

Connell Jr., Francis J.

Local Girl Bride In Nuptial Mass

Oct 16 1943

At 9:30 o'clock this morning in the Church of the Holy Infancy, Miss Gertrude Veronica Hildenberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Hildenberger, 468 Montclair Avenue, became the bride of Pvt. Francis J. Connell Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Connell, 427 East Fourth Street.

Rev. Augustine B. Caine, rector of the church, performed the ceremony and was the celebrant of the nuptial mass which followed. White snapdragons and white chrysanthemums against a background of palms and cybotium fern formed an attractive setting for the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white taffeta made on Princess lines with long sleeves and heart shaped neckline. Her veil of illusion was held in place with a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a white prayerbook from which was suspended a shower of gardenias and bouvardia.

The bride had her sister, Miss Lucy E. Hildenberger, as maid of honor and Miss Peggy M. Connell, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. Both attendants wore similarly made gowns of baby blue. The full skirts of tulle were made over a taffeta foundation and the fitted bodices of silk jersey had long sleeves. They carried sprays of white roses and snapdragons.

John McGovern acted as best man and Bernard A. Briody Jr. served as usher.

The bride's mother wore green velvet with a corsage of yellow rosebuds and the bridegroom's mother wore blue crepe with a corsage of pink rosebuds.

An organ recital of traditional wedding music was given by Miss Agnes McGovern and during the ceremony Mrs. Joseph Ricapito sang "On This Day," "Ave Maria" and "O Lord, I Am Not Worthy"

Revs. A. B. Conway, Remigio Roldan, Julian G. Zagorski and Paul Lamborski were present in the sanctuary during the ceremony.

A wedding breakfast was served at the Elks Club for the members of the immediate families and was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents for several hundred wedding guests.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School. She is employed in the engineering department of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School and attended Moravian College and was graduated from the Renouard School of Embalming. Before he entered the armed forces he was associated with his father, and is at present stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill.

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