sam Barranco.....	100.00
Joe Louis Marascalco.....	100.00
Frank Marascalco.....	100.00
Vincent Marascalco.....	100.00
Charles John Marascalco.....	50.00
Joe Curro.....	100.00
Charles Michele.....	100.00
Joe Messina.....	100.00
(Big) Joe Marascalco.....	100.00

Miss Dona Marascalco.....	\$100.00
Louis Aug. Marascalco.....	50.00
Joe Frank Marascalco.....	100.00
J. V. Messina.....	25.00

Parish Debt Cleared:

On June 1, a check of \$1000.00 was mailed to Bishop Gerow to take up the note against the parish. The congregation rejoiced that this debt was paid and continued in a special collection every Sunday to contribute toward a fund to build a new Rectory after the war. With this debt no longer pending they were able to pay all outstanding debts and make necessary repairs and buy badly needed sacred vessels and vestments. In one year they paid off a debt of more than \$11,000.00 and added many improvements.

Addition to the Rectory June 14, 1944:

Mr. H. M. Day, contractor, added a room to the rectory and repaired the roof on the side room for \$820.00. The contract was signed on June 14. The amount was paid for from funds received in a special church debt collection and a small amount left over from the April collection. Furniture for the room was bought from C. W. Jones Furniture Co., Jackson, Miss., for \$168.30 with 40 percent discount.

Fathers Loyola O'Leary and Louis Leuthe, M.S.S.S.T.

During June, July and August, it was necessary to have the help of two priests in order to have three Masses in Grenada to accommodate the overflow of Catholic army personnel and their wives living in and about Grenada. Fathers Loyola O'Leary and Louis Leuthe took charge while the Pastor took a much needed rest and vacation in June and July. Father O'Leary remained until September when the 94th Division moved out. As there was no longer need of three Masses, the pastor went back to the regular schedule of two Masses with a third at Winona. The crowd grew smaller and smaller until October when the last Chaplain, Father John O'Malley, left, leaving the pastor with Camp McCain to take care of. One Mass was offered in Grenada, one in Winona, and a third Mass in the Camp Hospital. German prisoners of war were shipped into McCain which added another duty for the pastor. Mass was offered for them once a week.

Summer Religious Vacation School

While the pastor was on vacation, Fathers O'Leary and Leuthe conducted the Vacation School from June 19 to July 19 with 10 boys, 9 girls and one adult here at Grenada. Miss Mary Della Mattei and Miss Yvonne Yunker, two students of Ursuline College, Louisville, Ky., came down to teach Vacation Schools in the Missions of Scobey and Winona, August 7 to 25.

FATHER CELESTINE, M.S.SS.T.

As Father Meador could not speak German, he invited Father Celestine, M.S.SS.T., who was stationed at (Sulphur Springs) Camden with Father Lawrence, to come at least once or twice a month to give the POW'S Mass and to hear their confessions. This he did every Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock, until early in 1945 when he found that it was too much for him. He came until March when the pastor continued until the prisoners were shipped out. The Sunday Mass was discontinued after January since the few remaining could get transportation to town.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR WINONA CHURCH August 25, 1944

During March a drive was made to get new Stations of the Cross to replace the old ones at Sacred Heart Church in Winona. The following donated, making it possible to erect the new Stations, August 25, 1944.

Sgt. & Mrs. McMahon.....	\$18.75	First
F. A. & Alice Gore.....	19.00	Second
Miss Mildren Daniels.....	20.00	Sixth
Sgt. & Mrs. John Martin & Mother..	30.00	Fourth
Lt. & Mrs. Mahony.....	20.00	Eighth
J. A. Quinlan.....	10.00	Fifth
W. Mark Clifton.....	19.00	Seventh
Miss Jane Poe.....	19.00	Ninth
Everette Poe.....	19.00	Tenth
Mrs. Jim Baskin.....	10.00	Eleventh
Miss Mary Sullivan.....	19.00	Twelfth
Ed & Mrs. Hurly.....	10.00	Thirteenth
M. B. Gulley.....	9.50	Thirteenth
*Rev. C. E. Meador.....	20.00	Fourteenth
Mrs. B. G. McGeary.....	19.00	Third
	<u>\$262.25</u>	

*In memory of Louis and Louise Meador



Miss Mary Della Mattei



Miss Yvonne Yunker
Tommy Gray, Walter
and Billy Gully

SURE WE HAVE SNOW - 1945 - A FEW SNAPSHOTS



Father Meador



Nephew of Father Meador,
Cary L. Cullins, in front
of old rectory



View of Rectory

PAPER GIVEN BY FATHER MEADOR
AT CLERGY CONFERENCE IN JACKSON
MAY 1944
HISTORY OF ST. PETER'S PARISH
GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI

In giving the history of St. Peter's Parish of Grenada, it might be of interest to preface it with a brief history of the city proper.

Grenada has a unique history in the story of its founding, as it was formed on July 4, 1836, by a "civil marriage ceremony" performed by a Reverend Abraham Lucas, uniting the two rival towns of Tullahoma and Pittsburg. The two former towns are separated by Line Street. The city is located on a high bluff overlooking the confluence of the Yalobusha and Bogue Rivers. Grenada is half way between the Alabama State Line and the Mississippi, and is called "The Crossroads of North Mississippi."

In surveying the progress of the Catholic Church in Grenada, we find the zeal, courage, and sacrifice of the brave, gallant and intrepid warriors of Christ in pioneer days have been lost in the dim haze of the past.

As we come nearer to our own times we learn of the priests of the Diocese visiting Grenada several times a year, and from 1874 until 1943, when it was made a parish, Grenada was a mission of Water Valley. It is assumed that the history during this period is recorded in the annals of Water Valley.

Now coming to the Parish of St. Peter in Grenada, we may give a metaphorical development from its mission days to its present status.

Water Valley, having grown old, could no longer govern its restless, aggressive child, Grenada, that had reached a state of independence, so she appealed to the Ecclesiastical Authority to do something. His Excellency, the Most Reverend R. O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez, taking the plea of Water Valley into consideration, examined the youth, Grenada, found it normal, progressive, with a good future before it, raised it to the status of a Parish on May 1, 1943, with its dependents, Winona and Scobey, two weak children, I assure you.

Poor Water Valley, having lost this child and also Holly Springs, turned to her youngest child, Oxford, which appeared to have a bright future, for support in her declining years. Thus this family of parishes exists today... with Mother

Water Valley watching and praying for the success of her three sons, Oxford, Grenada and Holly Springs and their offsprings, the missions.

The youth with her Italian children proud of their independence, thought nothing of the \$8200.00 debt inherited in May 1943, and increased it to \$10,703.00 by June 1, 1943. The Canonical Guardian, the Reverend C. Edward Meador, appointed by His Excellency, looked about and saw a crop of long luscious, green legal tender, and realizing this was not to last for seven years, but rather months, immediately rolled up his sleeves and reaped the crop while all were intoxicated with the joy of having a resident pastor. On sobering up, they found they had liquidated the debt in twelve months. This was achieved none too soon, for six weeks later we witnessed the inception of the lean months, perhaps years. All are now sober, yet happy in knowing they are free of debt. Did I say sober? Well, let us get down to sober facts.

Grenada has been served by priests from various parts of the Diocese until 1874 when it was attached to Water Valley, from which it was served until May 1, 1943, when it was raised to the status of a parish. Prior to 1943, Father Cletus Manon of Water Valley, now of Oxford, a very zealous and tireless worker, surveyed the crop in this portion of the Lord's vineyard and realized he could not reap it alone. After making an appeal for help, the parish of Water Valley was divided into Holly Springs, Oxford and Grenada.

In preparing for the Parish of Grenada, Father Manon started out in January 1940 to accumulate funds for the purchase of land and on March 2, 1940, the cornerstone was laid by the Most Reverend R. O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez, assisted by Reverend John Clerico, D.D., of Greenwood, and Reverend Cletus J. Manon, pastor of Water Valley. The church was completed and dedicated October 19, 1940, at a cost of \$13,356.17.

In 1942, an additional \$149.83 was spent to furnish the church, and in 1943, \$218.22; 1944, \$230.81 was invested in sacred vessels and vestments. To date, the total expenditure on the building and outfitting of St. Peter's in Grenada has come to \$15,564.

The dedication was carried out with all the pomp and ceremony the Church prescribes for the blessing of what is to be a Temple of God. Those present were His Excellency, the Most Reverend James A. Griffin, Bishop of Springfield, Illinois, who officiated at the dedication ceremonies, and His Excellency, the Most Reverend R. O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez, who celebrated the Solemn Pontifical Mass. The sermon for the occasion was preached by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Wm. D. O'Brien, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and President of the Catholic Church Extension Society.

St. Peter's is the first Catholic Church ever to be built in Grenada and serves the Catholics in an area of about 1000 square miles. It is considered a credit architecturally to the good taste of the Catholics in Grenada and their non-Catholic friends and donors. The Extension Society gave \$5000.00 to the building fund.

The rectory was purchased in February 1943 for \$2800.00. Although not very desirable, the house was bought as there was no other choice, the town being overcrowded with soldiers and their wives, and houses being at a premium. An expenditure of \$1340.00 for repairs and \$2757.00 for furniture was made, after which St. Peter's Rectory was fairly comfortable and a parish building of which the people might be proud. I might mention here that the Extension Society gave \$1000.00 on the Rectory.

At this date the church property in Grenada has a total value of \$21,000.00. This is all from a material point of view. From the spiritual, well not bad, for of 20 families, 18 Italian and 2 American. All attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation with the exception of one family.

I might in conclusion make mention of the causes which have deprived St. Peter's of much revenue in recent months. The Grenada Air Field closed June 15, 1944, and the 94th Division moved out of Camp McCain the latter part of July, leaving Grenada a very quiet town. During the year, three Masses were necessary in Grenada, but after the Camp closed one is more than enough. During the months of plenty the income amounted to about \$1000.00 per month, now it is down to normal, about \$140.00 per month.

At present we are making plans to build up a fund to erect a new rectory adjacent to the church as soon as possible after the war. Not much progress has been made in this regard. Thus we have a short but replete picture of St. Peter's Parish.

RELIGIOUS VACATION SCHOOL

Religious Vacation School opened June 18 and ended June 30 with 9 boys and 7 girls taught by the Pastor.

The following Certificate of Baptism may be of interest.

C e r t i f i c a t e o f B a p t i s m

S C H L E P P E R, Werner August Ludolf

born 6. 12. 1921 Bremen

Son of his father Schlepper, Emil

and of his wife Schlepper, Maria born Olpe

Serial number: 31G-141083 POW Camp McCain (branch Camp Como)

Home address: Sebbenhausen ueber Nienburg / Weser, Hannover

joined the Catholic Church according to the prescribed rite
(Abjuration, conditional baptism, sacramental confession.)

Officiating Priest: POW Chaplain Englert, Ludwig 81G-258250

Home Address: Dallau 1/ Baden (Archdiocese Freiburg 1/Br.)

Witnesses: Dr. Albert Mirgeler 81G-252718 POW Camp McCain,
(branch Camp Como)

Home address: Leversbach, Dr. Dueren (Rheinland)

Wolfgang Ernst 31G-800167 POW Camp McCain,
(branch Camp Como)

Home address: Aachen, Weyhestr. 11

Mc Cain, 26. September 1945

Witnesses:

Ludwig Englert

JANUARY 1, 1945

The year of 1945 opened with a balance bank account of \$1562.26. Most of this money was for the special building fund. So we began the year under favorable auspices.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ESTABLISHED

The Holy Name Society was canonically established in St. Peter's Parish Sunday, March 11, 1945, at the evening devotions. During the evening services the members of the Society were received with fitting ceremonies. Officers: Messrs. Joseph Curro, President; Joseph F. Marascalco, Vice President; Lucien P. Mistrot, Sec.-Treas.

The chartered members are Charles Barranco, Sam Barranco, Vince Barranco, Joe Curro, Big Joe Marascalco, Joe F. Marascalco, Joe L. Marascalco, Sam Robert Marascalco, John V. Messina, Charles Michele and Lucien P. Mistrot.

At the May meeting of the Holy Name Society the picnic was planned for May 20. May 20 is the anniversary of the pastor's ordination. At this meeting religious discussions took place with much interest and enthusiasm. One of the principal features of this meeting is the treating of religious subjects.

V-E DAY CELEBRATED

Almost the entire congregation of St. Peter's turned out for the Mass of Thanksgiving for the victory in Europe, May 8, 1945.

PRISONERS OF WAR (GERMANS)

The latter part of 1944 German Prisoners of War were shipped to Camp McCain that had been evacuated.

JUNE 1945 GERMAN POW CHAPLAIN

Father Ludwig Englert who was captured in north Italy and was discovered Christmas Eve 1944 was given charge of the POW of area 5. As he had several camps to attend the pastor of St. Peter's, Father Meador, took care of two Sundays a month.



In order to get the congregation together a picnic is held each year in May. The above is that of Mrs Catherine Messina, the mother of John and Joseph Messina, enjoying a little refreshment.



Sam Barranco enjoying the picnic, a most dependable man.

SOME SCENES OF THE WINONA SUMMER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



This was taken in front of John Baskin home near Winona where we took the children for instructions.

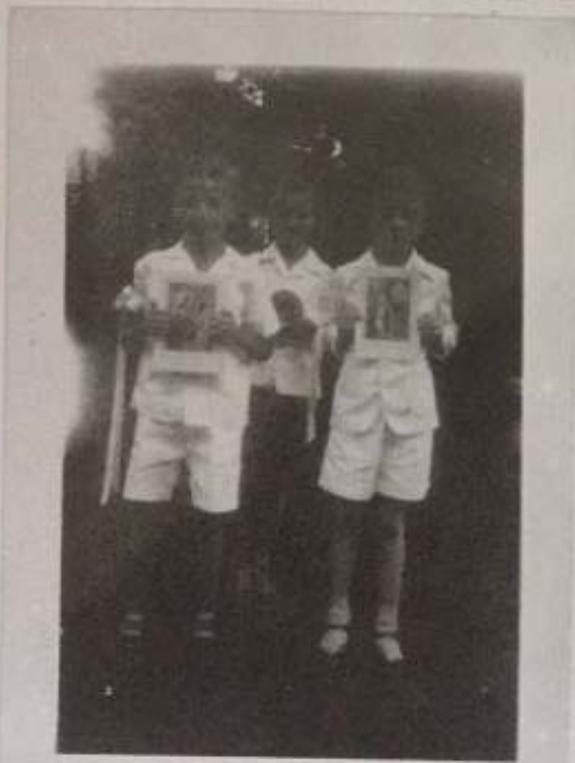


This was taken along the side of Sacred Heart Mission in Winona.

The three Sisters of Christian Charity arrived on June 10 to conduct 4 weeks of Summer Religious Vacation School in Grenada, Winona and Scobey. The Religion School opened in St. Peter's, Grenada, with 40 children present. In Scobey, the School opened with 6 children and 4 adults. Four little girls received their First Holy Communion when the Schools at Scobey and Grenada closed. They were: Mary Louise Nadeau, Mary and Rose Messina, and Sara Marascalco.



Winona Summer Religion School opened June 16 with 13 children in attendance, and closed July 8 with 3 little boys marking their First Holy Communion





1st wedding
w St. Peter's

Jan 5, 1943

Wedding

Fr. Cussey.
(Army Chaplain)

on ends } Helen & Leo Martin - attendant
in middle } groom bride
 } Andrew & Bernice Sufka

January 5, 1943
St Peter Church
Grenada, MS

1st wedding
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HOLY NAME SOCIETY

In November a special meeting of the Holy Name Society took place. Frank Marascalco was elected President to replace Joseph Curro who moved to Washington, D.C. Sam Barranco was elected Vice-President, Charles Barranco, Secretary-Treasurer, to replace L. P. Mistrot who had been transferred to Mobile, Alabama. Three applications were turned in to be acted upon at the regular December meeting.

JANUARY 1946

We have now come to 1946, and we opened it with the solemn reception of the new members of the Holy Name Society at 7:30 P.M. Following a banquet at the Barwin Hotel, new members of the St. Peter's Holy Name Society were admitted to the Confraternity January 2, the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. The ceremony was very impressively and solemnly carried out by the Spiritual Director, the Rev. Father C. E. Meador, assisted by the Rev. Cletus Manon of Oxford, deacon, and the Rev. Charles P. Seater, newly ordained of Vicksburg, subdeacon. A most instructive and eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Michael J. McCarthy of Canton. The ceremony was closed with Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The altars were beautifully decorated with a profusion of red carnations and wax tapers, which was the artistic work of the ladies of the Altar Society. The choir, with Miss Louise Marascalco at the organ, contributed the music for the occasion. So pleased was the Pastor that he wishes all to know how much he appreciated their co-operation in making this occasion a success and a memorable event in the history of the Parish. The Pastor publicly thanked the Fathers who, at no little sacrifice, made the journey to Grenada to make this occasion one never to be forgotten.

CAMP McCAIN CLOSED

As many of the men at Camp McCain had been discharged the Sunday attendance naturally decreased. Now only around 25 or 30 came each Sunday. The life of the Camp was extended for 60 days.

JANUARY 8 - DEATH OF JIMMY BOONE

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boone were notified January 8 that their son, Private Owen J. Boone, was killed in a motor vehicle accident on Okinawa, December 22, 1945.



JAMES BOONE
Killed Dec. 1945

The Solemn Requiem was offered for the repose of the soul of Private O. J. Boone followed by the service at the catafalque and the presentation of the American Flag to his mother. The music was supplied by the Greenwood choir.

Jimmy, as he was affectionately called, volunteered his service and completed his training with the paratroops before V-J Day and landed on Okinawa in October 1945. At the conclusion of the war he was assigned to the 1339 Corp-Engineers. He was born in New York City, October 30, 1926, came to Grenada with his parents at the age of 8 months, graduated from Grenada High School in 1943, immediately volunteered for service. Jimmy is the only casualty that St. Peter's has suffered.

ALTAR SOCIETY ELECTION

At the regular January meeting of St. Peter's Altar Society new officers were elected for 1946. Misses Josephine Barranco, President; Mary Marascalco, Vice-President; and Miss Dona Marascalco, Sec.-Treas., succeeding Mrs. Salvo Serio, Mrs. Rose Perters, and Miss Rose Marie Marascalco.

Splendid success was the result of superb cooperation of all members in supplying the flowers and clean linens for the altars and buying a beautiful antependium for the main altar. The pastor thanked the members for their devoted efforts in the house of God and wished them greater success during the new year.

F. JOE'S DEATH JANUARY 26

Sunday morning, January 27, prayers for the repose of the soul of F. Joe Marascalco were requested and the funeral announced for Monday morning.

FATHER TRAINER'S DONATION

Father H. S. Trainer, pastor of St. Francis De Paula, Chicago, Ill., on January 21, 1946, informed us by letter that we were to receive \$600.00, the proceeds netted at a card party given in his parish for the benefit of Grenada parish principally for a new Rectory. In the parish of St. Francis De Paula they have a "Mission Church Adoption Plan" which adopts a mission and contributes a set sum each month to help it get started on a firm basis. The check was received January 26.

FEBRUARY 20 PASTOR ATTENDS CONSECRATION OF BISHOP GRECO

Bishop Charles Pascal Greco, native born Mississippian, was consecrated Bishop of Alexandria Diocese February 26, 1946 in St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, by Archbishop Rummel.

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.Rev. Andrew Lawrence, M.S.Ss.T.
GAVE Mission March 1946



1st Communion-Joe
Vincent, Barranco
Grace Marascalco



Vincent and Joseph Barranco and
Grace Marascalco.

TERMINATION OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT CAMP McCAIN AND POW

Due to the small number attending Sunday Mass at Camp McCain, Holy Mass was discontinued there. Transportation for attending Mass in Grenada was promised to the few remaining Catholics.

FATHER LAWRENCE'S MISSION AT ST. PETER'S MARCH 17, 1946

Father Lawrence, Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity, stationed at Camden (Sulphur Springs), conducted a one week mission beginning March 17 and closing Saturday with a Missa Cantata by the Pastor. To add to the solemnity of the occasion, three little ones received their First Holy Communion; namely, Vincent and Joseph Barranco and Grace Marascalco. Both the pastor and the missionary were pleased with the people's good will. Religious articles were sold by the ladies of the Altar Society.

SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY'S ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In Winona at the April Meeting of the Sacred Heart Altar Society, Mrs. R. E. Strong was elected president; Mrs. Hurchel Gray, V. President; Miss Marie McGeary, secretary-treasurer. A study club within the society was proposed and received with enthusiasm. Its organization was to be perfected at the May meeting. At the May meeting of Sacred Heart Altar Society plans were completed to transport the children of the mission in and about Winona to Grenada for the Summer Religious School June 17 to July 14. A study club was organized to treat religious subjects in particular.

WINONA DISCUSSION CLUB'S FIRST MEETING

The discussion club held their first meeting on June 3 at which several topics were suggested for their next meeting which was to take place July 1, at 8:00 P.M. Great interest was manifested and the officers were very much encouraged. Mrs. Strong expressed the pastor's regrets at being unable to attend due to a previous engagement.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY PICNIC

Sunday afternoon the Holy Name Society of St. Peter's held their regular meeting. Mr. Charles Barranco, Secretary-Treasurer, who was to report for duty in the U.S. Marine Corp on May 24 tendered his resignation, which was accepted with

expressions of thanks for his service to the Society. Mr. Louis P. Marascalco was elected to serve the unexpired term of office. A congregational picnic was set for Sunday, June 26, on Bloodsaw Picnic Ground located west of Grenada. Time 11:00 A.M.

PASTOR'S SURPRISE

The congregation of St. Peter surprised Father Meador at the May picnic by presenting him with a purse on the occasion of the anniversary of his ordination. After a word of thanks it was announced that many prizes would be offered by the Holy Name Society for those competing for them in races. All enjoyed the day and returned home happy but tired.

ALTAR BOYS OUTING

The altar boys of St. Peter's enjoyed a weeks outing on the Mississippi Gulf Coast as the guests of their pastor, Father Meador, and enroute home toured New Orleans and other interesting places.

SUMMER RELIGION VACATION SCHOOL

Three Sisters of the Ursuline Academy of Louisville, Ky., arrived on Saturday to open religion classes Monday morning, June 17, at 8:00 and continue until July 14. The Sisters were Sister Inez, Sister Aloysius and Sister Mary. Sixteen boys and fourteen girls, ranging in age from 6 to 17, attended the classes. Twelve children received their First Holy Communion and fourteen children and two adults were confirmed. The Most Rev. R. O. Gerow arrived Saturday afternoon and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:00 o'clock Mass.

LIBERTO-MARASCALCO NUPTIAL

June 19, 1946

The first nuptial to take place in St. Peter's was between Donie Marie Marascalco and Anthony Liberto of Shreveport, La. Miss Donie Marie Marascalco, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Marascalco, and Anthony D. Liberto, son of Mrs. Carrie Liberto of Shreveport, were married in a Nuptial Mass in St. Peter's Church, Grenada, on Wednesday. Rev. Clifford E. Meador, pastor, officiated. Present in the sanctuary were Rev. Andrew Lawrence, M.S.S.S.T., Sulphur Springs, and Rev. Louis Leuthe, M.S.S.S.T., Washington, D.C.



The bride had as her maid of honor, Miss Mary Marascalco her sister, and as matron of honor, Mrs. Arthur Burroughs, a sister of the groom. Joseph Liberto, the brother of the groom served as best man. The flower girl was Mary Louise Serio and Charles Anthony Marascalco ring bearer. The bride's brother and three cousins served as altar boys.

The nuptial music was played by Mrs. Woodruff, organist, with Mrs. Sara Hart, soloist. Out of town guests were: Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Sara Hart, Misses Lockett, Ring and Hart of A. C. tion, Miss., Mrs. Liberto, mother of the groom, Mrs. S. J. Liberto, Mrs. Provenza, Mrs. Sam Fertitta, Misses Marie and Rosalie Fertitta of Shreveport, La., Misses Sara Dichiara, Dora Portero, Mrs. S. J. Portero and Mrs. J. Portero of West Point, Miss. Mrs. Joseph Curro of Washington, D.C., Miss Sarah M. Barranco of Pine Bluff, Ark., Miss Ann Whit of Philadelphia, Pa. A wedding dinner was served at the Barwin Hotel for the family and out of town guests following the ceremonies. A reception was held at the American Legion Hut from 2 to 6 p.m. The receiving line was formed by the Bride and Groom and members of their families. Wedding cake was served with old-time Italian wedding cookies and ice cream.

Photo

Mrs. Anthony D. Liberto, the former Miss Donie Marie Marascalco, and her bridal party.
Lower row left to right. Miss Rose Marie Marascalco, Miss Sarah Dichiara, Miss Louise Marascalco, Miss Rosalie Fertitta, Mrs. Arthur Burroughs, matron of honor, Little Mary Louise Serio, flower girl, Little Charles Anthony Marascalco, ring-bearer, Mrs. Vincent Marascalco, father of the bride, Messrs. Frank, Joseph John, Joseph Frank, Louis Paul and Mellow Marascalco.
2nd row: Mr. Joseph Liberto, groom Anthony D. Liberto, bride Mrs. Liberto, Miss Mary Marascalco maid of honor. Louis Augustus Marascalco.
3rd row: Joseph Messina, John S. Marascalco, Father Andrew Lawrence, Father C. Meador, Sam Barranco, John Marascalco.

BANQUET FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

St. Peter's Holy Name Society welcomed the returned veterans of World War II at a banquet in the private dining room of the Central Restaurant on Thursday last. Father Meador, the spiritual director in the name of the Society welcomed the boys, expressing happiness in having them home and extended an invitation to join the Holy Name Society.



BISHOP CONFIRMS JULY 14

On Saturday, July 13, His Excellency, Most Reverend R. O. Gerow, arrived to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, July 14. Those confirmed were: Therese Leona Barranco, Rose Doris Michele, Anthony John Michele, Richard Sam Barranco, Vincent, Joseph Messina, Anne Catherine Messina, Mary Rose Messina, Andrew John Marascalco, James Joseph Boone, Catherine Annette Marascalco, Robert Lee Morgan, Theresa Cecilia Galutza, Anne Elsie Dogan, Agnes Henrietta Dogan, Charles John S. Marascalco, Cabrini Eradell Marascalco.

BARRANCO - HODGE NUPTIAL

On Wednesday, July 24, Charles (Pasquale) Barranco and Catherine (Catena) Hodges were united in the bonds of matrimony at St. Peter's at a Solemn Nuptial. Rev. C. E. Meador, celebrant, Rev. Celestine, M.S.SS.T. of Kosciusko, Miss., deacon, Rev. Justin, M.S.SS.T., Canton, Miss., sub-deacon, Mr. Richard Queen, Canton, master of ceremonies.

Miss Rose Hodges, sister of the bride, served as Maid of Honor; Mrs. Joseph Marascalco, Matron of Honor; bridesmaids: Misses Camellia Poetera, Josephine Ann Barranco, Josephine D. Barranco, Josephine E. Barranco; Mr. Louis Barranco, brother of the groom, served as best man; ushers to the bridesmaids Messrs. Dominic J. Marascalco, Camello Marascalco, Louis P. Marascalco, Philip Barranco. Ushers: Messrs. Dominic and Frank Barranco.

Music for the Mass was supplied by the Canton Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Sara Hart, Soloist and Mrs. Lean Woodruff, organist. Out of town guests were from Birmingham, Besseman, Ala., Ruleville, Greenville, Durant, Greenwood, Jackson, Canton, Miss., New Orleans, La., Baltimore, Md., Pine Bluff, Ark.

After the ceremony dinner was served to over 200 guests in the spacious dining rooms of the home of the groom. In the afternoon a reception was held in the American Legion Hall. The Groom served three years in the Navy, much of which was in the Pacific War Zone.

GRENADA, MISS.

Dr. Samuel Marascalco is receiving congratulations and his wife, formerly Miss Anne White, is being welcomed to Grenada. Dr. Marascalco and Miss White were married last week in Royerford, Pa., the home of the bride. Dr. Marascalco a dentist served about three years in the Pacific War Zone and was recently discharged. His wife, a registered nurse, also served in the Army and was supervisor of Queens Hospital in Honolulu. They are to make their home in Grenada where Dr. Marascalco has his office.



Sam Skettino, who was sick the Sunday the class made their First Communion, was able to make his August 11. His class, who received theirs on July 14, joined him on his big day dressed in their veils and ribbons.

MRS. ROSE PORTERA DEATH

Mrs. Rose Portera, after an extended illness died on August 16, 1946.

MOSSUTO - BARRANCO

On September 4 Miss Josephine Barranco, the daughter of Sam and Rose Barranco, was united in the bonds of Matrimony by the Rev. Pastor C. E. Meador to Edward Mossuto, the son of Salvatore and Philomena Mossuto at a Nuptial Mass witnessed by a large crowd. Miss Louise Marascalco was the organist and Miss Sarah Barranco, soloist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Miss Concetta Tuminello, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Mrs. Charles Barranco, Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids, Josephine Serio, Josephine E. Barranco, Josephine D. Barranco, Sarah Marino, junior bridesmaid Leona Barranco, sister of the bride. Flower girl, Catherine Marascalco.

Joseph John Marascalco, cousin of the bride was the best man. The ushers were Louis Barranco, Frank Marascalco, Gus Hodges, Philip Barranco and Charles Barranco.

Dinner was served after the ceremonies in the spacious dining room of a local restaurant. Followed in the evening with a reception for the couples by many friends. The bride and groom will make their home in Jersey City, N.J.

The out of town guests came from near and far. Other than the parents and sister of the groom, many came from Staten Island, N.Y., New Orleans, La., Jackson, Hattiesburg, Greenville, Greenwood, Crugar, Durant, Miss., Pine Bluff, Ark.

RECTORY REPAIRED

The necessary repairs on the rectory, amounting to over \$600.00, were taken care of. The pastor proposed a second collection thereby giving all an opportunity to contribute to liquidating the debt. This second collection was started on September 8.



MOSSUTO-BARRANCO WEDDING

Miss Josephine Barranco, the daughter of Samuel
and Rose Barranco, and Edward Mossuto of Jersey
City, N. J.

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THE BLESSED VIRGIN SODALITY

The Blessed Virgin Sodality's certificate of canonical affiliation with the Prima Primariam in Rome dated June 29, 1946 was received and preparations were made to receive members. The Altar Society was absorbed into the Sodality on December 26, 1946. The following officers are: Miss Dona Marascalco - Prefect; Miss Mary Marascalco, Vice-Prefect; Mrs. Charles Barranco, Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. C. E. Meador, Spiritual Director.

The Sodality is officially known as THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE OF ST. PETER'S PARISH. On September 1, a meeting was held immediately after Mass to take applications for membership.

SOCIAL PARTY

On November 29 the ladies of the Sodality had a social party at the Legion Hall. This event is mentioned because social functions are something unheard of in the parish, but it is the hope of the ladies that such events will take place more frequently in the future.

THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Three beautiful stained glass windows were donated by the following:

JESUS, SAVIOR OF THE WORLD by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Marascalco

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY by Miss Mary Marascalco

ST. PETER by Mrs. L. D. Boone, Sr., in memory of her son, James Boone, who was killed on Okinawa, December 22, 1945.

JANUARY 12, 1947

BISHOP'S DIOCESAN CHANCERY BUILDING FUND

St. Peter's was assessed \$1218.00 for the Chancery Building to be built in Jackson. This sum must be collected within three years or less. Envelopes were distributed and each member was taxed \$1.50 each month for the next 3 years. One Sunday a month was designated for this collection.

MARCH SODALITY MEETING

At the March meeting of the Sodality the chairman of the Social committee, Miss Rose Marascalco, suggested an Easter Egg Hunt and Weiner Roast for the children on Easter Sunday afternoon. The suggestion was favorably received and acted upon. This event was enjoyed by the very young members of our parish.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

At the meeting of the Holy Name the members voted to give \$50.00 as their contribution to the Bishop's War Relief Collection.

SEMINARY COLLECTION

The Seminary collection of \$206.00 was augmented by an anonymous donor of \$1,000.00 making the total \$1206.00 as St. Peter's contribution to the seminary.

BALE OF COTTON DONATED

Mr. Orley Lilly, the owner of Oliver-Lilly Ford Co., gave the Pastor a bale of cotton to be raffled for the Church. The sum realized was \$285.00.

PROVINE - PORTERA WEDDING

On June 4 Miss Rosaline Portera married James F. Provine in the presence of Rev. C. E. Meador, pastor, in the home of Tony Portera, her brother.

HODGES - BARRAGONA NUPTIAL

On the morning of June 9 at 9 o'clock Miss Rose Marie Barragona, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Barragona and Constantine (Gus) Hodges, son of the late James Hodges and Mrs. Josephine Portera Hodges were married at Mass with the Rev. C. E. Meador officiating. Vincent Barranco and Joseph Messina were the altar boys. The nuptial music was provided by Miss Louis Marascaboo, organist.

LANCE - HODGES WEDDING

In the evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Josephine Hodges, Miss Rose Hodges became the wife of William Lance. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. E. Meador. Miss Hodges is the sister of Constantine (Gus) Hodges whose marriage took place in the morning. Immediately after this evening wedding and reception both couples left for a wedding trip to the coast.

SISTERS FOR THE SUMMER VACATION SCHOOL

As Mother M. Rosalin of the Ursuline Motherhouse of Louisville, Ky., could not supply us with sisters for the Summer Vacation School, His Excellency Most Rev. R. O. Gerow wrote to Mother Ignata, Sisters of Christian Charity Maria Immaculata Convent, Wilmette, Ill. This letter of the Bishop's was dated March 31, 1947 requesting three Sisters



Father Meador welcomes the three Sisters of Christian Charity. From left to right, Father Meador, Sisters Elvana, Arline and Louisita.



Mrs. Louis Stubblefield and daughter, Ann, of Oakland, travel 50 miles each day for instructions

1947
Summer School





SNAPSHOTS OF 1947 SUMMER SCHOOL PICNIC
AT MARTINE'S LAKE



Sister Arline, Sister Louisita,
Mrs. John Baskin, Sister Elvana,
Billy Gully, Bobbie Jean Baskin,
Tommy Gray, Walter Gully.



Mrs. Kate Johnson, Marguerite Devers
two children of Mrs. Devers and
Miss Mollie Wade. Scobey, Miss.

for St. Peter's in Grenada. Three Sisters were assigned and arrived in Grenada June 15. They were Sisters Elvana, Louisita and Arline. School opened on June 16 and closed July 11 with an enrollment of 13 boys and 18 girls of St. Peter's in Grenada; Winona, 4 boys, 1 girl and 1 adult; Scobey, 4 boys, 2 girls and 3 adults. According to a report The Scobey School was the only discouraging one. Two little boys, the Devers were faithful in attending all classes for the entire 12 days. Two girls, two boys the children of Harold Dogan attended only 4 days. This may be attributed to the indifference of the father who is only a nominal Catholic. Ann Stubblefield traveled 50 miles daily for instructions. Her mother, Mrs. Louis Stubblefield of Oakland saw to it that she was here daily. On July 13 Ann Stubblefield, John Edward Artman made their First Communion. The total attendance at the three summer schools was 46. On the evening of July 13 a picnic at Martin's Lake, east of Grenada, was enjoyed by the Sisters and children. Thus ended the Summer Vacation School.

CATHERINE MESSINA FUNERAL

The funeral of Catherine Messina, the mother of John and Joseph Messina and Mrs. Sam Testa took place on Tuesday, September 23, at a Requiem Mass.

WINONA MISSION

In the Mission of Winona the following made their First Holy Communion: Walter and Francis Gulley on August 3. On August 31 Bobbie Marie Jean Baskin.

ORPHAN'S COLLECTION

The Orphan's collection amounted to \$290.86 and an anonymous contributor gave \$500.00, making a total of \$790.86.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The following donated stained glass windows:

ST. THERESE - Charles J. Marascalco, Dec. 28, 1947

ST. ANTHONY - Vince Barranco, Oct. 20, 1947

JANUARY 1, 1948

The New Year of 1948 begins with a current balance of \$49.35. The fund with which to build a rectory amounted to \$1149.38 in cash and \$2000.00 in U.S. Bonds. Both the Church and Rectory are in good condition after the repairs and improvements of 1947. For the Diocesan Building in Jackson our parish paid \$618.00 of the assessed \$1218.00. The balance of \$600.00 may be paid in the next two years and we do not think that we will have any difficulty in doing so.

JANUARY 14

Before getting my report to the Bishop I discovered that termites had damaged the church by eating away a part of the sub-floor in the church and also the rectory so repairs were undertaken January 19, which cost \$220.00 for the Church and \$230.00 for the house. This money had to be borrowed from the Building Fund. Then in January the church at Winona was found needing repairs costing \$235.00. This amount also had to be borrowed from the Building Fund. Now all three places have been treated and bonded.

FEBRUARY 1948

Sunday, February 8, the Holy Name Society met and elected John V. Messina, President; Big Joe Marascalco, Vice President; and Charles P. Barranco, Secretary-Treasurer.

Lenten services opened Ash Wednesday, February 11. In spite of very unfavorable weather a goodly crowd attended both the Mass in the morning and the evening services.

BISHOP CONFIRMS MARCH 10

His Excellency Most Rev. Richard C. Gerow, D.D., Bishop of Natchez, arrived Wednesday, March 10, and at the 7 o'clock service in the evening confirmed five adults.

Those confirmed were: Mr. & Mrs. Louis H. Stubblefield, Oakland, Miss; Mr. & Mrs. John E. Artman, Grenada, Miss; Doctor Harry C. Wood, Grenada, Miss. Mrs. Stubblefield, Mrs. Artman and Dr. Wood are converts. The Bishop was assisted by Father Gilbert Hay, M.S.S.S.T., of Canton, Miss., and Father Meador, the Pastor.



First row, l-r, Mrs. John E. Artman, Dr. Harry E. Wood, Mrs. Louis P. Stubblefield; second row, l-r, John E. Artman, Louis P. Stubblefield; third row, l-r, Father Gilbert Hay, M.S.S.T., of Canton, Bishop R. O. Gerow, and Father Meador, pastor.

LAETARE SUNDAY COLLECTION 1948

March 7th, Laetare Sunday the collection for the Bishop's European Relief amounted to \$205.00.

PICNIC AND EASTER EGG HUNT

The picnic and Easter egg hunt was held at Bledsoe Place March 21, was a very successful gathering of the congregation. These picnics have as their objective, bringing the people closer together.

GEORGE LAMB FUNERAL

During the absence of the pastor, Father Cletus Manon of Oxford, Miss, took charge of the funeral of George Lamb who died April 7th 1948. George Lamb was received into the Church July 1, 1946 and was confirmed by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Meador. Mrs. Martha Enderlin, who in pre-parish days was very zealous in catechizing and giving assistance, she called the pastor to see George. As he was interested in the church he was given instructions and was received into the Church as noted above.

MISSION BY FATHER WALTER MACK, O.M.I.

On April 11th the mission opened with the 8 o'clock Mass and closed Friday night with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The mission was well attended and very good results were noted. Several who had neglected their duties for several years were brought back.

After closing the mission in St. Peter's Father Mack went to the Sacred Heart Mission in Winona for one week, the results there were also gratifying. While the mission was being conducted in Winona, Father Meador attended the Eucharistic day in Pascagoula, where many attended.

SODALITY ELECTS

At the regular monthly meeting of the Blessed Virgin Sodality in April the annual election of officers took place with Miss Dona Marascalco re-elected Prefect, Miss Mary Marascalco succeeding Mrs. J. F. Marascalco as vic-prefect and Mrs. Salvo Serio succeeding Mrs. Charles Barranco as secretary-treasurer. One of the highlights of the meeting was a favorable report on the distribution of Catholic Papers to Catholics and non-Catholics in out-lying towns.

CROWNING OF BLESSED VIRGIN

Sunday, May 30, witnessed the first crowning of the Blessed Virgin since the founding of this parish. It is the intention of the Pastor to make it an annual ceremony. Grace Marascalco, the daughter of Joe Louis and Mary Marascalco, had the honor of crowning the statue. She earned this honor by coming out with the highest average in Catechism. Little Vincent Barranco presented the rosary made of small flowers. This honor was his for receiving the highest average among the boys of his class in Catechism. Catherine Messina, among the high school girls, had the highest average in Catechism so she was honored by reading the consecration prayer in the name of the Sodality. Cynthia Matassa and Catherine Messina waited on the little girl who crowned the statue.

ALTAR BOYS OUTING

On May 31, Father Meador took the four altar boys to Biloxi for a week in appreciation for their faithfulness in serving Mass during the year. This is an annual event that the boys happily look forward to.

PLAN TO REPAIR WINONA CHURCH

Plans to spend about \$2,000.00 in repairing the Church in Winona were discussed at a meeting on June 7, 1948. Due to lack of funds, only the essential repairs can be taken care of at this time.

RECREATION GROUND

On June 13 a meeting was called at the request of several parishioners who are anxious to secure a place where the children can go and enjoy themselves during the hot months. A place is being considered, but, as usual, some objected to the price desired for the place. As it now stands, it cannot be accepted for the Church as it would bar some of the children whose parents fail to respond when it comes to providing anything for the Church or to help others. This meeting was in vain.



MISSION APRIL 11, 1948



Father Walter Mack, O.M.I.



Father Mack in a relaxed and care-free moment with Cary L. Cullins, nephew of Father Meador, enjoying a little refreshment.



Left to right: Mrs. Lelia Branch, Paul Edward Holley, Mrs. Paul Edward Holley nee Genevieve Catherine Bartnick, Mrs. Francis Bartnick, mother of the bride. Below are other snapshots taken of the couple by Father Meador.



HOLLEY-BARTNICK MARRIAGE

June 12, 1948

This young lady wanted to be married in a brides outfit, so her mother stated, and that is what she got when she and Paul presented themselves before Father Meador with her mother and another relative as witnesses.

SOME SCENES OF GRENADA SUMMER SCHOOL - - - - - 1948



MORE SNAPSHOTS OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 1948



PARISH DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.

In the evening of August 22, 1948 the Pastor dedicated the Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For this service the church was filled to capacity.

PARISH REDUCED IN SIZE

A letter from His Excellency- Bishop Gerow, dated August 30, 1948 stated that on August 28th the new parish of Starksville was established, taking from St. Peter's, Webster and that part of Choctaw county in St. Peter's Parish to form the new parish. When this new parish was proposed in February 2nd 1948 the Bishop asked for pastor concerned for their frank comment. The pastor not only approved the taking of Webster and that part of Choctaw but also suggested including in the new parish that small section of Calhoun which was refused.

COLLECTION FOR THE MISSIONARY SERVANTS:

Complying with the Bishops request the Pastor allowed a collection to be taken up by the religious community of Missionary Servants for their work. September 26 Father Brian M.S.S.T made an appeal for help. The collection netted \$97.30, this more than pleased Father for it was very good for a small parish.

HOLY WATER FONT**WINONA

Miss Ester Quinn of Memphis donated \$25.00 for Font for Winona in memory of her father and mother. Her father died in Greenwood August 18 and was buried from the Church in Winona, the body was brought to Pontetoc in Northeast part of Stated for interment along side his wife's who preceeded him to the grave. Father Meador officiated.

ORPHAN COLLECTION, NOVEMBER 28:

The collection for the orphans in 1948 amounted to \$509.00 The Pastor expressed his thanks and gratitude to Mrs Salvo Serio, Missess Dona and Maray Marascalco, three very zealous workers for the orphans and other parish works.

SODALITY ADVOCATES FIRST SATURDAYS

At the regular September meeting of the Blessed Virgin Sodality of St. Peter's a suggestion was made that the members set an example for the congregation by observing the First Saturday of each month in honor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and to recite the rosary daily to obtain peace for the world and especially for the success of the U.N. meeting now in session in Paris. Sunday the pastor announced the Sodality's resolution to offer their prayers and work to obtain peace and recommended the practice to the entire congregation. Eleven members of the Sodality attended Mass and received Holy Communion the First Saturday in October. The Sodality hopes that this is the beginning of a great movement in favor of the first Saturday devotion. It was announced that special devotions would be held each Tuesday evening at 7:30.

JANUARY 1949

The year started off with Winona having \$90.10 for improvements and \$1000 from Extension. Several small donations from the congregation were received during the month. January 11 The Sisters of Christian Charity sent \$26 for this mission of Winona and on January 19 Sister Arline who is stationed in St. Louis sent \$25, a contribution from her class. During the month of January many improvements were made but not completed. The total amount for improvements will not be known until the work is completed. Just how much has been expended during the past year and this month cannot be calculated until the work is completed which I hope to have done before the close of 1949. Herschel Gray's bid of \$757.10 for labor, painting and carpenter work was accepted.

During the month of February gas heating system was installed at a cost of \$250.00 but it seems as if we will have to increase the number of heaters for this coming winter.

Mr. Condon Parker of Leland, the son of Mrs. Parker of the Mission, donated \$20.00 for an altar cloth.

The Sacristy was enlarged and the back room of the Winona Church renovated so that we now have two nice rooms for Sunday School.

LAY TEACHERS

On Sunday, March 20, the Pastor appointed Mrs. L.D. Boone, Sr., to teach the little ones on Sundays and placed Dr. A. L. Nadeau in charge of High School children and Mrs. Gus Hodges in charge of the intermediate classes. An information class was conducted by the Pastor on Sundays in the afternoon.

ENDERLIN FUNERAL

The sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Joseph (Martha) Enderlin was announced from the altar on Sunday, March 27, and the funeral Mass to be held the following Monday at 9:30.

Mrs. Enderlin died in Texas where she spent the winter months with her husband because of his health. Mrs. Enderlin had planned to return to Grenada with her husband shortly when death intervened. She died March 24, 1949 and was buried in Grenada Monday, March 28.

Mrs. Enderlin did wonderful work for the Church while Grenada was a mission of Water Valley. Many of the children owe their little knowledge of the Church to her. Prior to the building of St. Peter's she and her husband had a room fitted out for a chapel in their home over Grant's Furniture Store where they lived till 1943. Here some of the Catholics attended Mass when the priest came to this mission.

THE PASTOR'S LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, March 27, immediately after Mass Dr. Nadeau discussed with the men and other members of the parish means of procuring a purse for the Pastor to make possible a Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Archbishop Francis Rummel of New Orleans. During the next two or three months the members of the congregation under Dr. Nadeau's leadership collected nearly \$1000 for the trip. Father Meador sailed from New York August 12 and returned September 19.

KNEEL-O-MATICS

In April Kneel-O-Matics were installed in the Church at a cost of \$1000 just in time for Easter. This is something on the market and they seem to be well liked by all. The job was \$1100 but we were given a 10% discount for paying cash so we borrowed money from the building fund. This was to be paid back with an extra collection to be taken up each Sunday until all was paid.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND PICNIC APRIL 17

The Easter Egg hunt and Picnic held at Blodsee Place Sunday evening was a real treat for all including the pastor who gave out the prizes.

FATHER GILBERT HAY, MSSST

The three Catholic graduates of Grenada High - Johnny Marascalco, John C. Marascalco and Joe Messina - had the distinction of being the first to be honored with a Baccalaureate in St. Peter's Church. The graduation exercises of the school take place in Protestant churches but when the Pastor, Father Meador, showed the Catholic graduates the article of the Baptist Convention that took place in Oklahoma City attacking the "Catholic Hierarchy" they as one insisted that they wouldn't take part in the High School Graduation Exercises. Consequently Father Gilbert Hay, M.S.S.S.T., pastor of The Infant Jesus Mission in Canton gave the Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday evening at 7:30, May 22, 1949. After the services Father Meador treated the seniors and the Reverend speaker as his guests to a dinner at the luxurious Monte Christ.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY - SAM AND ROSE BARRANCO

On Saturday, June 4, Sam and Rose Barranco celebrated their Silver Anniversary by renewing their nuptial vows at a 7:00 o'clock Mass in the presence of their children. Sam is a merchant and one of the most beloved and outstanding Catholics of the congregation.

RELIGION VACATION SCHOOL

Three Sisters of Christian Charity of New Orleans, Sisters Elvana, Louisita and Vivian, opened the religion vacation school on June 14 in Grenada and Winona. We had 42 children in Grenada and 12 in Winona. The Bishop arrived on July 9 for Confirmation to be administered the following day. Five children in Grenada received their First Holy Communion during the 8:00 o'clock Mass at the hands of the Bishop. The children were Jean Jones, Mary Ann Marascalco, Susie Dever (Scobey), Melloe Fonte, and Ted Artman. Fifteen children were confirmed before the 10:00 o'clock Mass. They were Joe and Vincent Barranco, Clyde Dever (Scobey), Charlie A. Marascalco, Cynthia Mattassa,



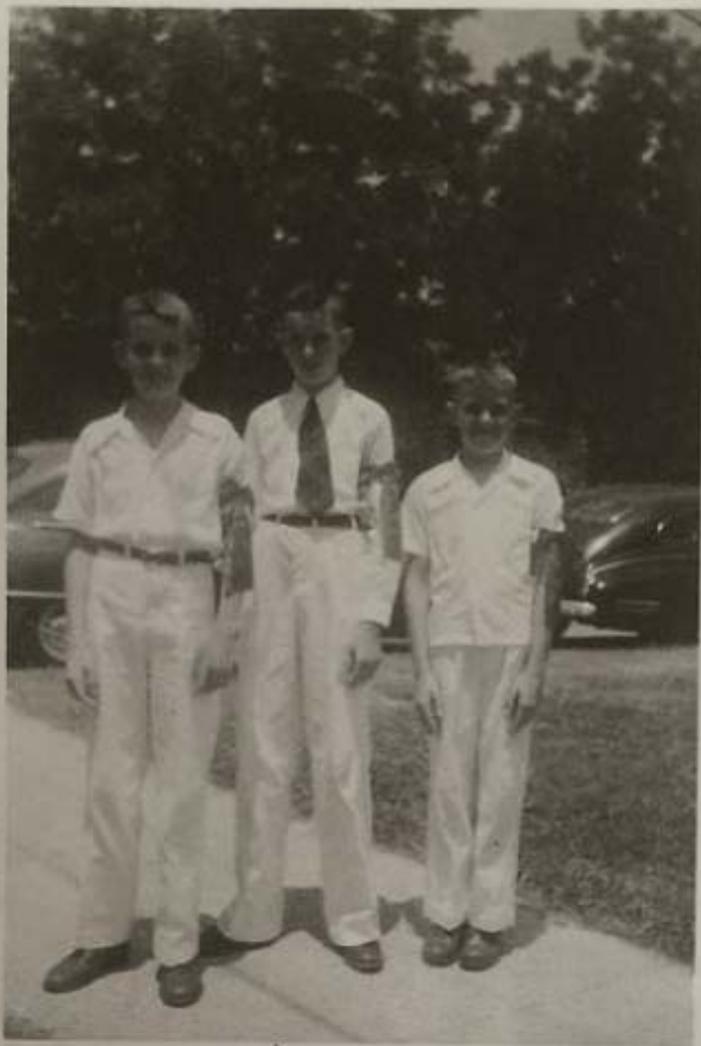
CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CLASS
1949



Cary L. Cullins, Father Meador's
nephew. Picture painted by Ben. F. Lewis.



Rev. Edgar Smigiel, O.F.M.
substitutes for Father Meador during his
Rome visit.



Billy Gulley
Tommy Gray
Walter Gulley
Winona Mission



Father Edgar Smeigle, O.F.M.

Grace Michele, Phillip Michele, Yvonne Nadeau, Catherine Messina, Billy and Walter Gulley and Tommy Gray.

SECOND COLLECTION

In order to liquidate the debt contracted by having the rectory and Church treated for termites and to install the kneelers a second collection was introduced on July 24, 1949. Termite treatment - \$470.00, Kneelers - \$1000.

FATHER EDGAR SMIGIEL, O.F.M.

While the Pastor was on his two month European tour to Lourdes and Rome Father Edgar substituted for him.

FATHER MEADOR'S ADDRESS TO THE ROTARIANS AND KIWANIANIS

As guest speaker at the weekly luncheons of the Rotarians and Kiwanians, Father Meador, Pastor of St. Peter's, told the members about his visit to Lourdes and Rome and mentioned how grateful the people are for the help America had given and is giving them in their struggle for recovery, as voiced by the civil and ecclesiastical representatives of France. He also related that in France, Italy, Belgium and England he talked with members of the working classes and found them all without exception grateful for the help they were receiving from the Americans.

FATHER MEADOR ADDRESSES THE EXCHANGE CLUB

Being the guest speaker at the Exchange Club of Greenwood Father Meador of Grenada gave a short but clear picture of conditions in Europe as they appeared to him while on the Archbishop Rummel Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Rome.

SODALITY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

At the regular monthly Sodality meeting plans were formulated to make an intensive drive for new blood to be injected into the Sodality. The Spiritual Director, Father Meador, made several suggestions for consideration that should help vitalize the organization.

At the regular meeting of the Legion Auxiliary Father Meador addressed the ladies on Spiritual Security.

COLLECTION FOR THE ORPHANS

The collectors for the orphans in 1949 were Miss Dona and Miss Mary Marascalco and Mrs. James Provine and the sum of \$524 was turned in.

SODALITY ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the November meeting the Blessed Virgin Sodality elected Miss Rose Marie Marascalco, Prefect; Miss Dona Marascalco, Vice-Prefect; and Miss Mary Marascalco, Secretary-Treasurer. The new officers were installed December 11 at special ceremonies in St. Peter's Church.

MRS. MARY WARD

Mrs. Mary Ward formerly of Winona died and left Sacred Heart Church \$100.

BEGINNING OF NEW YEAR 1950

The New Year began with a very substantial building fund and the Parish currently owing the Building Fund \$1707 which should be paid shortly with the second collection.

Mr. Joseph Enderlin gave the wedding and diamond engagement ring of his deceased wife to be redeemed for the benefit of the Church but the Pastor proposed that they be attached to a Chalice in her memory. So a drive was inaugurated to secure sufficient funds to purchase a silver gold plated chalice. This began in April of 1950 and the Holy Name Society contributed \$50. Dr. Nadeau and his wife gave \$85.75, the amount still needed to pay for this beautiful memorial to a fine woman. The chalice cost \$246.

BARRANCOS VISIT ROME

After an extended visit to their aged mother and their home town of Cefalo, Italy, Vince Barranco and his wife, his brother Sam of Grenada, Dominic of Durant, Frank of Greenwood, and his sister Mrs. Joseph Matassa of New York, spent several days in Rome to make the required visits for gaining the Holy Year indulgences.

MAY CROWNING

The annual crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin with little Cynthia Matassa placing the 14 k gold crown on the Blessed Virgin with Sam Messina presenting the rosebud rosary was held in May.

FATHER BOWMAN, S.V.D., BACCALAUREATE

For the first time in the history of the Colored Grenada High School, a Catholic priest gave the Baccalaureate Sermon. Father Bowman, S.V.D., a colored priest of Mound Bayou, Miss., is the pastor of the newly established mission, a town of colored only.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, FATHER RAPHAEL TONER, M.S.S.T.

Father Raphael was invited by the pastor to speak to the young married couples of the Methodist Bible Class on April 16 on the Approach to the Catholic Church. He seems to have made a favorable impression on the young folks and we hope it will result in breaking down prejudices in the town.

SUMMER VACATION SCHOOL

The annual Summer Vacation School opened June 12 and closed July 7 with Sisters Louisita, Dominic and Elvana in charge of classes. Two boys and five girls received their First Holy Communion July 2. Louis Fonte, Patrick Sullivan, Anne Marascalco, Dolores Pelorvski, Angeline Matassa, Connie Marascalco and Catherine Marascalco. On Monday the children were treated to a picnic which closed activity of the Summer School.

JOSEPH MESSINA IN WRECK

Joseph Messina, a pharmacist student at Loyola University in New Orleans, was seriously injured in an auto accident near his home July 8. His many friends at home and the University were pleased to learn of his rapid progress to recovery.

MEMORIAL CHALICE

Sunday, October 22, a special Mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary Enderlin was offered by the pastor, using for the first time the beautiful chalice donated by the congregation in memory of this great parish worker.

ANIMATED ROSARY

Under the sponsorship of the Sodality the Animated Rosary was enacted for the first time on the Feast of Christ the King at the 7:30 devotions.

THE RECTORY IN GRENADA



In 1943



In 1949

MORE COLD SCENES



Both snapshots are of Mrs. C. L. Cullins
in the side yard of Rectory on Poplar St.

YES, IT GETS COLD IN GRENADA!



Father Meador Enjoying the Change of Weather 1951



Father Meador's Sister, Mrs. Carrie L. Cullins

GROUND BREAKING MAY 24, 1951



1951

Breaking ground for new Rectory. Vincent Barranco, Joe Barranco, Vincent Barranco Jr., Father Meador, Joseph L. Marascalco, Dr. A. T. Nadeau.

BUILDING COMMITTEE CALLS ON BISHOP

The Pastor, with the Building Committee, Dr. A. T. Nadeau, Joe Matassa, Sam and Vincent Barranco, and J. V. Messina, called on the Bishop, Most Rev. R. O. Gerow on December 8, 1950 and assured him we would borrow \$12,000. and build a Rectory and pay for it in 10 years. We were given the Green Light. James T. Canizaro, architect of Jackson, who was in on one of the meetings with the Bishop, was given the job of drawing up the plans which were submitted December 12 for our approval. On January 28, 1951 blue prints and specifications were received. A loan negotiated with Roderick S. Russ, Jr., Vice-President, who succeeded in getting the loan through his company, Lamar Life, for \$12,000. at 4% for 20 years with no penalties. Shortly after we were notified, Joe Matassa, the contractor of the building, and John S. Jackson, for plumbing and wiring, started getting material and work was started on May 24, 1951. The contract for the building, \$17,912.00, was witnessed by Sam and Vince Barranco. The contract to furnish material and labor and install plumbing, heating and wiring, \$4,081.00, was signed by J. S. Jackson and witnessed by Joe Matassa, Cary Cullins, and Pastor, Rev. C. E. Meador.

The contracts amounted to \$21,993.00, plans \$700.00 over and above plumbers contract. Dishwasher \$175.00, electrical fixtures \$104.00, total \$279.00. As the work slowed up towards the end, the Rectory was not completed until the last day of September. Due to this fact a special collection made it possible for us to add blinds to the house at an extra cost of \$216.60; extra difference linoleum for Pammel lite \$30.00 which was donated by the plumber, John S. Jackson. The interest on \$6,000.00 loan amounted to \$75.00. The amount we had January 1, 1951 -

Cash	\$2,508.19
U. S. Bonds	2,000.00
Loan to improve	<u>992.89</u>
Total cash & Bonds	\$4,508.19
Total Loan	992.89
Total cash and loan	5,501.08
Old Rectory	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total	\$11,501.08

With this amount and the weekly collections we were able to build what is now a very practical Rectory for \$23,014.60 including the plans.

In the process of building in order to meet the contracting agreement to pay half when roofed we negotiated a loan with Grenada Trust and Banking Company for \$6,000.00 on the old rectory. The interest amounted to \$75.00.

Some new furniture was needed to take care of the extra rooms. The following was purchased from Tardy Furniture Company. John E. Artman, Manager, a Catholic, obtained from Mr. Tardy a 25% discount. The items purchased:

A plastic suite for the living room	\$229.95
Three platform rockers	338.95
One rug and pad	209.85
	<u>\$918.25</u>
Less	194.68
	723.57
Tax	14.47
	<u>738.04</u>
Venetian Blinds	110.60
Tax	2.22
	<u>112.82</u>
Less discount	11.28
	<u>\$101.54</u>

J. H. OLIVER, GRENADA, MISS.

Attic Fan	\$141.93
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J. A. OLSAN COMPANY, WINONA

Pictures	8.50
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TOTAL COST OF HOUSE AND ADDED FURNITURE:

House	\$23,014.60
Furniture	990.01
	<u>\$24,004.61</u>
Drapes and curtains, etc.	247.84
	<u>\$24,252.45</u>



SAINT PETER'S RECTORY
Completed October 1, 1951

MISSION BY FRANCISCANS - 1951

Father Nathaniel Machesky, O.F.M., of St. Francis Assisi, preached a mission from February 18 to 25. Both the 6 o'clock Mass and the evening services were well attended. A Holy Hour on Sunday night closed the mission.

ELECTION OF SODALITY OFFICERS

At the February meeting of the Sodality Mrs. Joseph Marascalco was elected Prefect, Miss Doris Michele, Vice Prefect, and Miss Catherine Messina, Secretary Treasurer, replacing Miss Rose Marascalco, Miss Dona Marascalco, and Miss Leona Barranco.

MAY QUEEN CROWNING

The May crowning on the first Sunday took place with the honor of crowning the statue of the Blessed Mother going to Catherine Messina, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Messina, and the presenting of the Rosary and reading the Act of Consecration to Sam Messina. The Senior Choir with Mrs. E. Jones at the organ sang appropriate hymns. The Pastor, Rev. C. E. Meador, called upon all to petition the Queen of May and Mother of Priests to intercede with her Divine Son for vocations to the Priesthood, Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

FATHER CAROSELLA, O.P., SPEAKS TO METHODIST YOUTHS

At the request of the youth of the Methodist Church who were holding their annual youth meeting, Father Carosella of Jackson, Miss., spoke to them on Wednesday, July 18, on the subject of dogmas of the Church, especially those about the Blessed Mother.

RECTORY COMPLETED OCTOBER 2

Another worthwhile achievement was attained by this parish when on October 2 the Rectory was ready for occupancy. John E. Artman, Manager of Tardy Furniture Co., Sam Marascalco and Louis A. Marascalco moved the furniture from the old rectory on Poplar Street to the present new one next to the Church with no cost to the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMP DONATED NOV. 16

The Sanctuary Lamp was donated by Joe S. Marascalco at the cost of \$140.00. Mrs. Grace Marascalco donated the dossel curtain, in memory of her husband, Frank Marascalco.

RECTORY BLESSED BY BISHOP - 1951

Most Reverend R. O. Gerow arrived at noon on December 4 and that afternoon at 4 o'clock blessed the new Rectory in the presence of several priests of the Diocese. Immediately following the blessing, the Bishop confirmed the following: Ann Theresa Marascalco, Diana Catherine Carmouche, Martin James Weathers (colored), followed by Benediction.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS - 1952

The three stained glass windows that were donated:

ST. CATHERINE OF HUNGARY	Mr. & Mrs. Jake Kornman, Biloxi
ST. FRANCIS CABRINA	Tony Marascalco children
ST. JOSEPH	Sam Testa Family

TWINS BAPTIZED

The first and only twins in St. Peter's Parish, Mary Concette and Jamie, the daughters of Louis and Adelphi Marascalco, were baptized in Grenada Hospital, February 22.

CHURCH PROPERTY IMPROVED

At a cost of \$200.00 a cement walk was laid on Mound Street by Day Construction Co.

FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE JAN. 13 TO FEBRUARY 17

MAY CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE & EUCHARISTIC LEAGUE

The C.C.D. and Eucharistic League were canonically established in St. Peter's May 5, 1952 with 21 members in the C.C.D. Miss Rose Marascalco, President; Dr. Sam Marascalco, Vice President; Mrs. J. E. Artman, Sec-Treas.

Chairmen: Teachers	Miss Doris Michele
Helpers	Miss Mary Marascalco
Fishers	Miss Dona Marascalco
Discussion Club:	Mrs. John E. Artman

The Eucharistic League has 83 members.

The Catholic graduates of Grenada High attended the evening services May 19 to hear the Baccalaureate Sermon by Father Nathaniel of Greenwood. Those graduating and present were Misses Leona Barranco, Catherine and Rose Messina, Renee Morrison, Messrs. Sam Barranco, Jean Morrison, Sam Testa. Immediately after receiving his diploma, Sam Testa enlisted in the Army.

VACATION SCHOOL

School opened with Mass June 9 with three Sisters of Christian Charity in charge, and closed July 15, with 38 attending. Sisters were Srs. Elvana, Vivian and Louisita. Ten little ones received First Holy Communion at the close of the 5 weeks of Religious Instructions. They were Cecilia D. Webb, Walter D. Webb, William P. Kindred, Eleanor J. Artman, Sarah Messina, Louis Carmen Marascalco, Robert Marascalco, Rose Mary Meki, Cecilia Nadeau, Douglas Carmouche. Monday morning they were invested in the Scapular. The awarding of prizes took place the preceding Thursday.

ALTAR BOYS OUTING

The altar boys of St. Peter's Parish were treated to four days on the Mississippi Coast at Biloxi by their Pastor, Father Meador, as a reward for their faithful service during the year. It is an annual affair that is looked forward to with great joy.

CANDELABRA DONATED

SEVEN BRANCH CANDELABRA \$169.94 - Miss Mary Marascalco

FIVE BRANCH CANDELABRA \$130.00 - Miss Rose Marascalco

CROWN DONATED SEPT. 6, 1953 - Miss Mary Marascalco

PARISH LIBRARY 1953

A Parish Library was inaugurated and opened Jan. 4 with 70 books as a starter.

CHOIR ENTERTAINED

The members of the Teenage Choir were entertained by the Pastor in appreciation of their splendid work. Refreshments were served and games enjoyed by the youngsters in the Rectory. The Pastor presented each with a gift.

SODALITY OFFICERS INSTALLED - 1953

At the December regular meeting of the Sodality, Miss Rose Marie Marascalco was elected Prefect; and re-elected to serve with her were Misses Doris Michele, Vice Prefect and Dona Marascalco, Secretary Treasurer. They were installed on January 25. The educational fund of \$300.00 was reported at the meeting that followed the installations.

SECOND MASS ON SUNDAY

Due to the increase in the congregation of over 100% in 10 years, and to relieve the congested church, the Pastor announced a second Mass beginning Sunday, Feb. 1, thus changing the hour of the first Mass to 7 and the second at 11 o'clock.

TYRRELL-MESSINA WEDDING

An event of prominence in Catholic circles was the marriage of Miss Katherine Messina, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John V. Messina to Mr. Francis Barry Tyrrell, Jr., of Chelsea, Mass., which was solemnized Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15, at two o'clock. St. Peter's was beautifully decorated befitting the dignity of the Sacrament administered.

The bride has as her maid of honor her sister, Miss Rose Messina, a student of Siena College, Memphis, Tenn. The groom had as his best man Mr. William West, Jr. of Shelby, Ohio. The bridesmaids were Misses Josephine Barranco, Durant, Patricia Taylor, Pine Bluff, Ark., Rose Marascalco and Rene Morrison of Grenada.

The groomsmen were Joseph Messina, Memphis, Tenn., William Heuel, Chicago, Ill., John Marascalco, Oxford, Miss., Sam Barranco, Grenada.

Ushers: Joseph J. Marascalco, Anthony Liberto. After the young couple were pronounced man and wife, the groom led his wife to the altar of Our Lady of Grace, where she offered her beautiful bridal bouquet of white orchids to Our Lady, and while they prayed Mrs. Josephine B. Leflore accompanied by Mrs. Helen McLean of Greenwood, Miss., sang a beautiful and appropriate hymn "On This Day". Thus completing the religious rites they returned to the main altar to receive the congratulations of the Pastor. Following a reception in the American Legion Hall, the young couple departed on a wedding trip to Florida. On their return a Nuptial Mass was offered - by special permission and the blessing given the bride.



After a few days with parents and friends, they left for Pensacola, Fla., where Mr. Tyrrell is stationed with the Navy. The out of town guests: Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Tyrrell, Sr., of Chelsea, Mass., parents of the groom; Messrs. Francis Stoschak, Pine Hill, Pa., Paul Quernhiem, St. Louis, Mo., Ralph Britten, Toledo, Ohio; George Welsh, Pottstown, Pa., Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Barranco, Durant, Miss., Mr. & Mrs. Frank Barranco, Greenwood, Miss., Dominic Tumminello, Leland, Miss., Mr. & Mrs. M. Taylor and Mrs. Charles Barranco, Pine Bluff, Ark., Mrs. Charles Tumminello, Cruger, Miss., Mr. & Mrs. Salvo Serio, Greenwood, Miss., Misses Marie McKewen, Barbara Schumaker, Memphis, Sylvia Shaban, Brinkley, Ark.

DUAL CEREMONIES

The annual May crowning took place Sunday evening prior to the administration of Confirmation by His Excellency Bishop Gerow at St. Peter's. Little Rose Messina had the honor of crowning the Image of Our Blessed Lady, accompanied by Angelina Matassa and Connie Marascalco, preceded by a group of little flower girls and torch-bearers.

The Bishop in his short talk explained our devotion to the Mother of God before quizzing the class for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Eleven boys and twelve girls were confirmed, with P. R. Daly sponsor for the boys, and Mrs. J. E. Artman, the class's teacher, sponsor for the girls. His Excellency was assisted by Reverend Joseph Koury, assistant superintendent of Parochial Schools in the Natchez Diocese, and Rev. Meinrad Smigiel, O.F.M., of Greenwood, and the Pastor, Father Meador. The choir greeted the Bishop as he entered the church with "Ecce Sacerdos" and furnished the music for the solemn ceremonies. His Excellency and the two visiting Fathers spent the night with Father Meador.

EVENTFUL MONTH IN PARISH 1953

This month of May is an eventful one -- it marks 10 years as a Parish; Confirmation largest in its history, numbering 23; Graduation ceremony for Catholics of the Public High School, the Pastor 19 years a priest and 10 years pastor of St. Peter's, and a month dedicated to Our Lady with the beautiful ceremony of crowning.

EVENING MASS

The first Evening Mass in St. Peter's took place June 10 at 7:30 P.M. The attendance was very gratifying.



CONFIRMATION BY BISHOP GEROW

May 10, 1953

CONFIRMATION - MAY 10, 1953

Bishop R. O. Gerow confirmed the following on May 10, 1953:

Artman, D. William of Winona, Mission
Artman, J. Edward of Grenada
Artman, T. Robert of Grenada
Carmouche, D. Paul of Grenada
Faser, C. Paul of Winona Mission
Fonte, L. Joseph of Grenada
Fonte, M. Anthony of Grenada
Kindred, W. Patrick of Winona Mission
Marascalco, A. Louise of Grenada
Marascalco, C. Marie of Grenada
Marascalco, C. Louise of Grenada
Marascalco, M. Ann of Grenada
Marascalco, M. Ann of Grenada
Messina, M. Rita of Grenada
Messina, R. Ann of Grenada
Marascalco, S. Josephine of Grenada
Matassa, A. Rita of Grenada
Murphy, W. William of Grenada
Nadeau, M. Louise of Grenada
Stubblefield, A. Mary of Oakland, Miss.
Testa, J. Armando of Grenada
Webb, C. Cellilia and Webb, W. Anthony of Winona Mission

The Class of 23 was the largest class so far in the 10 years of the Parish's history, which indicates a growth.

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VISIT TO IRELAND, ROME ETC. SEPTEMBER 1953

In September of 1953, Father George Moran, a visitor in the home of Doctor A.T.Nadeau, Jr., substituted for Father Meador while he went on his vacation with Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph B. Brunini, J.C.D., V.G.

The object of this trip was to appeal for students for the priesthood to work in Mississippi. The two left New York on a Dutch Steamer for Ireland. After a week on the deep sea they disembarked at Cobm (Cove) where they were met by two young priests vacationing with their folks. The first stop was at Cork where lunch was enjoyed and after a tour of the town, drove on to Killarney, for a couple of days enjoying the lovely country and the beautiful lakes, then on to Limrick and on to Dublin. In Dublin a weeks travel ended after visiting St. Patricks at Carlo, Kendrick and All Hallows Colleges or Major Seminaries making appeals for students. Of course the two visited the Pope's representative and Archbishop McQuay.

After this week in Ireland a plane was taken to London for a couple of days, then to Parish for two more days, and on to Milan, Italy, after two or three days here they moved on by train to Florence, and then to Lucca by bus spending a couple of days visiting with Msgr.'s relatives. After this stay the next stop was Pisa and then on to Rome.

In Rome the two met Bishop R.O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez-Jackson and his secretary Father Francis Reid J.C.D.. On the appointed day they attended the dedication of the Chapel of the North American College, by Pope Pius XII. The next day all, or rather a small group, with the Mississippi delegation met the Pope in audience, the following photograph tells the story.

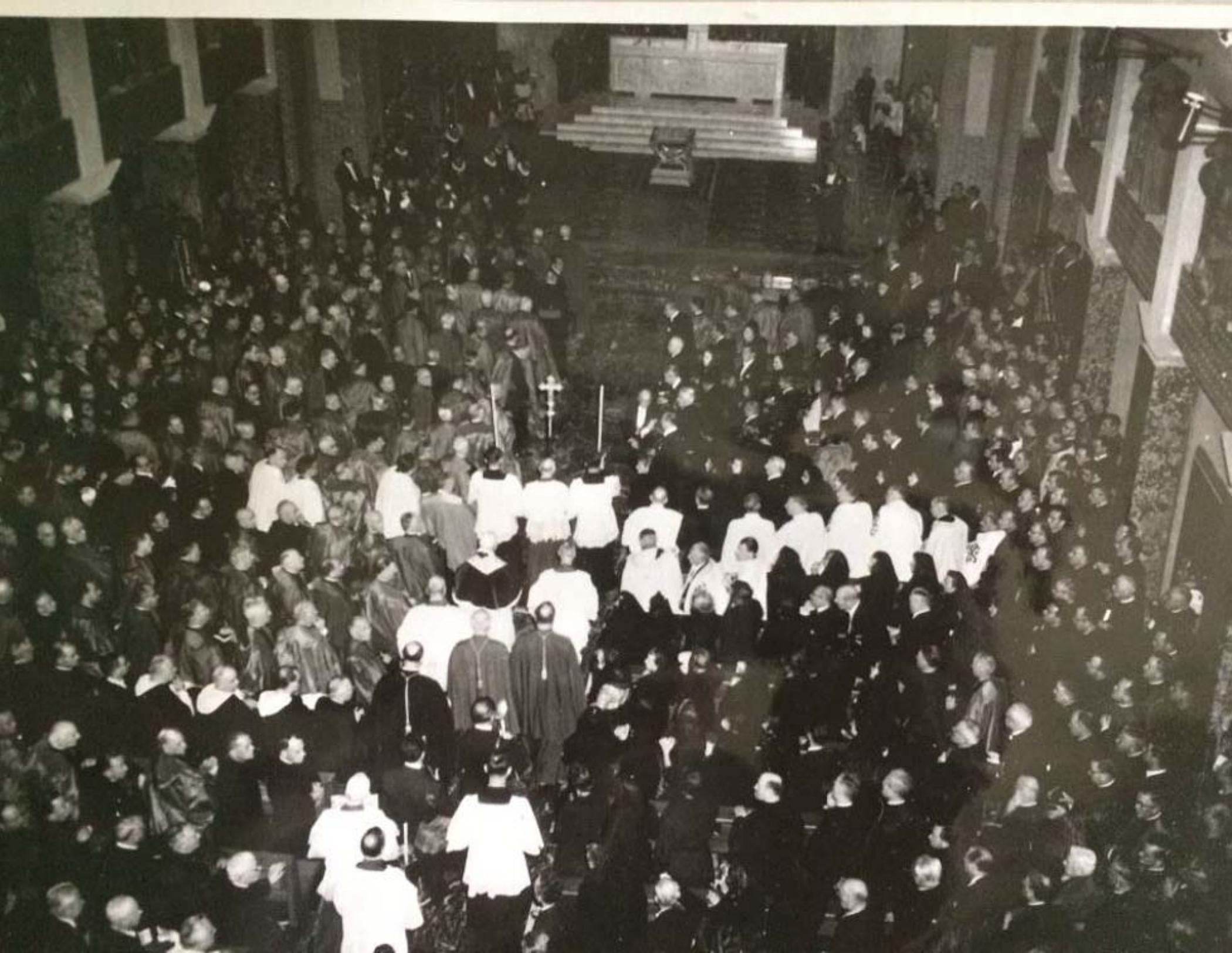
The next stop was Amsterdam, Holland where the two spent two days and one night, leaving there at midnight by the way of Scotland and Ganda, Canada landed in New York the next morning at 11:30 A.M. On arriving her Msgr. Brunini spent a few days with his sister. Father Meador went on to New Jersey with friends who met him at the airport. Then Father traveled on to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and spent a week with friends there and on to Washington, D.C. and Silver Springs, Maryland for a couple of days with friends.

While in Washington, Father O'Keeffe, M.S.S.T., gave Father a tour of the Capitol and saw him off on his plane for Memphis and Grenada. Thus ended a grand vacation.



Kneeling (l to r) Joseph Mercier, Lawrence Watts & Adrian Mercier our three students. Above these three Fr Meador stand between the two Bishops. (l to r) for the Pope Pius XII next to the Lady are Bishop Gerow and Msgr. Brunini. This climax marked the end of our tour.









AFTER THE DEDICATION OF THE NORTH AMERICA COLLEGE CHAPEL
POPE PIUS XXI GREETES CARDINEL STRICH OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

VACATION SCHOOL

The annual Vacation School opened Monday morning, June 15, at 8 o'clock with the Sisters of Christian Charity of New Orleans, namely, Srs. Elvana, Vivian and Louisita. The Sisters went to Winona in the afternoon. In all, we had 52 children. The school closed July 3 with a picnic at City Park for the children, and at Enid Dam for the Choir. The Sisters departed for New Orleans on July 12.

N.C.C.W. AFFILIATE

At a special meeting held in May the Sodality voted to affiliate with the National Council of Catholic Women. So the first of June found them a member of the Delta Division.

PASTOR'S VACATION 1953

While the Pastor was on a vacation to Ireland and Europe, Father George Moran of the Joliet Diocese of Illinois, who was on sick leave and a house guest of Dr. A. T. Nadeau, took care of the spiritual needs of the parish. On the return of the Pastor in November a surprise party was arranged by the members of the Holy Name Society and the Blessed Virgin Sodality. After giving a few highlights of his trip all were presented with a Rosary and medal blessed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. Refreshments were served bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Father Meador spoke at all Masses Sunday in St. Peter and Sacred Heart (Winona) touching on the highlights of his trip, in the company of Monsignor Joseph B. Brunini, V.G., of Jackson, Miss. After a two weeks visit in the Eastern part of the United States they visited Ireland, London, Scotland, France, Italy, Holland. The most outstanding events were his presence at the historical making occasion when His Holiness Pope Pius XII dedicated the new North American Chapel and building, together with the audience with His Holiness and other travelers from Mississippi. He concluded by giving the Papal Blessing to all.

During this vacation Father Meador visited Anthony Ritts and family in Philadelphia, Pa. Anthony was a Sargeant at Camp McCain during the war and served as sacristan for Father Meador who was an auxiliary chaplain. On Sunday afternoon Father Moran left for his parish in Illinois.

PASTOR IN AUTO WRECK

On returning from the funeral of Msgr. Hubert Spengler of Gulfport, Father Meador had an accident, December 11, in which the retina of one eye was detached but was not discovered for six days. He was rushed by Dr. A. T. Nadeau, an oculist and member of St. Peter's Parish, to St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Miss. On Friday, December 18, he underwent surgery, and after four times the doctors had to admit failure. Father Meador was discharged from the hospital May 4, 1954 and returned to the parish on May 5. While in the hospital Father Henry, O.S.B., took care of the Christmas Masses. Father Cuthbert Bender, O.S.B., of Tupelo continued until the arrival of Father Peter Deisal on January 3. Father Peter remained until May 5, 1954.

JANUARY 1954

The New Year of 1954 found the Pastor still in the hospital where he remained until May 4.

SODALISTS INSTALL OFFICERS

Immediately following the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, January 3, the newly elected officers of Our Lady's Sodality of St. Peter's were solemnly installed. The officers are Miss Mary Marascalco, prefect; Miss Dona Marascalco, Vice prefect; and Mrs. J. E. Artman, secretary-treasurer. Father Cuthbert of Tupelo installed the new officers.

RENOVATION OF WINONA CHURCH FEB. 26

The Sacred Heart, Winona Mission Church, was completely renovated interiorly with celotex wall boards, except the metal ceiling. This work was done with a donation of \$600.00 by Bryant McGeary of Sidon, Miss., Manager of the large plantation of his mother, Mrs. Bryant McGeary of Winona.

PASTOR CONFIRMS, APRIL 6, 1954

Mary Concetta Marascalco, age one and one half years, the daughter of Samuel and Josephine Marascalco, met with an accident by which her head was caught in one of the shoe repair machines, the skull was crushed so bad Dr. J.K. Avent, Jr., did not expect the child to live, so the pastor, Father Meador, made use of the Apostolic Indult and confirmed the child, with Mary Skettina, aunt of the child as sponsor. This took place April 6, 1954. To the surprise of the doctor, the child survived and is now doing fine.



MAY ALTAR

APRIL 15

Miss Rose Marie Marascalco donated two gold plated vases for St. Peter Church, \$40.00.

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Miss Mary V. Marascalco also donated two small gold plated vases.

MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVED MAY 9

The national day for mother was observed in St. Peter's with a High Mass, followed in the evening with the May Crowning. The altar of Our Blessed Mother was beautifully decorated with Madonna lilies and white and gold carnations artistically arranged in gold vases, lighted with wax tapers in gold candelabra. The statue of Our Lady was placed under an arch of flowers, and the precious crown - a gift of Miss Mary Marascalco - was placed on it by Mary Ann Marascalco, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sam R. Marascalco, attended by Helen Daly and Rose Mary Miki. The rosary of rose buds was presented by Robert Marascalco. Rose Messina read the prayer of consecration. The procession of little girls and boys in white, carrying offerings of white and blue carnations that preceded the crowning was a beautiful and touching tribute of love to Our Blessed Mother. The Pastor, Father C. E. Meador, took for the subject of his sermon "The Greatest of Mothers". He stressed the love, confidence and loyalty we should have for the Mother of God, who was crowned Queen of Heaven. In conclusion he asked all present to join him in offering to Mary a spiritual bouquet, the Rosary. The devotions were closed with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

GRADUATION CEREMONY MAY 18

The three graduates of the local school, John B. Daly, Annette C. Marascalco, and Sherrill G. Carmouche, were honored by the Pastor and the congregation with special services with the Baccalaureate Sermon given by the Pastor. The graduates entered to a march played by Miss Grace Michele, and during the service the choir sang first a hymn in honor of Our Immaculate Mother, secondly one begging her to pray for the honored ones and the last hymn begging Jesus to bless them wherever they went. The Pastor exhorted them "not to bury their talents" as the foolish man of the Gospel, but to double, treble, yes quadruple them and use them for the honor and glory of God and the salvation of their souls.



SUMMER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - 1954



SENIOR CLASS



JUNIOR CLASS



INTERMEDIATE CLASS



LITTLE ONES

SURPRISE ANNIVERSARY PARTY - MAY 20

On the 20th anniversary of his ordination, and the 11th as Pastor of St. Peter's of Grenada and Sacred Heart, Winona, Father Meador was given a surprise party by a large group from Winona. The dining room was decorated with beautiful red and white roses from the rectory garden. Refreshments were furnished and served by the visiting group.

RELIGIOUS VACATION SCHOOL

The annual Religious Vacation School of St. Peter's staffed by 4 Sisters of Christian Charity of New Orleans, La., under the supervision of the Pastor, Father C. E. Meador, completed three successful weeks of religious instruction. On Friday, July 3, there was a Mass in the morning with Rev. John L. Curran (Bataan survivor) assisted by Fathers C. I. Litzinger and C. E. Meador, followed at eleven o'clock with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. With classes over, prizes were awarded to the outstanding ones by the pastor who also announced the program of entertainment for the fourth week ending July 10. The ladies of the C.C.D. of Winona (Sacred Heart) transported the children over fifty miles for classes. The attendance was most gratifying.

CONGREGATION ENJOYS THE FOURTH

A Parish outing was enjoyed by the congregation of St. Peter on the 4th of July with an old-fashioned picnic. It was at this outing the Sisters were met and thanked for their work with the little ones of the Parish. The pastor expressed his thanks to the Sisters and the congregation for their fine spirit of cooperation that made the school such a success.

CHOIR PICNIC

The all-girl teenage choir of St. Peter's were the guests of the Pastor at an all day outing, given in appreciation for the faithfulness of the members during the year.

CIBORIA DONATED - JULY 19

Mrs. Roseline Provencé nee Portero donated a \$300.00 Ciborium in memory of her parents, Frank and Rose Portero.

LINENS DONATED - JULY 23

In addition to altar linens furnished by the Sodality, Mrs. Josephine Hodges donated linens to the amount of \$50.00.

ALTAR BOY TRIP

The altar boys of St. Peter's accompanied by their Pastor, Father Meador, enjoyed a week on the Mississippi Coast (Biloxi) the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kornman. Boating and fishing were the principal sports enjoyed. This annual outing is looked forward to with great anticipation by the boys as well as the Pastor who has many friends in the hospitable coast city of Biloxi.

MERCY SISTERS

Sisters John and Ancilla of the Sisters of Mercy arrived Saturday, July 17, and on Sunday talked to the youths of the parish about vocations and to the congregation at 7:30 in the evening. The gathering was large, practically filling the church to capacity. The Sisters left on Monday, happy over the fine reception afforded them.

FIRST COMMUNION - AUGUST 15

The children for First Communion on this feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary were prepared by the Sisters during the Summer Religious Vacation School. The Pastor gave them a Retreat of two days to further prepare them for this great day in their young lives. Those in the class were: Frank Liberto, Louis C. Marascalco, Marie Barranco, Paulette Monroe, Patricia Gore, Sylvia Homolik, Diane Homolik; and on August 29th, Madeline Crull at Sacred Heart, Winona.

MISSION - OCTOBER 10-17

Father Nathaniel Machesky, O.F.M., of St. Francis Mission in Greenwood, gave a mission that was well attended, and not only needed but wanted by the people. I feel sure much good was accomplished during the one week of spiritual exercises.

CARRIE VIRGINIA MARIAN LIBERTO

After three boys and several disappointments Almighty God answered and blessed the prayers of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Liberto with a little girl, born November 9, 1954, the Marian Year. So the pastor suggested that they name her Marian in honor of the Blessed Mother, and in thanks to Almighty God for granting their prayers. So the name Marian was added to the names of the great grandmothers.

Altar linens were donated by Joe S. Messina amounting to \$15.00

RENOVATION OF INTERIOR OF CHURCH DEC. 16

Renovation of the interior of the church amounting to \$300.00
New carpets, \$395.00. Chairs were upholstered through a donation of \$35.00 by John O'Leary of Duck Hill, Mississippi.

HEUEL - MESSINA NUPTIAL DEC. 29, 1954

Weddings in St. Peter's Parish are in most instances something to remember, and such was the nuptial of Rose Maria Messina, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Messina, and William P. Heuel, Jr., of Chicago, Illinois. The young couple met while going to college in Memphis, Tennessee. This wedding was a grand finale for the Marian Year of 1954.

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CREDESCENCE TABLE - FEBRUARY

Mrs. William W. Lance donated a beautiful Credence table at the cost of \$88.00.

MAY CROWNING

The crowning of the Blessed Virgin's statue on this Mother's Day took place before the evening Mass.

CONVERT

Mrs. Bertie A. Basset for several years studied the teaching of the church before asking to be admitted. On Sunday, May 15, Father Meador received both Mrs. Basset and her daughter, Deborah, into the Church.

SUMMER RELIGIOUS VACATION SCHOOL - JUNE 13

We were very fortunate to get the Sisters of Christian Charity again this year to conduct the Religious School for four weeks. At the close of the school six were recommended for First Communion to take place August 15.

PASTOR ON VACATION

While the pastor, Father Meador, was on vacation visiting his brother whom he had not seen in more than 25 years, Father Farrara, O.M.I., stationed at the Oblate Seminary near Pass Christian, supplied for the pastor until he returned July 9.



FIRST COMMUNION, AUGUST 14, 1955



First row: Virginia Marascalco, Elizabeth Bailey. Second row: Anthony Marascalco, William Daly. Third row: Louis C. Marascalco, Father Meador and Samuel Verderaine



FIRST COMMUNION - 1955

The children prepared for First Communion while the Sisters were here in June, and received on August 15. They were: Virginia Marascalco, Anthony C. Marascalco, William P. Daly, Louis C. Marascalco, Elizabeth K. Bailey, Samuel Verderaime.

WEDDING IN WINONA

Charles H. Artman, the son of William D. Artman, and Estelle Moore, married Martha A. Adair.

CHURCH AIR-CONDITIONED

The contract to install a combination heating and air-conditioning unit in the church was given to Evan & Johnson, and completed December 17, 1955, at a cost of \$3650.00.

ALTAR CHIMES FEBRUARY 8, 1956

Joseph S. Messina donated altar chimes at a cost of \$18.00.

SODALITY DONATES SCREEN, MARCH 31, 1956

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary donated a \$50.00 screen to go along with the movie projector they donated in former years.

CONFIRMATION BY BISHOP R. O. GEROW, APRIL 25

A large class was presented to the Bishop for Confirmation. Among the 15, three were converts; namely, Mrs. Elizabeth (P.R.) Daley, Mrs. Bertie Bassett, Mrs. Ann (Ray) Hopkings; the children were Juanita Artman, Madeline Crull, Jacque Diette, Leonard Durr, Carmen Marascalco, Robert Marascalco, Rosemary Miki, Sarah Messina, Cecilia Nadeau, Frank Palmer, Lora Lee, Parmer, an adult Curtis Jones.

FIRST COMMUNION, JULY 15

The following received their First Communion Sunday, July 15: Roberta Wilson, Deborah Bassett, Suzanne Howell, Angelina Marascalco, Barbara Dyre, Mary Catherine Dyre, Kenneth England, Vincent Marascalco, Vincent Liberto, Vincent Barranco, Mrs. Elizabeth Daley and Mrs. Ann Hopkings.

MARRIAGES DURING THE YEAR 1956

Joseph F. Boone, the son of a prominent non-Catholic merchant and his catholic wife, Clare, to Katie Jo Walton on June 24.



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MISS DONA MARASCALCO

On April 19th 1956, Miss Dona Marascalco was honored in Memphis, Tennessee, at the capping service of the Memphis Dental Assistant Society. She was given a gold pin for outstanding work as a student of the American Dental Assistant Association Extension Study Course. A parishioner of St. Peter's Parish Grenada. Miss Dona completed the course in 52 weeks, commuting 10,400 miles ~~1/2~~ between Grenada and Memphis. She is now employed by her brother Dr. Sam Marascalco D.D.S. Miss Dona is a faithful work and hold and has filled many positions in the different Parish Organizations.

BENSABAT-LILLY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1956

George Dunbar Bensabat of a prominent New Orleans family married Betty Lilly, a convert, and the daughter of a prominent non-Catholic family. Orly Lilly is the owner and agent for the Ford Auto in Grenada.

CASEM-McCAIN (Colored)

This wedding was something unusual for Grenada, a colored Nuptial. Marino H. Casem and Betty Jean McCain were married by Father Meador in the presence of 80 colored people, not counting the wedding party. Marino is the Physical Education Instructor in the college some place between Jackson and Vicksburg, and Betty Jean is secretary to the President of the college. This took place December 26, 1956.

1957 - PARISH HALL DONATION, JANUARY 10

The need for a Parish Hall has been the subject of many of the congregation for several years and it has come up again with Miss Mary M. Marascalco donating \$1,117.61, the proceeds from U. S. Government Bonds, towards this fund.

SUMMER RELIGIOUS VACATION SCHOOL

The Sisters of Christian Charity had charge of the Religious School for four weeks in June and the first week in July, and the Communion Class for 1957 were as follows: Dorothy Daly, Rosemary Marascalco, Beuna Ann Marascalco, Annette Marascalco, Theresa Messina, Salvatori Matassa, Sam Fonte, Curtis Hopkins.

MARRIAGES DURING 1957

Harry E. Zilzelberger and Mabel Pollan. This couple is from Chicago and living here now. April 22.
Billy Harbin and Mary Ann Marascalco, daughter of Robert Marascalco and Rosalee. May 17.

1958 - CHURCH SANCTURARY REDECORATED

While Bennie F. Lewis, the nephew of the Pastor, Father Meador, was visiting on a vacation, he marbleized the altars and altar rail as well as touched up the statues. The altar and rail were of ivory. With the marblization, the sanctuary has taken on a wonderful appearance for the better. After B. Lewis left, the Pastor contracted with a colored man to paint the rectory which was completed in May.

IT'S A BOY!



Mr. & Mrs. Joseph S. Messina with their four daughters after the baptism of their only son, Joseph, Jr. Left to right, Mary, Rose, Sarah and Catherine. June 30, 1957



Mrs. Joseph S. Messina being blessed after childbirth.

ANGEL OF DEATH VISITS RECTORY

Mrs. Carrie Louise Cullins, sister of Father Meador, departed this life on Sunday, September 22, 1957, at 11:00 P.M. With her at the time of her death were Dr. A. T. Nadeau, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Cullins of Dallas, Texas, who nursed her for several weeks prior to her death, and Father Meador. After a Solemn Requiem Mass with the Franciscan Fathers and Brothers in the choir, the body was carried to Natchez and interred in the family plot. May she rest in peace!

Mrs. Cullins was associated with her brother about 20 years of his 23 years as a priest, making the rectory a home like the one in which he grew up.



Mrs. Joe Matassa



After Baptism of infant daughter, Gloria,
Father Meador blessed mother and child.

November 8, 1957

ANOTHER SNAPSHOT OF HALLOWEEN PARTY 1957



Father Meador giving out prizes



Sodality Officers: Mrs. Joseph L. Marascalco, vice prefect; Mrs. P. R. Daly, prefect; and Miss Catherine Messina, sec-treas. Dec. 8, 1957.

HALLOWEEN PARTY , OCT. 31, 1957



ST. PETER'S REFINISHED

In May of 1958 Mr. Bennie F. Lewis of Dallas, Texas, a nephew of Father Meador took on the job of refinishing the altars, while on a visit. The altars were Ivory and Old English Ivory, this was changed, they were marbleized and the job was so good that some people, on their first visit, were surprised when told they were wrong in thinking the altars were marble. Altar rail was treated the same way. The stations and statues were touch up that gave the interior a new look. ^{AFTER} ~~Later~~ Mr. Lewis and his wife left, the pastor hired a colored painter to paint the exterior of the Church and Rectory.

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MAY CROWNING, MAY 11, 1958



Sarah A. Messina had the honor of crowning,
with Aloysius Marascalco. Helen Daly read
the prayer of consecration.

DALY'S SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MAY 24, 1958



Mr. & Mrs. Patrick R. Daly renewing wedding vows in presence of their Pastor, with children in background. Their son, William (Billy), is the altar boy.



Ladies of congregation give Dalys a party and silver tray.



THE DALYS AND FRIENDS ENJOYING PARTY



Mr. & Mrs. Daly listening to some gag of
Rose Messina



Joseph Anthony Barranco and wife,
the former Martha Faye Howell of
Kosciusko. Married April 22, 1958.



Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Marascalco renew vows on
their Golden Anniversary, June 6, 1958.

MARRIAGES - BARRANCO-NOWELL

The nuptial of Joseph Anthony Barranco, the son of Vincent and Mary Barranco, took place April 22. This wedding, like all Italian marriages, was a grand affair.

VACATION SCHOOL

June found the Sisters back to take charge of the Summer Vacation School of Religion. These classes of Summer School run for about four weeks and the little ones either make their First Communion the last Sunday of the School or at a later date set by the pastor. This year the Pastor appointed August 17 for First Communion and the following received: Angela Liberto, John Marascalco, Jeannette Marascalco, Theresa Dyre, David Wood, Joanne Barranco, Luther Crull.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Marascalco celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary by renewing their vows before the Mass June 6, 1958

CONVERTS DURING THE YEAR 1958

Edgar Lee Parker was received into the Church January 5. This old gentleman has been down in bed for some time and after many visits to him he decided he would like to become a Catholic. His entire family is Catholic and most of the children live in Winona where this man lives.

Eninor Travis (colored) was very friendly to the priest while she was able to get about, and the pastor visited here in the hospital several times, and on her own she asked to be baptized which the pastor did and confirmed her at the same time. She died a few days later and was buried in Water Valley, the place of her birth.

TESTA-JAMES WEDDING

Samuel Testa, the son of Rose Testa and the late Sam Testa, was married to Marjorie Dean James at a Nuptial Mass on July 12. The wedding was typical of Italian weddings, but of a more practical and sane manner.

MISS MOLLIE WADE

Miss Mollie Wade of Scobey attended the Midnight Mass on Christmas. I had not seen her so happy in a long time. On the way to her nephew's (Mr. Dogan) for her Christmas Day dinner, she died, December 15, 1958.



Samuel Testa and wife,
the former Marjorie
Jean James. Married
July 12, 1958



Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth J. P. Kelley, the former
Patricia Daly. Married October 11, 1958.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES
WALTER WHITEHEAD.
MRS WHITEHEAD IS
THE FORMER ZELMA
ANNE NAIL FROM
NEAR WINONA.



GROOM: JAMES WHITEHEAD
BRIDE: ZELMA ANNE WHITEHEAD
BEST MAN: JOHN WHITEHEAD
BRIDE'S MAID: VICTORIA H. COURY

MARRIED IN WINONA, NOV. 29, 1958.

KELLEY-DALEY WEDDING

Miss Patricia Daley, the daughter of P. R. Deley and Elizabeth Dear, married Kenneth J. P. Kelley of Memphis on October 11 at a Nuptial Mass. This wedding was one any pastor could be proud of. It had all the solemnity the Church enjoins and the sanctity of true Catholics.

WHITEHEAD-NAIL WEDDING

Miss Zelma Anne Nail, a nurse in the Clarksdale, Miss. hospital, married James Walter Whitehead of near Clarksdale November 29 in Sacred Heart Mission, Winona, by Father C. E. Meador. Miss Nail during her nurse's training was sent from St. Joseph Hospital to St. Louis to further her training and while there she was converted and received into the Church July 7, 1956. As Miss Nail was originally from the mission of Winona and her parents live near the town she wished to be married in Winona, and the pastor of St. Elizabeth parish, Clarksdale, Rt. Rev. Msgr. McKenna, delegated Father Meador to perform the ceremony.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - 1958

The little ones prepared by the Sisters during the Summer Religious Vacation School received August 17. They are as follows: Angela Liberto, John Marascalco, Jeannette Marascalco, Theresa Dyre, David Wood, Joanne Barranco, Luther P. Crull, Jr., of Winona, and Michael Liberto.

