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ITALIAN MISSION IS TO USE OLD CHURCH

SS. Peter and Paul's in New Building.

Beginning to-day SS. Peter and Paul's congregation will hold its services in the new edifice in West avenue, near Brown street. The old building at Maple and King street was sold some time ago to the Rochester, Buffalo & Pittsburg Railroad, which proposes to use it as a freight house.

It is said that the railroad company has given permission for the use of the old church building to the Italian mission on the west side of the river in charge of Rev. M. Cattalano. This mission has been occupying temporary quarters in a building in Main street west, near Elizabeth street. It desires to use the old building until it has a building of its own.

Mass will be celebrated by the Italian mission this morning at 9 o'clock, and next week it is expected that two masses will be celebrated Sunday morning with the regular services. It is understood that the tenure of the building is at the pleasure of the railroad company, but it is likely that it will last during the present year.

St. Lucy's Church was a mission parish of Saints Peter & Paul serving a growing west side Italian immigrant population. Fr. Gefell had studied in Rome for seven years and was fluent in Italian. This was an extremely busy time for Fr. Gefell who had just finished the planning and development of Saints Peter & Paul's new church campus at its West Avenue location (later renamed West Main St.). Saint Lucy's parish declined and was closed in the 1970s. It later became the Lily of the Valley church and was destroyed by fire around 2001.

The former Saints Peter & Paul Church was razed and a completely new warehouse was built for the B., R. & P. Railways (later occupied by Seneca Paper during the 1990s and DataVault as of 2006).

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Rochester Woman Re-elected to Office of Supreme President of Knights of St. John Auxiliary

The thirteenth national convention of the Knights of St. John and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John came to a close Friday in Toronto. They were among the most successful and encouraging conventions ever held by the orders.

Mrs. Teresa Renner, supreme president of the auxiliary, was re-elected by acclamation. She was presented with \$20 in gold by the visiting delegates as a token of their appreciation of her good work in the organization. She was also presented with a massive bouquet of American beauty roses by her three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Clemens J. Rossen-

bach, Mrs. John C. Rossenbach and Mrs. William H. Rossenbach. Mrs. Renner feels that the honor of her re-election should be credited to the Rochester auxiliaries, which have assisted her in the work in which she has been successful, the organization having been increased in the last two years by the addition of twenty-six auxiliaries, thereby going far ahead of the increase in former years.

Mrs. Renner is a member of Auxiliary No. 44, St. Peter and Paul's Church, and the delegates in Toronto representing that branch were Miss Louise Meyers, Miss Catherine Smith, Mrs. William H. Rossenbach, Mrs. M. Reger, Mrs. Valentine Halts and Mrs. Moynihan.

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LACERATES HIS FACE ON FLOOR OF CHURCH

Man Probably Demented Frightens Onlookers.

The Italian mission for Catholics of the West Side, which has been holding its services in West avenue, took possession yesterday of old St. Peter and Paul's Church at Maple and King streets and held mass in the morning.

Late in the afternoon considerable excitement was caused by the appearance in the old church of an apparently demented Italian. When he approached the outer door of the church he made elaborate gestures and then passed inside. There were a few women and children in the building. The Italian threw himself on his hands and knees in the center aisle and, with his face pressed against the floor, wormed his way toward the altar, groaning and shouting. His face was torn by contact with the floor and blood flowed freely. The women and children in the church became frightened and hurried out.

Word was sent to the priests in the rectory adjoining the church and a call was telephoned to No. 6 precinct station. Here the call was misunderstood and an officer was sent to the new church in West avenue.

Before the mistake could be corrected the man had been induced to leave the old church. He stood for a moment on the stone steps, wiping the blood from his face, and then, stepping to the sidewalk, repeated his bowing and gesturing. After this he walked rapidly down King street and turned into Allen street. He disappeared before a policeman arrived.

Persons living in the vicinity thought the man was under the influence of liquor, but the priest at the church said he evidently was demented.