

CITY PARISH NEWS

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters.

CATHEDRAL

The first communion class is now organized and is having instructions every Monday and Thursday afternoon. The number in the class is about 180. May 27th is the day set apart for first communion, and the children of the class will prepare for a general confession preparatory to first communion, early in May. A retreat will be given to the children May 24-27.

The sacrament of confirmation will be administered on Pentecost Sunday this year.

The Cathedral Alumni Association are preparing a play which they are to present on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, May 17th and 18th. The tickets are already printed and in the hands of the members. New settings for the stage have been procured, the participants are throwing all their energy into the preparations they are making, and we look for a bright, pleasant, entertaining play.

"Lady Chapel" was opened for services on Tuesday morning, April 20th. The Rt. Rev. Bishop privately blessed the chapel at 7 o'clock, after which he celebrated the first mass. There were about 350 people present. The new altar for the chapel are not yet completed, and so the altar of the Blessed Sacrament from the cathedral was set up temporarily. The altar of the Blessed Virgin was also moved into the chapel.

May devotions are being held in Lady chapel, Frank street, at 7:30 each evening during the month. The devotions opened on Friday evening, April 30th, in a very simple manner, on account of the cathedral undergoing repairs. The devotions are being well attended, the chapel being crowded to the doors.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Martin Rowan, sr., died at 1 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Reddy, 114 Bartlett street, aged 67 years. The deceased was born in Westport, County Mayo, Ireland, and came to this country six years ago. Besides a wife he leaves three sons, P. J., Martin and Myles Rowan, and two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Reddy and Miss Julia Rowan. The funeral will be held at 8:30 this morning from the house, and at 9 o'clock from the church.

Thomas E. Collins died Saturday evening at the family residence, 215 Adams street, aged 32 years. Deceased was a member of the Rochester fire department, being stationed at Hose 4, on Ford street. Besides his mother, one brother and one sister survive him. He was a member of Division 6, A. O. H., and also for several years belonged to the Sons of Veterans in this city. The funeral took place Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the house and at 9 o'clock from the church.

HOLY BAPTISM

Solemn vespers were sung by the choir Sunday evening, assisted by Mrs. Chas. E. Cunningham, Misses Nellie Maloney, Anna Roach, Fannie and Kittie Moran, and Lily Dowling and Messrs. Chas. E. Cunningham, Richard Fennessey, William Kane, John Klubertanz and Charles J. Rhodes. The sermon was preached by the Rev. James E. Hartley, of Palmyra. The proceeds of the service will go towards the erection of a new choir gallery, and the balance will be devoted to the purchase of a new organ.

FRENCH CHURCH

Peter C. Burroughs died at his residence, 28 King street, Sunday evening, aged 77 years. Deceased was born in 1820 in Alsace. In 1842 he was married to Ellen Sullivan of Oswego, who survives him, together with six children. The funeral was held Wednesday morning, Rev. Father Notebaert officiating. Music was rendered by the church choir, assisted by the full choir of Immaculate Conception church. The bearers were M. L. Hughes, Richard Whalen, F. D. Rogers, John C. Hayden, Henry Ansell and Frank Wackerman. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Prof. Wilfred S. Lalonde gave an excellent concert at French hall, on Pleasant street, Wednesday evening. Prof. Lalonde was assisted by Miss Caroline Cramer, soprano, Miss Marie Notebaert, pianist, Miss Katherine Burns, elocutionist, and Mrs. W. S. Lalonde, pianist. Each number on the programme was heartily encored, and each artist received handsome floral bouquets.

CARD

The Sisters in charge of St. Patrick's Girls' asylum proffer kindest thanks to Mrs. W. B. Duffy and all the worthy benefactors of the institution who so generously contributed toward making the recent concert for the benefit of the cooking school a success. The concert was a magnificent charity, and one duly appreciated by all concerned.

EPISCOPAL VISIT.

Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid Visits the New Territory.

Bishop McQuaid has been making an episcopal visit to the new portion of our diocese, and on Saturday, April 24th, was met at Elmira, at the railroad station by a delegation of clergymen to welcome our bishop, from whence he was conducted to St. Peter and Paul's parochial residence, whose pastor's guest he was during his stay in the city. On Saturday evening a formal reception was held at the church.

Sunday morning at 10:30, following the mass, the usual inspection of the tabernacle, the confessional, the sacristy, etc., was held, after which the catafalque was brought in when prayers for the dead bishops, priests and parishioners were said.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a pleasing musical and literary entertainment was given at the hall of the Academy of Our Lady of Angels by the pupils of the Sisters of Mary, after which the bishop congratulated them on the excellence of the school.

Sunday evening and Monday morning St. Patrick's extended heartfelt greetings to the bishop, at which time the ceremonies at St. Peter and Paul's were repeated.

The next visit was to St. Mary's. Hon. Daniel Sheehan read an address of welcome.

Monday night and Tuesday was St. John's turn to welcome the bishop.

Tuesday night and Wednesday morning St. Cassimir's was visited.

Wednesday evening and Thursday morning a visit was made to Horseheads to St. Patrick's, where a heart-felt welcome awaited the bishop. After the ceremonies he went to Waverly, thence to Owego and from there to Hornellsville and returned to Elmira Monday noon.

In St. James hall, Elmira, on Monday evening, was gathered a large assemblage from all parts of the city to pay homage to the bishop. A choice programme was rendered. The little ones acquitted themselves with honors. As a finale, Hon. J. J. O'Connor delivered an eloquent and scholarly address.

CATHOLIC TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Teachers' Institute will be held in this city during the week commencing July 19th. It will convene in Cathedral hall. Mrs. B. E. Burke, who was the directress at the institute conducted in this city a year ago, will be present again this year, and will probably have charge.

Besides Mrs. Burke there will be lecturers from Cornell University and other centres of learning. Revs. Owen Maguire, D. D., and P. P. Libert, S. T. B., of the faculty of St. Bernard's seminary, have also consented to deliver lectures during the week.

Besides the Sisters of St. Joseph, Notre Dame and Mercy, the Catholic teaching orders in the diocese of Rochester, invitations will be sent to all the public school teachers and to other educators who are interested in institute work.

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Church Windows in Position.

The new windows of stained glass for the chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral have been placed in position. They are beautiful specimens of art and have the sacred emblems, the chalice, host, ciborium, ostensorium, cross and nails as the principal decorations. They are the work of a Rochester firm and demonstrate the fact that as good work in this line can be done here as in any place in the country.—Monday's Times.

Since the above article appeared in Monday's Times we have learned that the firm named is Haskins & Collyer, of 365 and 367 East Main street. Besides the exquisite window in St. Patrick's cathedral, this firm have placed the windows in the Central Presbyterian, South Congregational, Emmanuel, Grace and Westminster Presbyterian churches, and are now engaged in making twelve beautiful memorial windows for the Livonia Presbyterian church. They make art glass for residences as well, and there are many beautiful specimens of their work in the city.

CANONIZING A SAINT.

Some Interesting Facts Concerning the Solemn and Sacred Process.

The canonization of a saint is a long and tedious process. Priests must lead, bishops must advise and the laity must petition before it can be brought about. Even then the beatification may be deferred for years.

First, the subject for canonization is called venerable; next, he is blessed, and then he becomes a saint. But there are many intermediate steps. Before the subject can attain the first rank he must be shown to have practiced in a great degree the three great virtues of faith, hope and charity and the four other virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.

The college of cardinals causes the most rigorous examination to be made concerning the saintly character of the subject. This is done by a court presided over by the prefect of the congregation of rites, with two supporters of the cause, a promoter and a sub-promoter of the faith, whose office consists of raising objections.

The opposer of canonization is popularly called the "devil's advocate," and it is his duty to make all possible objections to the subject and to try to find some ground on which canonization may be refused. This is to insure the possession of saintly qualities by the candidate. Comprehensive and conclusive tests must be made to prove them. Then the bishop forwards the certificate to the congregation of rites at Rome, whose duty it is to examine and see if the archbishop's examination has been thorough, as required by the laws of the church.

THE THIRST OF CHRIST.

It is Only to Be Quenched by the Perfected Life of His Followers.

As Christ hung upon the cross reviewing his work and looking forward to see its effect upon the souls of men his divine vision unfolded a view far from what was to be expected. Instead of a world cleansed by his blood and uplifted by his love, a world of contentment, peace, brotherly love and fear of God, he beheld a world wherein vice and crime, sin and corruption, trampled one another in the rapidity of conquest, a world whose very skirts bore her filthiness and whose heart lay no thought of the end to come.

He beheld the race that his every effort would have lifted in purity and holiness into union with its God a blindly self-elected inheritance of hell. The vision came upon him at a moment when the last painful pulsings of the nail pierced hands and feet yet told of the sacrifice just completed, and in its awful tidings of unanswered love and unfulfilled desire dried up the strength, withered the soul and forced from the dying lips the pitiable confession, "I thirst." In that vision your soul and mine had their part. The years of our responsibility passed in review before his mind, and the cry of thirst was born of sins and hidden crimes, and, coming today from out the gloom of Calvary, calls to repentance, that in a more perfect life a quenching of the thirst of Christ may be effected by the growing thirst in you for him.—Rev. Father J. Hannigan.

AN IDEAL SICKROOM.

It Was Recently Endowed by Catholic Women of Chicago.

The members of Holy Name court of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters recently endowed a private room in Mercy hospital, Chicago. It is the first time that a room of this sort has been endowed by any Catholic society in that city.

The room will be known as Holy Name court room and will be forever open free of charge to suffering members of the court. For other persons who may make use of it when not occupied by any member of the court a fee will be charged.

The idea originated with Mrs. Edward Martin a little over a year ago and was at once taken hold of with so much energy by the society that it was pushed through to rapid realization.

The fittings of the room are of the most luxurious character. The furniture is of mahogany, and the walls and hangings are in soft shades of green. There are a handsome writing desk presented by the archbishop and a cabinet full of glass and china marked with the monogram of the society. Among the adornments are a number of fine photographs and a statue of St. Anthony. The shrine in the room will be dedicated to the sacred heart. Combining, as it does, the careful service of the hospital with all the comforts and even luxuries of home life, the sickroom will be an almost ideal place for the sick.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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