

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

What's Going on in the Parishes outside Rochester.

Richard Welsch and Miss Mary Broderick were married at St. Francis DeSales Church, Geneva, on Tuesday afternoon.

On November 11th, the Rt. Rev. Bishop will administer the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Janismus Church, Naples. Rev. John Egan of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, has charge of this mission.

Last week's fair for the benefit of St. Michael's Church, Lyons, netted over \$3,500. Father Kavanaugh is to be congratulated for his efforts to make the fair a success. The following prizes were drawn at St. Michael's fair Friday night: Oil painting, Miss Mary Haltz; fancy pillow, Rosa Murphy; tea set, Thomas O'Neil; chamber set, H. F. Myers; marble top table, Mrs. Collins; hanging lamp, Mrs. Ford; plush chair, Julia Aspell; rocking chair, Mrs. P. J. Heffron; quarter of beef, Julia Robinson; ton of coal, Carl Martin; road cart, H. S. Beckoven; set of furs, Dr. J. W. Putnam; plush album, Miss Helen Kaller; crayon portrait of Father Kavanaugh, Mrs. William Gehan; suit of clothes, Mike McCarthy, Savannah; silver water pitcher, James P. Boyle.

**Links From Lima.**

A high mass of requiem for Sister M. Bernard, was celebrated in St. Rose's Church, Tuesday, Oct. 22. The school children attended in a body.

The latest improvement about our church premises consists of matting for the aisles. A large share of the expense was met by surplus left from the grand excursion to Conesus Lake last August.

A delegation from Branch 138, C. M. B. A. attended the institution of No. 143, at Livonia Station, on Sunday, Oct. 27. President Fitzgerald, Chancellor Eichinger, Secretaries Terry and Fitzgerald, represented, as well as they could, our "hustling" Branch. The occasion was one to be long remembered. An elegant banquet was served after the ceremonies, to which ample justice was done by the numerous visiting brethren. The new branch is composed of excellent material in its charter members, including the ever-vigilant and whole-souled Pastor, Rev. Jos. W. Hendrick. The weather they furnished was simply horrible, and admits of no defense. Lima's delegation reached home safely, but we have no returns yet from Mt. Morris.

**RAMBLER.**

**The Week's Feasts.**

The following sketches of the saints who are commemorated during the coming week, are taken from the *Pilgrim of our Lady of Lourdes (Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart)*.

**St. Malachy (3)**—Archbishop of Armagh, Ireland, zealous for the repose of his sister's soul, said Mass for her after her death. Some time afterward he heard, in a vision, a voice telling him that his sister stood outside at the door of his house, and that she had eaten nothing for thirty days. He awoke and could not at first make out what food she needed. At last, counting up, he found it was just thirty days since he had offered for her the *Living Bread that came down from heaven*. He began again to say Mass for her and, in a short time, saw her, clothed in black, standing at the church door, unable to enter. He continued to offer the holy sacrifice for her and saw her again, in semi-mourning garb, within the church but not able to approach the altar. Redoubling his fervor in offering Christ's Body and Blood, he had at last the consolation of seeing his sister clad in white and in the company of the blessed Saints of God. St. Bernard relates this incident in the life of his friend, St. Malachy.

**St. Charles Borromeo**, Cardinal, Archbishop of Milan (4th), the great restorer of ecclesiastical discipline and devoted pastor, when the plague raged at Milan, cared lovingly for his flock. When poverty came to increase their misery he sold his silverware and furniture to provide for their needs, and gave up even his own clothing and his bed for their use.

**All Saints.**

As early as the fourth century, the Greeks kept on the first Sunday after Pentecost the feast of all martyrs and saints, and we still possess a sermon of St. Chrysostom delivered on that day. In the West the feast was introduced by Pope Boniface the fourth after he had dedicated, as the Church of the Blessed Virgin and the Martyrs, the Pantheon, which had been made over to him by the Emperor Phocas. The feast of the dedication was kept on the thirteenth of May. About 731, Gregory III consecrated a chapel in St. Peter's Church in honor of all the saints, from which time All Saints' Day has been kept in Rome, as now, on the first of November. From about the middle of the ninth century, the feast came into general observance throughout the West. It ranks as a double of the first class with an octave.

**All Souls Day.**

A solemn commemoration of, and prayer for, all the souls in Purgatory, which the Church makes on the second of November. The Mass said on that day is always the Mass of the dead, priests and others who are under obligations of reciting the breviary are required to say the matins and lauds from the office of the dead in addition to the office which is said on that day according to the ordinary course, and the vespers of the dead are said on the first of November, immediately after the vespers of All Saints. This solemnity owes its origin to the Abbot Odilo of Cluny, who instituted it for all the monasteries of his congregation, in the year 998. Some authors think there are traces at least of a local celebration of this day before Odilo's time. With the Greeks, Saturday was a day of special prayer for the dead; particularly the Saturday before Lent and that which preceded Pentecost.

**Parochial Schools.**

The following is from a Protestant organ, the *School Bulletin*:

There is a strong competition in large places between Catholic and public schools, but the supporters of the latter fail to see that while they are tearing their hair and denouncing papal aggression, the Catholics are gradually gaining upon them in the character and quality of the instruction given.

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