

CITY PARISH NEWS.

Interesting Subject of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters

ST. BENOICT'S
Father Hendrick took part in the morning services at the Immaculate Conception church last Sunday, and Father Commengier was present at the evening services.

An anniversary requiem mass was celebrated last Monday morning for the repose of the soul of Father Hendrick's mother.

The sympathy of this congregation is extended to the Sisters of St. Joseph, especially to those teaching in our school, on account of the serious illness of Rev. Mother Agnes.

The card party given by Branch 24, L. C. B. A., was well attended, Friday evening. The prize winners will be announced next week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Roth of Buffalo attended the birthday celebration at Mrs. Charles Hahn, mother of Mrs. Roth, last Wednesday.

A requiem mass was offered this (Saturday) morning for E. A. Mahoney, member of Branch 12, C. M. B. A.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Newman Reading Circle has been postponed till Jan. 8th, on account of the holidays.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Josephine Wallace, who has been seriously ill, is convalescing.

Miss Ignatia Dwyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dwyer, has gone to Boston. She will join the Franciscan order there.

A beautiful piece of tapestry has been donated by Mother Agnes to our Christmas festival. It will be awarded to the lady bringing in the largest amount of money. This should be an incentive to those engaged in the good work, to labor zealously.

Rev. Arthur O'Connor of Brooklyn celebrated high mass last Sunday. It will be advisable for our people to defer their holiday gifts till New Year's, this year, as they will have an opportunity of purchasing many beautiful articles at the fair.

ST. MARY'S
There was an anniversary mass on Monday morning at 7.15 o'clock, for Mrs. James Kane, a late member of the Rosary society.

The tickets for midnight mass will be distributed on next Sunday. The masses for Christmas day will be the same as on Sunday.

There was an anniversary mass on Tuesday morning for John Gaffney.

There will be a regular meeting of the Willing Helpers on Monday evening. All members are requested to be present, as arrangements will be made for the children's Christmas tree.

The Rosary society have presented Father Kiernan with a beautiful set of white vestments, to be worn for the first time on Christmas.

Miss Mildred Knapp entertained her friends with Pedro on Tuesday evening last.

Charles Brisley is making a trip through the west, combining business with pleasure.

Miss Mary Brennan of Pompey Hill and Miss Martha Mills of Waterloo were received into the Convent of Mercy on South Street on Friday, Dec. 8, at 5 o'clock p. m. Rev. Father Kiernan, V. G., received the candidates. Present in the sanctuary were Rev. Father Connors of St. Mary's church and Rev. Father Harrington of Waterloo. Miss Brennan takes in religion the name of Sister Mary Augustine; Miss Mills takes the name of Sister Mary Pauline. The choir of girls, assisted by Mrs. Greenidge, rendered beautiful sacred music during the ceremony. It was truly an impressive sight to see these highly educated and highly accomplished young ladies come before the altar of the living God and make the formal renunciation of all that the world holds out to human hearts, and assume the plain poor garb of the Sisters of Mercy. Nothing less than the faith of Christ in all its vitality can move these consecrated virgins to turn their back on the beauty and prizes of earth and lose themselves in the obscurity of the cloister. Happy is their lot; they have shown a higher wisdom than that of Solon or Socrates, for they have sacrificed time for eternity.

ST. PETER AND PAUL'S.

At the last meeting of Auxiliary 44, Knights of St. John of this parish, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. M. G. Meyer; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Ella Springer; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Ernestine Bull; recording secretary, Miss Louise Meyers; financial secretary, Mrs. Minnie Sprague; treasurer, Mrs. Frances Connolly; messenger, Miss Theresa Greenauer; sergeant-at-arms, Miss Julia Kase; guard, Miss Anna Werner; trustees, Miss Mary Bull, Miss Catherine Bull, Miss Carrie Fox, Miss Edith Strigel, Miss Maggie Hunsbarger.

The following officers have been elected by Council 75, G. R. & D. A.: President, Dr. F. W. Maloney; 1st vice-president, John P. Smith; 2nd vice-president, Miss Carrie Hartz; recording secretary, Miss Kattie Smith; financial secretary, William Stickie; treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Weiss; marshal, William Nagle; guard, Mrs. K. Suter; trustees, Mrs. Maria Fordham, Mrs. A. Gallen, Mrs. A. Breukle, Mrs. O. Smith and Mr. A. Kader.

CATHEDRAL.

The second of a series of art lectures under the auspices of the E. C. R. C. was given at Cathedral hall on last Tuesday evening. The speaker, Rev. Ludlow Lapham of St. Bernard's seminary, told of early Christian art in its relation to the development of that later Italian art which produced many of the world's great masterpieces. The lecture was profusely illustrated by slides rented from the State library at Albany, and many of them were especially made for this occasion. Preceding the lecture a delightful piano solo was given by Miss Jacobs, and the evening's entertainment concluded with vocal selections by Mrs. Charles Cunningham.

The death of Philip McArdle of Montrose street occurred at St. Mary's hospital. Mr. McArdle was a resident of this parish, and his funeral took place from Lady chapel on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Owen McGuire, D. D., of St. Bernard's seminary.

Miss McDowell of Albany is the guest of the Misses Murphy of University avenue.

Mr. H. E. McLaughlin, tide surveyor for Montreal, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. R. Culkin, Frank street.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

The nomination and election of officers of St. Francis Xavier Branch, 186, L. C. B. A., took place at the last regular meeting, with the following result: President, Mrs. Louis Phillips; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Mary F. Rommel; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Emma Wagner; recorder, Mrs. Mary Seikish; assistant recorder, Miss Mary Leary; financial secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Bechtold; treasurer, Miss Pauline Uebel; marshal, Mrs. Mary Drechsler; guard, Mrs. Mary Koch; trustees, Mrs. Carlotta Bachman, Mrs. Prisca Lambert, Mrs. Nancy Roth.

ST. MONICA.

At a recent election of St. Monica's Branch, L. C. B. A., the following officers were chosen: Spiritual adviser, Rev. J. P. Brophy; past president, Mrs. V. Toomey; president, Mrs. J. V. Lee; 1st vice-president, Mrs. M. O'Hara; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. J. Gaherty; recording secretary, Anna T. Rosney; assistant recording secretary, Miss M. Dougherty; financial secretary, Mrs. E. Madden; treasurer, Mrs. E. Sullivan; guard, Mrs. E. Kane; marshal, Mrs. M. Hermance; trustees for two years, Mrs. A. Lynn and Miss M. Condon.

CORPUS CHRISTI.

The largest meeting of Branch 139, C. M. B. A., ever held in Corpus Christi hall assembled on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the annual election of officers, which resulted as follows: Chancellor, Frank G. Carbery; president, John Riss; 1st vice-president, T. Mitchell; 2nd vice-president, George Rice; financial secretary, W. L. Penally; recording secretary, John M. Duan; treasurer, H. B. Reynolds; marshal, W. Snell; guard, James Welch; trustees for two years, James Kelscher, Henry McFarlin, Henry Seel; delegates to central council, Charles Crowley, Frank Carbery; representative to grand council, Henry Hebing; alternate, H. B. Reynolds.

COOK OPERA HOUSE.

Anyone who cannot find something to amuse and interest them in the bill which Manager Moore of the Cook Opera House offers to his patrons next week must be very hard indeed to please. It is made up of the very best vaudeville talent on the stage. Mr. William Windon will be heard in a high class musical act, in which he will be assisted by the Blackstone-colored quartette. Mr. Hugh Stanton, accompanied by Miss Florence Modena, will present Mr. Stanton's highly amusing satire, "For Reform," Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and "A Bargain Fiend" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Stephens and Taylor will be seen in an up to date inconsistency entitled "Mrs. Smith's Baby." Seymour and Dupree are among the good things of the stage. Seymour is seen as a Chinese servant, and Miss Dupree is very good as a German girl. Kilpatrick, the one-legged cyclist, will introduce his marvelous shooting act from the wheel. The Coolmans, musical artists, in a refined and novel act. James Richmond Glenn will tell new stories. Altogether the entertainment is one of the best that money and talent can procure.

BAKER THEATRE.

"A Man of Mystery," is the powerful melodrama to be done at the Baker Theatre the first three days of next week with the usual matinees Tuesday and Wednesday. Hypnotism is dealt with in a novel way, and every one who has given this subject any thought at all is anxious to see "A Man of Mystery."

Special attention has been given to scenic effects in the production of "Man's Enemy," in which Mr. Theodore Babcock, John Martin and a host of others will appear at this theatre the last half of the coming week, starting Thursday with the usual matinee. The second matinee will be given on Saturday. The cleverest craftsmen have vied with one another in an effort to produce beautiful stage pictures. To give an idea of the magnitude of modern stage settings, more than 65,000 square feet of canvas is used in "Man's Enemy."

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