



**St. Therese's Communion 4:30 p.m.**

Pictured is the First Communion Class of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, Saturday, May 6. Front row, from left: Rachel Buckman, Matthew Yedesko, Scott Yedesko, William Yedesko, Andrew Ondish, Lindsey Knepp. Second row, from left: David Kanson, Samuel VanHorn, Katlyn Monahan, Joshua Stephens, Corey Monk. Third row, from left: Miranda Baur, Danny Fasulka, Nicholas Lombard, Hilary Hoover, Ryan McAndrew, Chelsy Zelasko. Fourth row, from left: Denise Murphy, Coordinator of Religious Education; Msgr. J. Peter Crynes, Pastor.



**St. Therese's Communion 9 a.m. Mass**

Pictured is the First Communion Class of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, at the 9 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 16. First row, from left: Anne Yoskoski, Andrew Chorba, Arianne Schott, Tyler Rice, Taylor Dougherty. Second row, from left: Alexa Frey, Leigh Hillman, Allison Considine, Ashly Headman, Amanda Fiorelli, Martin Everhart. Third row, from left: Taylor Dunn, Mikaela Pricher, Taylor Bowman, Michael Masalski. Fourth row, from left: Msgr. J. Peter Crynes, Pastor; Denise Murphy, Coordinator of Religious Education; Peggy Harvey, Teacher.



**St. Therese's Communion 11 a.m. Mass**

Pictured is the First Communion Class of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, at the 11 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 7. Front row, from left: Michael Flack, Gianna DeGraba, Christopher Bell, Buck Taylor. Second row, from left: Julia Clements, Anthony Bevevino, Miranda Pompino, Sean Ziller, Nicholas Strzeletz, Jacqueline Eury. Third row, from left: Nicholas Pilch, Kayla Smoulin, Andrea Carr, Sara Krogulski, Sarah Hughes-Blaum, Blair Ann Costantino, Peter Decker. Last row, from left: Denise Murphy, Coordinator of Religious Education; Msgr. J. Peter Crynes, Pastor; Meghan Horn, Teacher.

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**Back in time**



**Anna Mae Estus**

Miss Ethel Yaple was a teacher in the Dallas Borough School, who later became Mrs. James Oliver, Sr. She was my first teacher and the best one I ever had.

She was a tall, very erect handsome lady and you knew she loved being a teacher. She taught the first three grades, sometimes also the fourth grade, all in the same room. Desk's were double and sized for pupils of various ages. Her desk was in the center at the front of the room. The long recitation bench was in front of her desk and classes took turns sitting on that bench for lessons while the others studied. There were lots of blackboards and it was a great privilege to wash them and "clap" the erasers. During the day at any unan-

**Miss Ethel Yaple set standard for teachers**

nounced time, Miss Yaple would take out her pitch pipe and sound a note that meant all of us were going to sing, maybe only one song, but more likely several. She loved to sing, so did we. She knew exactly how to soothe the restless little ones and relieve the tension's of the older ones.

On days of stormy or cold weather when we couldn't go outside for recess, she would have us go to the cloak room and put on our coat and hat and have the big boys open all the windows. Then we would run around and around the room, up and down the aisles and stop by our desk at a signal from her pitch pipe. Then we would do all sorts of exercises beside our own desk until the allotted recess time was up. After the windows were closed and our coats hung up we were ready to go back to lessons.

Reading was my favorite. We didn't have "Dick and Jane" readers, we had green books about "Fanny and Dan". The stories

began, "Can Fanny Fan Dan?", "Fanny Can You Find Dan" etc.

We learned to spell in first grade, big words before the end of the year. We had spelling bees every Friday, as well as spelling the word correctly, we had to use the word in a sentence. We had to learn to recite a new poem each month and know who the writer was. Miss Yaple read books to us, chapters each Friday. On Monday we would discuss the story and be able to say who the author was and all we could tell about him.

Miss Yaple believed a child was never too young to learn. Of course no pupil was pushed beyond his ability, you just wanted to learn everything, it was fun, even the times tables.

I personally am grateful to Miss Yaple for the wonderful start toward my life long interests. I'm sure there are others who were her students who feel the same. Miss Yaple was the best teacher, there are none like her today.

**BIRTHS**

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