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Weekly Church Calendar.

SUN. June 8—Second Sunday after Pentecost. Gospel, St. Luke, xiv, 16-24. St. William, Archb. and Conf. MON. 9—St. Columba, Abbott.

TWO ROCHESTERIANS HONORED.

Two Rochesterians have received honors at the Paris Salon. Frank Vincent Dumond, son of A. M. Dumond, has been awarded a medal for his picture, "The Holy Family."

The cable brings the news that Guernsey Mitchell, brother-in-law of W. S. Kimball, received honorable mention at the Paris Salon for his two pieces of sculpture, "Spring," in marble, and "The Young Botanist," in gold bronze.

The Flower City has good reason to be proud of her talented men and women, and there seems to be no reason to dread the supply giving out.

REV. JAMES MCCARTHY.

We, in common with all Catholics of Rochester, regret very much that Father James McCarthy is very ill. All those who know him will hate to hear the sad news.

WISCONSIN CATHOLICS.

In another column will be found the resolutions adopted at the convention of German Catholic Societies in Milwaukee last week.

ringing speech in denunciation of the compulsory education laws recently enacted in the western states and especially the Bennett law in Wisconsin. As we have said before, the ground taken by the Wisconsin Catholics and Lutherans against the Bennett law is not that it makes instruction in English compulsory—because they claim that as much English instruction is imparted in the parochial as in the state schools—but that the law leaves it discretionary with school boards to declare what shall or shall not constitute a school and invests such boards with sufficient power to compel the attendance of all children at the state schools, thus infringing unqualifiedly and unjustly upon the God-given rights of the parents to educate their children how and where they please, provided such children are educated in such a way as to make them good American citizens and enable them to provide for themselves.

The daily papers have been administering a severe scolding to the unmitigated loafer who spits on the floor in the street cars. They might go further and score each and every man who spits on the sidewalk. What sense or reason is there in a man walking along and deliberately spitting upon the walk along which he knows full well many must follow him? Not a few of the latter are ladies and should not be put to the inconvenience of raising their skirts to escape the pool some hog squirted on the stones because he was too lazy or did not know enough to step to the edge of the walk and deposit his saliva in the street.

Now that the city has a handsome ambulance, why not purchase a cover for the patrol wagon? Every day or so, persons passing along the street are treated to a free exhibition of the depth to which a drunken man may sink. So long as the drunken man remains on the street, he is obnoxious to but a few; when he is deposited in the patrol wagon, especially if he be quarrelsome, he becomes an eyesore to all passers-by.

Daniel A. Rudd, the talented editor of the American Catholic Tribune, has issued a call for a congress of colored Catholics at Cincinnati July 8th. Mr. Rudd is thoroughly in earnest and laboring hard to make the congress a great success, as it should be.

The Pittsburg Catholic comes to us in an enlarged and improved form. We congratulate our esteemed contemporary and hope its sphere of usefulness will continue to improve until still greater enlargement is necessary.

We acknowledge a brochure of 48 pages by Conde B. Pallen, Ph. D., entitled "The Catholic Church and Socialism." The pamphlet is ably written and the theme treated in an interesting manner. Further notice is reserved until next week.

RT. REV. D. J. O'CONNELL.

The Rector of the North American College, a Guest of Bishop McQuaid.

Those present at the Cathedral last Sunday and at the Confirmations at the Immaculate Conception and Corpus Christi noticed a tall, rather good looking ecclesiastic in company with the Bishop. It was the Rt. Rev. Mgr. O'Connell, the distinguished rector of the North American College at Rome, who has been in this country since last October. He appeared at the centennial of the American hierarchy at Baltimore last November as the bearer of important letters from the Holy Father to Cardinal Gibbons and as the representative of the American episcopacy of Rome.

While here the Monsignor improved his acquaintance with Dr. Hanna of the Cathedral, who was formerly at the North American College. The worthy rector gave good accounts of the students from the diocese of Rochester at Rome.

The following sketch of the eminent young doctor is republished from the Journal of November 2d, 1889:

The Right Rev. D. J. O'Connell, D. D. rector of the American College at Rome, was born about thirty-six years ago at Columbia, S. C. He was as bright a boy as he is eminent man and was so far advanced in his studies that he was received into St. Mary's College when very young. One of his uncles, Rev. Joseph P. O'Connell, D. D., recognized as one of the most learned men in the priesthood, and who is at present pastor of the Church of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Brooklyn, was preceptor. After a preparatory course at St. Charles' College, Ellicott City, Md., he was sent to the American College, Rome, for the Diocese of Richmond, by Bishop Gibbons. In 1877, after having graduated with the first honors of his class he was ordained. On his return to the United States he was stationed at the cathedral in Richmond. It was not long before he again visited Rome, for as Procurator he was delegated to receive the Pallium from his Holiness Pius IX., in 1878, for Archbishop Gibbons, a duty which he ably discharged.

St. Stanislaus Church. Otto Block has completed plans for the fifteenth Catholic church in Rochester, St. Stanislaus Polish church, corner of Hudson and Norton streets. The structure is to be a plain frame one, with a seating capacity of 375. Its frontage on Hudson street is 40 feet and it will extend 80 feet on Norton street. The vestibule will extend across the whole front. There will be an organ gallery across the west end and the vestry and other rooms at the rear. The Polish Catholics have been attached to St. Michael's parish and its pastor, Erdolin Pascalar, has general supervision over the new church project. The contract will shortly be awarded for the construction of the new church.

The time for Easter duty is past.

THE MISSIONS CLOSED.

The Work of the Fathers. Attended with Great Success.

Last week's Missions were remarkably successful. The services, both morning and evening, were attended by large crowds of earnest and thoughtful men, who listened with rapt attention to the words that fell from the lips of the eloquent preachers. There were men who made both Missions who had not been in church in ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five years—and the hearts of the priests of both churches were made very glad.

Last Sunday's 10:30 a. m. high mass was celebrated by Rev. P. B. Dunphy, C. M., Revs. E. J. News, C. M. and Felix O'Hanlon, deacon and sub-deacon, Rev. M. J. Cluney, master of ceremonies. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. J. News on the subject "Heaven." The theme was handled in a masterly manner and more than one eye was moist as the preacher dilated on the happiness of rejoining friends gone before to the better land.

The Mission closed Sunday evening last with the Rosary recited by Father Dunphy and a sermon by Father LeFevre, whose discourse was an affecting one. He especially urged those who had been reclaimed by the Mission to stand firm and not to fall away. He closed his discourse by imparting the Papal Benediction. It is safe to say the Lazarist Fathers will not be forgotten by any one of St. Mary's congregation who made the Mission of which there were about 1,450 women and 1,000 men.

The Immaculate Conception.

Nearly 1,300 men made the Mission at the Immaculate Conception last week. The large number in attendance at the 5 o'clock masses caused non-Catholics residing in the neighborhood much wonderment. They were not aware that such little sacrifices as being an hour or so from sleep tests the sincerity and devotion to the church.

Last Saturday evening the church was filled to overflowing with men. Father Delargy preached a convincing sermon. Afterwards a beautiful ceremony was witnessed. A handsome statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary had been erected near the altar-rail on the gospel side. The pedestal on which stood the statue was a mass of flowers very tastily arranged. After the sermon the assembled men were solemnly dedicated to the Immaculate Mother of God. All present seemed fully to realize the importance of the ceremony and doubtless, more than one registered a mental vow that, come what might, he would be faithful to the resolutions he had made during the Mission.

Sunday closed the Mission. There was a large attendance. Father Bohn preached a plain and practical sermon on the duties due God and our neighbor Catholics. Incidentally, he spoke of the necessity of giving proper support to the pastor. The service closed in a most impressive manner, each man presenting with a lighted taper in his hand and in concert with the priest, renewing the baptismal vows. The scene was impressive, the earnest faces of the men and the mellow flame emitted from the 1,200 candles born aloft, forming a vivid contrast. Afterwards, the Papal Benediction was imparted.

Ovid.

A correspondent kindly sends us the following interesting account of the Forty Hours Devotion at Ovid:

The sermon was preached by Father Madden on Sunday night, Monday night by Father Evans of Ithaca, Tuesday night by Father Nelligan of Phelps. The different Fathers preached very fine and instructive sermons. The attendance was very large. Seven hundred and fifty approached Holy Communion. The pastor, Father O'Connell, thanked the people for their attendance, and asked them to persevere in the resolutions made during the Forty Hours Adoration. He then preached on the Gospel of the day. Your correspondent never heard a better sermon. It

was clear, distinct and convincing. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be condemned." "Dear Beloved Brethren, When our Divine Savior sent His Apostles and disciples throughout the whole world, to preach the Gospel to every creature He laid down the conditions of salvation in the text I have just repeated. Two conditions—faith and baptism." He then explained what Divine faith was, to believe without doubting, without hesitancy all that God has revealed or taught. He went on thus, proving that it was a heresy to say that it matters not what religion a man belongs to provided he is a good man. If it is a matter of indifference what a man believes, providing he is a good man, why then it is useless for God to make any revelation whatever. If a man is at liberty to reject it, what use for Christ to send out His Apostles and disciples to teach all nations. He finished by showing that other denominations had only human faith—human testimony—whereas in the Catholic Church alone exists Divine Faith.

Bishop McQuaid's Work.

Our Rt. Rev. Bishop has had a busy week. Sunday at St. Mary's Church he celebrated mass at 8:30 o'clock and administered the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation to an adult class of 21 men and 18 women. His assistants were Very Rev. Mgr. de Regge, Revs. P. B. Dunphy and Frank H. O'Donoghue, C. M. Before and after the ceremony the Bishop addressed the class and congregation.

At 2 o'clock on Sunday he was at the Immaculate Conception Church to administer Confirmation. The success of the mission was attested by the large class of adults—121 in all—who presented themselves to receive the Sacrament. The Bishop delivered his always practical and instructive addresses before and after the reception of the Sacrament. There was a very large congregation present.

At 4:30 o'clock, the beautiful little church of Corpus Christi was filled to overflowing to witness the large class of children receive confirmation. Bishop McQuaid administered the Sacrament—which was imparted to 123 children. The little ones were tastily dressed and presented a charming appearance. They listened with close attention to the feeling words spoken to them by the Bishop, who reminded them of the importance of the Sacrament and the great graces it conferred upon the recipient. He appealed to them all to stand firm and never deny the faith.

Monday morning Confirmation was given to the pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent.

Tuesday the Bishop was at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, and confirmed a large class there.

Wednesday saw the Bishop at St. James Church, Trumansburg, where he confirmed a class.

June Weddings.

On Tuesday morning at Our Lady of Victory Church occurred the marriage of Miss Minnie A. Smith to Mr. Raymond Raymond. Mr. Geo. Smith was best man and Miss Hortense Savard acted as bridesmaid. Father Champion, of Ecoise, Mich., a relative of the groom, performed the ceremony, while Father Notebaert assisted. The happy couple have our best wishes.

Miss Lizzie Miller and Mr. Louis Metzger were united in marriage at St. Joseph's church Wednesday afternoon. A brother of the groom was best man and the bridesmaid a sister of the bride. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride. The happy couple went on a wedding tour through Canada. On their return they will reside in Syracuse St.

At about 6 o'clock Thursday evening Miss Clara Andrews, daughter of Julius C. Andrews, was married to Lewis H. LaFontaine at Our Lady of Victory church, by Rev. Father Notebaert. The bridesmaids were Misses Ettie, Emma and Lena Andrews, sisters of the bride; the groomsmen were G. T. LaFontaine, Wm. Andrews and Wm. Yeo. An informal reception was held at the residence of the bride's father, 112 Reynolds street.

The corner stone of the new chapel will be laid at the Sacred Heart convent June 16th.