

1934

- March 18 —The Clementine Club under the direction of Father Tivenan presented a Passion Play "The Upper Room" during Lent. Religious movies, lectures and Passion Plays took the place of worldly amusements for many Lenten Seasons. Special credit must go to Mr. James Morrison of this parish who in his younger years played important roles in New York theatres and who in his declining years gave us the benefit of his experience by writing and directing many of the plays presented by our local Thespians.
- March 29 —Good Friday—Mrs. Mary Mittinger, a pioneer, who as a child witnessed the public auction-sale of slaves on the streets of Baltimore, died at the age of 95 years.
- May 13 —First Mass of Rev. Edward Siegman, C.P.P.S. Father Siegman is at present professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Charles Seminary in Carthagen, Ohio.
- September —In September there was another clothing drive for the needy; in October a party for the Relief Program of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference and in November another Bazaar which this time netted \$5000. Conditions generally were improving.
- December 23 —St. Clement's and its pastor were honored by the Holy Father when the pastor was made a Domestic Prelate with the title of Monsignor. An informal gathering of parishioners to offer congratulations was held in the hall that night.

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- March 5 —Conditions were certainly improving—The Pre-Lenten Social, an annual affair under the auspices of the Altar Society netted this year \$500.
- March 19 —Another Lenten feature. Ten speakers from every walk of life were on a program to help young people decide their vocation.
- March 24 —Mission conducted by the Oblate Fathers.
- April 19 —Tre Ore Devotions on Good Friday preached by the Rev. James J. Mertz, S.J.

- April 28 —First Mass of Rev. Clarence Halter. Father Halter is now pastor of a newly established parish in Warren, Ohio, of the Youngstown Diocese.
- September 22-26 —Seventh National Eucharistic Congress
 Preparations for the Congress began in May of this year when the Most Rev. Bishop Schrembs began to issue Instructions to all the parishes of the diocese, outlining his wishes for their support, cooperation and participation in what was to be the greatest National Eucharistic Congress ever held in this country. On nearly every Sunday for five months some announcement was made regarding the Congress. The men and women were invited to join the Eucharistic Choirs, and rehearsals were held weekly. Weekly broadcasts and propaganda literature sent to every Catholic publication of note in the land really made this a National Congress and all Cleveland was proud of the distinguished visitors it brought to the city, and the colorful ceremonies so eloquently described by Mr. Daschbach, a special reporter and feature writer on the staff of the Plain Dealer, and at that time a member of the parish. The part St. Clement's parish played in this inspiring Congress will long be remembered and forms a gratifying chapter in the official report that was published later. The pastor was head of the Decorations Committee which had charge not only of street decorations along the line of march, but decorations in the Public Auditorium, and the Stadium, construction of the huge altar on the stage of the Auditorium, the glass-enclosed altar in the Stadium, and the 131 small altars erected to represent the 131 Dioceses of the United States, and to provide for visiting priests from these dioceses a suitable place to offer the Holy Sacrifice during their stay. Our two assistants Father Tivenan and Father Reynolds did yeoman service in perfecting this feature of the Congress—Father Tivenan contacting every Catholic Church in the city and some outside the city for the necessary chalices, missals and vestments, and Father Reynolds supervising the reservations of bishops and priests, the appointments of services, the apportioning of hosts, mass-wine, etc. during the days of the Congress, and after the Congress both of them working for many long

days in returning everything to the respective parishes that had furnished and paid for an altar. The women of St. Clement's, members of the Altar and Rosary Society, under the inspiring leadership of Mrs. W. J. King, their President of the Society, began early in June to sew for the Congress, and as the enthusiasm for this labor of love grew day by day they decided to go all the way, cost what it may. They bought the linen and made every altar-cloth, amice, purificator and corporal that were used by the hundreds of visiting clergy during the days of the Congress. They will always be grateful for the opportunity that was given them to contribute so large a share to the success of the Congress, and so for St. Clement's parish as well as for the Diocese of Cleveland the year 1935 must ever be held in veneration.

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| March | 23 | —Confirmation. |
| April | 26 | —Most Rev. Bishop Schrembs celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his Consecration as a Bishop—Parish sent delegation to Pontifical Mass and Reception. |
| May | 3 | —First Mass of Rev. Edw. Dierker. Father Dierker is at present assistant at St. Peter's in Canton, Ohio, now in Youngstown Diocese. |

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| January | 4 | —Pastor left for Eucharistic Congress in Manila and a visit to the Holy Land returning April 6th. |
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| March | 6-27 | —A three weeks Mission (women-men-young people) was conducted by the Servite Fathers. |
| May | 4 | —Confirmation. |
| August | 1 | —A third addition to the Rectory was necessary to provide living rooms for a third assistant and to enlarge the garages, and the work was done at the cost of \$8000. |
| October | 4 | —The Rev. John J. Reynolds, who was assistant at St. Clement's for eleven years, was appointed to take charge of St. Anthony's Home for Boys. Father Reynolds will always be remembered for his fidelity |

and success in training the servers for any and all liturgical functions in the Sanctuary where servers play such an important role. A farewell reception was tendered him on November 6th. At present he is still director of "The Home."

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| January | 4 | —Appointment of the Rev. Wm. A. Bachmann, S.T.D. who had just returned from his studies in Rome. |
| February | 12 | —Prayers and Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI. |
| March | 5 | —An appeal was made with gratifying results to help the Sisters of St. Joseph refinance their Motherhouse on Rocky River Drive. |
| April | 4 | —Appointment of Rev. James B. Thornton, newly ordained as third assistant. |
| May | 7 | —An appeal was made to bring in the Sales Tax Stamps to help the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. William Knotts and to Miss Gertrude Weiss for sorting and shipping these stamps to the redemption center at Columbus during these past eight years. Many hundreds of dollars have thus been garnered for the relief of the Poor. |
| June | 11 | —The Graduates of St. Clement's School received their diplomas at the Stadium in Cleveland on the occasion of Bishop Schrembs' Golden Jubilee of Ordination. |
| June | 25 | —First Mass of The Rev. Charles G. McManus, S.J. Father McManus is professor of English at the University of Scranton. |
| July | 16 | —Prayers were offered for all public officials and for Public Welfare on the occasion of the 50th anniversary celebration of the City of Lakewood. |
| November | 13 | —Establishment of St. Clement's Credit Union, through the efforts of Father Tivenan. The Union is in a flourishing condition today and ready to serve parishioners in need of financial help. |
| December | | —In place of a party for the Poor which was usually sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society during December, a plea was made to drop a quarter in the Poor Box on some Sunday in December—it worked. |

1940

The clouds of War kept rolling across the seas threatening and menacing the peace of our own fair land and many appeals were issued and answered, appeals for material relief to Catholics in Poland, appeals of the American Red Cross for all of the Countries already involved in the war and appeals for prayers from the Holy Father. A national day of prayer for peace was observed on September 8th with Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all through the day, and another day of Universal Prayer for Peace was ordered by the Holy Father Pope Pius XII to be observed on November 24th. A great deal of time was given to Social Study Courses, Convert Classes and Instructions on the use of the Missal. There was a Confirmation Class in May.—On June 30, The Hon. Joy Seth Hurd, always an active member of the parish was made a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, and the joy on this occasion was personal, pastoral and parochial. On October 13, a farewell reception was tendered Father Tivenan who after nine years of faithful service and pronounced success in C.Y.O. work and the instruction of converts, now began his work as Chaplain in the Army and served till the end of the War. At present he is pastor of St. Peter's Church in Akron, Ohio.

1941

This year began with a Mission in March conducted by the Oblate Fathers. In May an important announcement was made regarding the High School Education of our parish-school graduates. To build and staff a Catholic Parochial High-School was impossible, and many of our graduates for financial reasons entered Public High-School. The announcement read: "We are hoping that every boy and girl graduating from our school in June will be in a Catholic High School in September. In every case where the parents find it impossible or difficult to finance the tuition, St. Clement's parish will pay it. Financial reasons are no longer valid for sending children to Public High School." As a result, practically all graduates from the school in June are enrolled in some Catholic High School of Cleveland in September.

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| June | 18 | —The Rev. Wm. J. Murney, newly-ordained appointed as assistant. |
| June | 29 | —First Mass of the Rev. Adelbert Williams a graduate of our school and a member of the Boys Choir. He is at present an assistant in the Pittsburgh Diocese. As a matter of record again, we must say a word about our Boys Choir that began with the school and during all of these years has been the only Choir we have had. They are trained by the |

Sisters and deservedly receive many compliments from competent critics. They were chosen for some of the special music at the Eucharistic Congress and their mass on Christmas 1945 was broadcast by one of Cleveland's friendly stations.

June 30 —The house and lot adjoining the parish property on Marlowe was purchased for \$4700. It is to be used as a home for the janitor.

December 14 —Important Letter of our Bishop Schrembs on "Prayers for Our Country at War"—Our country was forced at last into the global war by the treacherous attack of Japan on the Hawaiian Islands and the succeeding years were mainly the story of how the folks on the home front helped the boys on the war-front in the epic struggle of democracy against totalitarianism.

1942

January 18 —A special dispensation from the Eucharistic Fast, requiring only four hours of fasting from food and one hour from liquids (non-alcoholic) before receiving Communion was granted to workers working in war plants at night.

March 22 —The First of the so-called "Bishops Collections for War Emergency Relief" was taken up at St. Clement's, and this, as well as the many similar collections that followed was a proof of the generous spirit of sacrifice the members of the parish were ready to make to win the War. A call for Volunteer "Blood Donors" was answered generously, mostly by the women of the parish. Thirty-five out of the forty-nine who answered the first call were accepted. Later on the number grew from 174 in September of 1943 to 205 in December of the same year. The women under the leadership of Mrs. James Berry took up the work of sewing for the Red Cross, and the Clementine Club published the first edition of the "Spotlight", a news-sheet of interesting events sent to the homes of servicemen for forwarding to the boys at the front.

February 17 —Parish activities to reduce the debt continued, and the annual Shrove-Tuesday Party of the Altar Society at Hotel Statler netted \$1105.