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How Bishop Moeller Wiped out the “Nightmare” Debt of the Diocese—or Did He?

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Parish Assessments

St. Joseph Parish in Circleville and Holy Trinity in Somerset were not assessed. Previously, they had paid amounts requested and at that time had been promised they would be released from all future obligations towards the debt; the interest on these amounts they paid was equal [i.e. proportional] to the annual assessments on the rest of the congregations; the amounts they paid then were larger than they would have been requested to pay in proportion to the other congregations in 1900.⁴⁰

The Italian parish of St. John the Baptist in Columbus is not mentioned in the correspondence or reports on the debt. No doubt it was excluded because the pastor, Father Cestelli, had placed the congregation deeply in debt to build the church.⁴¹

The parish assessments were set at about the parish income reported for calendar year 1899 (pew rent plus offertory collections), to be paid over ten years. They amounted to about \$1.00 per family, just about the same as the assessment that had been established by the 1885 synod.⁴²

Letters asking to reduce the parish’s initial assessment came in December and January from:

- Father F. M. Woesman, Marietta St. Mary’s
- Father D. E. Meara, Minerton
- Father Thomas A. Powers, Logan
- Father Paul, O.M.Cap., Canal Dover
- Father P. M. Heery, Dennison
- Rev. J. B. Mattingly, Athens

- Rev. Philip Steyle, Delaware
 - Father F. Moitrier, Churchtown
 - Father Andrew J. Johnson, Johnstown P.O.
 - Father William McDermott, Danville
 - Father E. C. Richards, Moxahala
 - Father J. H. Wagner, McConnelsville
 - Father Joseph A. Weigand, Bridgeport
 - Father William H. O Sullivan, Junction City
 - Father Tiburtius A. Goebel, Wheelersburg
 - Father Joseph Pollman, Fulda
 - Father Hugh Ewing, St. Peter’s, Columbus
 - Father John J. Schneider, Pomeroy
 - Father August Blum, Harrietsville
 - Father B. H. Hansen, Millersburg
 - Father B. M. O’Boylan, Newark
 - Father John S. Cawley, Woodsfield
 - Rev. E. J. Farmer, O.P., St. Thomas, Zanesville
 - Rev. A. L. Nonnen, St. Mary’s, Portsmouth
 - Rev. A. L. Swierczynski, Dillonvale
- (Some of these letters will be published in later issues of this *Bulletin*.)

The assessments of several parishes were reduced because of the data presented in these letters. And yet Bishop Moeller called the letters from the priests “encouraging” except that from Father Pollman, where Fulda had a large debt. Father Hannan at Shawnee actually volunteered his parish to take an assessment \$100 higher than proposed.⁴³ Final Assessments are shown in the table presented in our February issue.

The parishes were asked to make payments in April and October, because the interest on the large loans was due in those months and only then could principal payments be made on them.⁴⁴

To some extent paying the debt was a “shell game” in which debt was moved from the diocesan books to parish books. Bishop Moeller decided to charge 6% interest on the outstanding parish assessments. Some parishes, with his encouragement, borrowed the money at lower rates and made a lump sum payment to the diocese in 1901. Some of these were St. Mary’s in Portsmouth (\$1,800)⁴⁵; St. Nicholas in Zanesville; Holy Family in Columbus (\$800); and apparently the Cathedral itself (see below).

Execution of Bishop Moeller’s Plan

Debt on the Diocesan Books

The debt on the diocesan books has been found for points in time in about six month increments; most of these data are from reports that were printed periodically to update the diocese:

Dec. 1, 1900	\$196,293 ⁴⁶
Apr. 1, 1901	\$187,376 ⁴⁷
Sept. 4, 1901	\$107,583 ⁴⁸
Sept. 5, 1901	\$104,157 ⁴⁷
Mar. 4, 1902	\$73,107
Sept. 4, 1902	\$60,621
Mar. 9, 1903	\$58,120

At this point, Mar. 9, 1903, uncollected pledges totalled \$17,528. Cash on hand was \$15,383.

As shown in this table, the largest amount was paid in 1901 and early 1902. This was due to payments by the priests and religious communities who had money on hand, and to the payment of amounts borrowed by the parishes, as mentioned above. On March 13, 1901, Bishop Moeller joyfully wrote to Mother Baptista, of the Ursulines in Cincinnati Archdiocese, “I paid off another \$4,600. on the debt this week. I am really surprised at the success I am meeting with.” And to Father Hartney in Steubenville he wrote on April 2, “The priests and the people of the Diocese of Columbus deserve indeed great praise for their great generosity.”

According to the diocesan cash books, the last major debt of \$20,000 was owed to Penn Mutual Mortgage and was paid off on April 7, 1904. The very last of the debt was paid off on April 13, 1905 when \$500 principal and \$40 interest was paid to each of two creditors, Miss Catherine Weber and Eva Weber. Accounts were in such good condition that in June, 1905, the diocese made a loan of \$6,000 to Mother Vincentia at St. Mary’s of the Springs.⁴⁹ This was over five years ahead of Bishop Moeller’s original schedule.

Bishop Moeller had been named Coadjutor Archbishop of Cincinnati on April 23, 1903. So it was just over two years after his departure from Columbus that the debt was eradicated from the diocesan books. But it was his plan and his determination, with the good will and cooperation of the clergy and religious and people of the diocese, that accomplished this feat.

Cathedral Parish Debt

Bishop Watterson had made an attempt to have the Cathedral Parish reduce its debt in 1890. According to a printed letter to the Congregation, dated that November 28, he called a meeting of the Cathedral Parish and a committee of forty was appointed to consult and advise how to dispose of the debt. All adult members of the congregation were asked to subscribe how much they could pay over three years. They thought the debt could be paid within three years. It was signed by a subcommittee made up of John Joyce, William Wall, D. E. Sullivan, H. L. Jacobs, L. G. Byrne, W. J. Clarke, D. C. Meehan, and W. A. McDonald.⁵⁰ This seems not to have produced much result.

As assigned by Bishop Moeller, the Cathedral Parish share of the debt was \$60,000, according to Bishop Hartley’s history⁵¹, but according to statements printed at the time it was \$55,000.

Just how this related to parish population or income cannot be precisely determined, for reports are lacking. The normal income of the parish, i.e. pew rents and offertory, for the sixteen months from April 20, 1899 to Aug. 26, 1900, was \$7,700.60. (V. Rev. F. X. Specht, as Administrator for that

period, apparently forced Father Charles Watterson to file a report; none exist from the time when his uncle had been bishop.) Annual income then was about \$5,800 and the \$55,000 share of the debt was proportionately about ten times what other parishes were to bear. There also are no census reports extant. The closest we can come is the report for January 1, 1905, which showed 1,636 souls in the parish and 362 of these renting pews. Using again the statewide average of 30% of the population being men of working age, this amounted to some \$110 per working man. Again, this is about ten times the debt to be collected per working man from other parishes. But the parish was expected to pay more, since it used the Cathedral as its parish church.

Bishop Moeller brought Father M. M. Meara back from Circleville to the Cathedral, influenced by the likelihood that he could greatly encourage the parish in eliminating the debt. He returned in November, 1900. “Enthusiasm did not prevail at the first meeting which Father Meara called ‘for the purpose of presenting ways and means to pay the

debt.’ Frequently they had started with enthusiastic confidence upon this mission only to be ‘bogged down and swamped.’ The calm confident tone of Father Meara, his clear presentation of the problem, his fine business ability, impressed the men of the parish—even though a few prominent parishioners of unquestioned financial leadership registered doubt—and the work started.” In the end, “With earnest, Catholic cooperation by the generous giving of the poor and the rich,” the debt was paid easily.⁵²

Father Meara’s efforts probably were helped by the definition of his parish boundaries, for the first time, in 1903 by Bishop Moeller in consultation with the pastors of the city. The boundaries were the railroad tracks west of the Scioto River and Park Street (now North Front) on the west, Long Street and Spring Street on the north, 18th Street and Winner St. on the east, and Town Street and Bryden Road on the south.⁵³

On the Sunday before Dec. 8, 1900 Father Meara invited the men of the parish to meet and consider ways to discharge their share of the debt.

Bishop Watterson’s Estate and the Diocesan Debt

Surviving correspondence of Bishop Moeller indicates that his predecessor had not intended to leave unprotected those loans to the diocese that were not secured by mortgages. Bishop Watterson purchased a life insurance policy with a value of \$40,000. Like other bishops, Moeller wrote, Bishop Watterson had intended to leave the bulk of this amount to the diocese. His opinion in this was based on statements of Mr. Sullivan, a diocesan creditor, Rev. Charles Watterson, the bishop’s nephew, and others. But Bishop Watterson’s life was cut short before he had changed his will to put this into effect. The money went to his personal estate and to his personal heirs, his relatives. Unfortunately, this left many in the diocese with feelings of “acrimony” towards these heirs.

Bishop Watterson also had made personal loans to the diocese. At the time of his death his

account on the diocesan ledger amounted to \$7,038.30. Under the administration of Msgr. Specht, the diocese began to pay this back, and the balance due the Bishop’s estate at December 1, 1900 was \$4,357.18. By the bishop’s will, any balance in this account was to be distributed \$500 towards Mass stipends, \$200 to Mrs. Julia Curry (his housekeeper), and the remainder split between St. Francis Hospital and St. Vincent Orphan Asylum. On September 25, 1901, as Bishop Moeller’s plan brought in funds to reduce the debt, the diocese paid these obligations, with \$1,826.75 being given to each of the institutions.

It may have been a mistake for Msgr. Specht to pay the account down, in a sense, for the payments, which ultimately went to the bishop’s heirs, if left unpaid until settlement would have stayed in the diocese to the benefit of the hospital and the orphanage.

Mr. M. S. Connors acted as secretary. A committee composed of John Joyce, John C. Snee, D. E. Sullivan, D. C. Meehan, and M. S. Connors was appointed to devise a plan. They met on Monday, with Joseph M. Howard temporarily taking Mr. Connors' place. They expected to have a plan completed in a week. They intended to form the congregation into a closer organization. "Heretofore it has been made up of a floating population, the majority of whom contributed little or nothing toward the maintenance of the church. Out of an average attendance of 3,000, less than 300 sittings [pews] bring any regular rentals, and the amount of money collected has been altogether disproportionate to the size of the congregation. The pastor has under consideration a plan whereby he hopes to increase the revenues and secure an adequate amount in fixed charges for the proper support of the church."⁵⁴

According to Bishop Moeller's plan, the Cathedral parish's "half" of the debt was reduced by the expected proceeds from the sale of the former St. Aloysius Seminary and the old Catholic Cemetery properties. The seminary lots were sold to Holy Family Parish on January 1, 1902 for \$8,500.⁵⁵ The cemetery was sold to the Dominican Order in 1905 as the site of the new boys' high school. It was appraised at \$30,000 in 1900. The final transaction price was \$25,000 but the sale was not completed until 1907.⁵⁶

As announced in the *Columbian* on December 8, 1900, Bishop Moeller donated \$1,000. towards the Cathedral parish portion of the debt.

The parish had paid \$25,682 by Sept. 4, 1901; \$44,938 by March 4, 1902; \$53,134 by Sept. 4, 1902; and the full \$55,000 by March 9, 1903. Part of this amount paid to the diocese must have been borrowed and remained a debt of the parish to outside creditors until early 1906.

In 1906 the parish committee that assisted Father Meara consisted of John T. Hart, M. S. Connors, D. E. Sullivan, D. C. Meehan, John C. Snee, John Joyce Jr., Joseph M. Howard, Thomas Swift, and W. A. McDonald. At a large meeting in the Cathedral on Jan. 7, 1906, the committee presented its final report, showing that the church

was completely free of debt. Bishop Hartley was present, as were Revs. Charles F. Kessler, A. J. Johnson, and L. W. Mulhane. The Bishop warmly commended Father Meara and the congregation for completing the liquidation in five rather than the projected ten years.⁵⁷

When was the Debt Eradicated?

As seen above, the debt was cleared from the diocesan books in 1905 and from the Cathedral books in 1906. However, because some of the debt was transferred to several other parishes, it would be very time consuming and perhaps impossible to determine when it was entirely paid off. The annual parish financial reports usually listed debts, so with effort one could determine when a particular loan was retired. But since the parishes often had borrowed other amounts for other purposes, and money is fungible, as long as any debt remained on a parish's books, one could not say when this particular debt was paid.

Another indication of sorts is that in 1909 a few of the ten-year pledges to the diocese, due to be paid off in early 1911 at the latest, still remained outstanding. Nine parishes owed \$2,072 and nineteen priests owed \$1,736.⁵⁸

So, although we must give Bishop Moeller credit for clearing the St. Joseph Cathedral debt from the diocesan books, when it was entirely eradicated remains an open question.

NOTES

In reading this article, it should be kept in mind that the dollar of 1900 was worth about 100 times today's value; and the diocese had perhaps one-quarter of today's Catholic population.

Monsignor Schlegel questioned the listing of St. Vincent, a mission of Glouster, on page 11 of the February issue. That was an error in the printed diocesan statement of 1901; it should have listed St. Ambrose mission at Vincent.

40) Moeller to Woesman, Jan. 6, 1901

41) Indicated in Bishop Moeller's correspondence

- with him and others.
- 42) Moeller to Wehrle, Jan. 9, 1901; Moeller to Rev. Paul, O.M.Cap., Jan. 31, 1901
 - 43) Moeller to N.E.Pilger, Jan. 4, 1901; Moeller to Hannan, Jan. 21, 1901, letter book 1 p 432
 - 44) Moeller to Rev. P. Steyle, Jan. 30, 1901
 - 45) letter of Jan. 22, 1901
 - 46) printed statement of 9/4/01
 - 47) principal only
 - 48) Calculated as debt on 12/1 plus new loans plus interest less principal and interest paid since 12/1; but there also was \$13,429 cash on hand.
 - 49) Diocesan cash books, 1900-1905 and 1906-1908, ADC
 - 50) Form letter in Bishop Watterson's correspondence, ADC
 - 51) Hartley 1918 p. 157
 - 52) Daniel McAlister, tribute to Father Meara in *The Catholic Columbian*, Aug. 16, 1912
 - 53) See the *CRS Bulletin*, Vol. XII No. 7 (July 1987), p 246
 - 54) *The Catholic Columbian*, Dec. 8, 1900
 - 55) Parish centennial book, *The Church of the Holy Family 1877-1977*, p. 14
 - 56) Anthony A. Lisska, *A History of Aquinas College High School*, p 15, from Minutes of the Aquinas Literary Society
 - 57) *The Catholic Columbian*, Jan. 13, 1906
 - 58) loose sheet in the index portion of the Diocesan Ledger for 1900-1905, ADC



Tuscarawas County Notes

Canal Dover

Canal Dover, June 13, 1875

Today was Confirmation day for the congregation of this place and for the missions in charge of the Rev. B. Wiseman [Rev. J. Bernard Wismann], who has now been pastor here for about a month less than ten years. The mission in Tuscarawas county was first started at St. Peter's, about six miles from here, before Dover had any pretensions to the importance it now claims. For reasons not edifying to dwell upon, no priest ever remained long in charge of the mission. If I am not mistaken the Rev. Father Winans was here about three years and left. After him came Rev. F. H. Goltz [Goetz], now of Holy Trinity, Dayton. Then Father Heimo, who died afterward in Holmes county. Then Rev. H. Fehlings, now in New Jersey, with perhaps one or two others between, who did not stay long enough to be easily remembered.

Rev. Father Wiseman came here in 1865, July 17th. It was his first mission, and he went into all the duties of it with all his energy. He has steadily maintained the school and choir ever since. His principle difficulties have been with a certain class of people, who from long absence from Catholic influences have forgotten their faith,

and want to regulate church matters, including the priest, according to their own notions.

Fortunately there are but few of those, and as they die out, true Catholics will take their places. One of them arose in his place on Palm Sunday, and interrupted the priest in the pulpit with so much clamor that the sermon was cut short, and the man taken away by a city marshal.

Today, however, everything seemed to speak of peace and joy below. The *confirmandi* numbered sixty-two, of whom twenty-four came from Bolivar, ten miles away, where there is a small church and Mass once a month. One convert. They were confirmed after vespers and sermon by the Rt. Rev. Bishop.

Tomorrow the Bishop and Father Wiseman go to Lodi to assist in closing the Jubilee mission, began by the Rev. H. H. Mayrose, the pastor. Confirmation will be given there on Tuesday morning.

At the High Mass, celebrated by the pastor, the church was thronged, and the people manifested the most respectful interest in the sermon of the Rt. Rev. Bishop, which was on the supernatural character of the Catholic Church. The choir, under the able direction of Prof. John Jurgens, sang Farmer's Mass, with the well known

“*O cor Amoris*,” for an offertory. Miss Lena Montag was the leading soprano, and sang with remarkable spirit and accuracy.

- from *The Catholic Columbian*,
June 19, 1875

Glasgow

What very little was known of St. Joseph Mission at Glasgow was presented by Msgr. George Schlegel in our Bulletin of May, 2000. He speculated that it may have existed from about 1878 to 1880. The following news items from The Catholic Columbian make it clear that the church was built in 1875. No property record for this site has been found in the Tuscarawas County Recorder's Office.

Issue of October 30, 1875:

Father Hawe's new church, at Glasgow, is now nearly ready for dedication. It is a brick building fifty by thirty feet costing twenty-four hundred dollars.

Issue of January 15, 1876:

The Fair and Festival of the new Catholic Church, at Glasgow, was a grand success, clearing over \$1,000. The voting was lively, and the prizes were awarded as follows:

1st prize—Gold headed cane—P. P. Gossarth, Port Washington 2,785; John Fleming, Superintendent Glasgow furnace, 2,718. [etc.]

Rev. Father Hawe said Mass for the first time in the new church on Sunday after Christmas. The Church has no pews as yet, and on that account served to hold the fair in, which commenced on the 27th of December, lasting four days. Father Hawe expected to make only a few hundred dollars by the fair, but was joyfully surprised when he found the net proceeds to foot up \$1,000. Glasgow congregation has about twenty Catholic families. Five months ago they determined to erect a church, raising seven hundred dollars for that purpose. With proceeds of the fair they will be able to pay sixteen hundred dollars, leaving the church eight hundred dollars in debt.

St. Patrick Mission, Mineral City Baptismal Records, 1891-1892

In March, 2010 we presented the story of St. Patrick mission in Mineral Point, later Mineral City, in Tuscarawa County. The May issue contained baptismal records from 1882 and 1883, found in the register of St. Joseph Parish, Dover; from 1884 to 1888, found in the register of St. Stephen Parish, Bolivar; and from 1892 to 1901, found in the register of the parish at Malvern and provided by Pat Coyle, volunteer archivist of the Diocese of Steubenville. Suzanne Tozzi, secretary of the parish of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Morges, found the following additional records from Mineral Point for the years 1891 and 1892 in the register at Morges and sent them to us. Thank you, Suzanne.

1891

- April 5 Louise Ruth, born 23 Dec., 1890, daughter of Joseph Ludlum and Nancy Meagher; sponsors Thomas Meagher and Mrs. Mary Brick. Rev. Walter Ross
- May 31 Thomas Francis, born March 22, 1891, son of Patrick Meagher and Eliz. Gardner; sponsors Mrs. Hortnes and George Meagher. Rev. Walter Ross
- May 31 Arthur Patrick, born May 22, 1891, son of Patrick Kilbow and Martha Murray; spons. James Hoy and Mary O'Brien. Rev. Walter Ross

1892

- April 17 Helen, born 9 Aug., 1892 [sic], daughter of Peter Murray and Agnes Warn; spons. Maggie McClinchey and Charles Murray. Rev. Walter Ross
- April 20 William Thomas, born 2 March, 1892, son of John M. Welch and Alice Shooster; sponsors Francis Hoy and Mrs. Hoy. Rev. Walter Ross
- April 20 Charles Edward, born 14 Jan. 1892, son of Michael Hortman and Josephine Renert; spons. Thomas Meagher and M. Welch. Rev. Walter Ross

St. Mary Parish, Lancaster
Baptismal Register, 1834-1843

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1842, continued

Nov. 6, William, son of Dennis Gainey and Ellen Sullivan, spouses, born Oct. 27; spon. Patrick Murphy and Bridget Cranah? J. M. Young
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Nov. 6, Mary, born Oct. 26, daughter of Joseph Rough and Regina Phillip, spouses; spon. Joseph and Mary Phillip. J. M. Young
same, Jane Almeda, daughter of Joseph Snyder and Elizabeth Myers, spouses, born April 1 this year; spon. Mich. Myers and Susan Snyder. Jos. M. Young

same, Helen, born Nov. 2, daughter of Joseph Hide and Mary Burckbüchler, spouses; spon. Aloysius and mother Mary Burckbüchler.

same, I supplied ceremonies over Rebecca Jane, born Sept. 13, daughter of Martin and Lucinda Hill; spon. Rebecca Miers. Josue M. Young

Dec. 23, Mary, born Dec. 14, daughter of Patrick Fielding and Ann Bossan; [page 109] spon. John ONeil and Ann Mowatt. Jos. M. Young

Dec. 25, William, born four weeks ago, son of the lawful marriage of [blank] Wallis and Alice Cooney; spon. John Fitzpatrick and his wife. J. M. Young

Anno Dom. 1843

Jan. 22, Josephine, daughter of James Baumeister and Mary Myer; spon. Joseph Leo and Angelina Frottinger.

Jan. 19, Martin, born Jan. 5, son of Philip M'Ginnis and Ellen Heery; spon. John Heery and Ann Riley. Jos. M. Young
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Jan. 3, Bridget, daughter of William Downey and Mary Cusack, spouses, born Dec. 26, 1842; spon. Edward Fogerty and Catherine Hideman.

Same, Caroline, two months old, daughter of Joseph Fisher and Louise Hideman; spon.

Mat. Fisher and Magdalen Keller. J. M. Young
Feb. 12, Constantine, born Jan. 26, son of Valentine Winegartner and Josephine Lippold; spon. Frederick Piper and Charlotte Houslee. J. M. Young

Feb. 19, Margaret, born Sept. 4 of last year, daughter of Mich. Myers and Margaret Frecker; spon. Joseph Phillip, Mary Piper.

Feb. 26, Gregory, born Nov. 28 last, son of Ambrose Binder and Louise Meyer; spon. W. Binninger and Louise Binder. J. M. Young
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Feb. 26, Louise, born Feb. 11, daughter of Martin Bish and Magdalen Groff; spon. Francis Brown and Anna Maria Groff.

Same, Catherine, born Feb. 12, of the lawful marriage of Joseph Steck and Catherine Hoch; spon. Martin Bish and Frances Steck.

Same, Josephine, born Feb. 3, daughter of Felix Barbenchon and Rosanna Gallagher; spon. Thomas Reynolds and Mary Wetzler. J. M. Young

March [blank], John, four years old, son of John Anderson and Melitha Hinton, spouses; spon. Sara Mills.

Mar. 13, John, six months old, son of Henry Zimmerman and Mary Benet; spon. Edward Garaghty. J. M. Young
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Mar. 19, Caroline, daughter of Michael Strickfader and Elizabeth Utz, spouses, born Mar. 18; spon. Aloysius Burckbüchler and Magdalen Steck. J. M. Young

Apr. 2, Cecilia Dorcas, daughter of James Thomas and Elizabeth Wetzler, spouses, born Mar. 11; spon. Augustine Lilly and Joanna Wetzler. J. M. Young

Same day, conditionally, Hezekiah Clarke, about 65 years old, converted from the camp of the heretics, and afterwards he received the sacraments of Eucharist and Extreme Unction.

Apr. 9, Constantine, son of Joseph Steinlee and Frances Rundle, spouses; spon. Egidius Back and Margaret Seifert. J. M. Young

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Apr. 11, James, about five years old, son of [blank] Fern and Helen Stoditz; spon. Isabel M' Aleer. Joshua M. Young

Apr. 15, Holy Saturday, I solemnly baptized Rosanna Mary Miers, about twenty years old, and on the following day administered First Holy Communion. Sponsors were Mary Phelan and [blank] J. M. Young

Apr. 16, Easter, Joseph, born Oct. 13 last year, son of Nicholas Wieh and Magdalen Phillip, spouses; spon. Joseph and Mary Phillip.

Same, John, born 27 February last year, son of Wendolin Frottinger and Ursula Bohrer, spouses; spon. Joseph Phillip and Catherine Frottmyer. Josue M. Young

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Apr. 16, Easter, Louis, born Apr. 6, son of Christian Flamm and Theresa Ottiney; spon. Wolfgang Binninger and Crescentia Ottiney. Josua M. Young

Apr. 17, Margaret, born Nov. 6, 1840, daughter of William Bradford and Mary Loghlen; spon. Christoph. Pierce and Mary Martin.

Same, conditionally, Sara Joanna, of the same parents, whose sponsors were John Loghlen and Catherine Branigan. She was first baptized by the mother, born Aug. 1, 1842.

Apr. 23, Rebecca, born March 14, lawful daughter of Theodore Tong and Teresa Littlejohn; spon. Mary Lilly and Alexander Littlejohn. J. M. Young

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Apr. 24, Joanna whose sponsor was Ann Lilly and Mary whose sponsor was Mary Lilly, born Sept. 28, 1842, children of the lawful marriage of Adam Short and Mary Cec. Edwards. Josua M. Young

Apr. 28, Ann, born July, 1842, lawful daughter of James Scanlan and Ann O'Hearene; spon. Ellen Gainey. J. M. Young

Apr. 25, Mary, born Mar. 25, daughter of

Christian Hielstand and wife Rosina, born Biterim; spon. Leopold Cost and Maximiliana Huber.

Same, Joseph, born Oct. 8, 1842, son of Joseph Huber and his wife Maximiliana born Cost; spon. Ignatius and Michaelina Cost.

Same, Walburga, born Apr. 8, daughter of Xavier Syle and Regina Cost; spon. Mathias and Frances Cost.

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Apr. 26, Joseph, born Apr. 15, son of Rudolph Shartzle and Barbara Zander; spon. Joseph Kessler and Mariann Seevy?

Same, Elizabeth, born Feb. 3, daughter of Nicholas Kessler and Mary Blasius; spon. Rudolph Shartzle and Elizabeth Kessler.

Same, Barbara, born Sept. 24, daughter of George Wyland and Catherine Schroeder; spon. Francis Kessler and Barbara Shore. J. M. Young

May 15, James, born Mar. 23, son of Matthias Jordan and Mary Fox, spouses; spon. Thor. Fox and Catherine Casey. JMY

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May 15, Philemon Wolfgang, son of Wolfgang Binninger and Magdalen Binder; spon. Silverius Zink and Teresa Flamm, born May 1. J. M. Young

May 20, Bridget, born May 17, daughter of Patrick Powers and wife Judith; spon. John Murphy and Mary Antoinette Häfler. J. M. Young

May 21, Michael Henry, born Feb. 4, son of Ambrose Spier and Rosanna Keller, spouses; spon. Jos. and Catherine Shatzley.

Same, conditionally, Frances, born Feb. 13, daughter of Reslie Frazer and Mary Judy, spouses; spon. Benedict Kunkler and Magdalen Judy.

(To be concluded)

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