

CITY PARISH NEWS.

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters.

CORPUS CHRISTI.

Through an error last week St. Anthony's Pedro party was announced for Tuesday evening, Jan. 25th. It should have read Thursday.

The funeral of Mrs. B. Shaw was held from this church on Friday last. The monthly school collection will be taken up at all the masses on Sunday.

All the children who have made their first communion will receive on next Sunday.

Branch 139, C. M. B. A., held their eleventh annual banquet on Tuesday evening last at Corpus Christi hall. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Covers were spread for one hundred. The pleasing feature of the evening was the singing of the Clark brothers, funny stories by Mr. Driscoll and light of hand performance by Chas. Haydon, also several selections were rendered by M. Sears by the phonograph, recitation by P. Ward, closing with a song by Edward Cunningham. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and all returned to their homes wishing that all present may be present at our next annual banquet.

ST. BRIDGET'S.

The funeral of William Riley took place last Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Miss Josephine Wallace who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. K. J. Dowling, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is improving. We hope soon to see her at her accustomed place.

At the Fort-nightly pedro club meeting held at the home of Miss Louise Riley last Monday evening the prizes were won by Mrs. W. F. Kelly and Miss Jennie McShea.

The Cardinal Newman reading circle will meet next Monday evening. Miss Phoebe O'Rourke will prepare the paper on "Current Topics". Mrs. Joseph Cullen of Buffalo, formerly of this parish, is visiting relatives and friends here.

The Rosary Society will meet after vespers next Sunday.

At a meeting of St. Anthony's Society held last Sunday the following report was submitted: Amount received for dues \$99.45, from St. Anthony's box \$261.43; donations, \$15.50; total, \$366.38. Amount expended for groceries and meat, \$120.67; for coal, \$50.65; for rent, \$88.21; for shoes, \$4.40; books for school children, \$6.15; toys and candy at Christmas, \$5.00; dry goods, \$1.03; milk, \$1.00; Candelsticks for St. Anthony's shrine, \$27.00; St. Anthony's bed at Old Ladies' Home, \$25; offerings for masses for deceased and living members, \$14.00; total, \$343.15; amount in treasury January, 1900, \$23.23.

During the past year the society has added twenty-six families. There are 290 members. The election of officers took place after the meeting as follows: President, Miss Josephine Wallace; vice-president, Miss Sarah Drury; treasurer, Miss Mary Trainer; secretary, Miss Katherine Watson. These officers all served during the past year and were unanimously re-elected.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

The Young Ladies' Aid Society celebrated its first anniversary, Thursday, January 11th. The rooms of the society was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a grand musical programme was rendered. After this an elegant supper was served, and the evening passed very pleasantly with games and other amusements. Altogether it was one of the most enjoyable evenings the Young Ladies' Aid Society has yet spent.

ST. MART'S.

Mrs. Bendon of Englewood avenue, who has been very sick for the past five weeks is now on the road to recovery.

The financial statement for the year ending Jan. 1, 1900, was distributed on last Sunday. It showed for rent for the year, \$4,846.50; collection for the shrine of St. Anthony, \$418.60. What remained after the shrine was paid for was used to pay for the statues of St. Joseph, and the Blessed Virgin. The remainder was used on the crib. Subscription for the year, \$2,280.50; collection for orphans at Christmas, \$330.00.

There was a month's mind on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, for Mrs. Martha McNally.

There was a mass on Friday morning at 7.15 o'clock for Peter Long.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock Lawrence Sullivan and Julia White were united in the holy bonds of marriage by Rev. Father Kiernan. The bride was prettily attired in a gown of blue broad cloth with toque to match. After the ceremony they were driven to the bride's home where supper was served.

The following weddings have been announced: Peter Varkagen and Catherine Quinn; Daniel J. Doran and Agnes Shanahan.

The next meeting of the Literary will be held on Monday evening. Father Kiernan will read a paper on the French Revolution.

Miss Esie Trant of Broadway gave a quilting party on Wednesday evening.

ST. MONICA'S.

On Monday evening a second of a series of lectures before St. Monica's Reading circle was delivered by Rev. W. P. Ryan, Professor of Literature in St. Andrew's Seminary. His subject, the life and writings of Father Ryan, the poet priest of the South, was treated in an able and pleasing manner and greatly enjoyed by those present.

Preceding the lecture a quartette composed of Messrs. Rhodes, Kearney, Geir and Klubertanz rendered "I Long for Thee," and "Annie Laurie."

The following are the officers of the circle: President, Miss I. Metzger; vice-president, Miss L. Mills; secretary, Miss L. Sailer; treasurer, Miss N. Rossney.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Collins was held from this church Wednesday at 8.30 a. m. The interment at Lockport.

CATHEDRAL.

A financial statement of St. Patrick's Cathedral parish, compiled by the treasurer, Rev. Thomas A. Hickey, was distributed to the congregation of the church, Sunday, at the morning service. The statement shows the affairs of the cathedral to be in a prosperous condition.

According to the statement the receipts during 1899 were \$53,427.45. These include pew rents amounting to over \$9,000, offering \$3,000; donations, \$1,222.57; special collections of \$1,037.92; extra collections, \$2,857.28. The disbursements include salaries amounting to \$4,200; expense of school, \$5,739.97; choir, \$1,303.40; ordinary church expenses \$2,799.14; house expenses, \$469.98. More than \$3,000 was contributed toward St. Mary's hospital and other benevolent objects.

James, Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, and leading ecclesiastic of the church in this country, accompanied by his secretary, Father Russell arrived in Rochester on last Monday and was the guest of Bishop McQuaid until Tuesday evening.

Mass was celebrated by His Eminence Tuesday morning. Later in the day he paid visits to St. Bernard's Seminary and the Nazareth Normal school.

The Cardinal came here from Utica where he had officiated at the marriage of Miss Isabelle Kernan, granddaughter of the late Senator Kernan, to Clifford Lewis, Jr., of Philadelphia.

Cardinal Gibbons is distinguished as a scholar and a writer. Among his best known works are "Faith of Our Fathers," "Our Christian Heritage" and "Ambassador of Christ."

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

The C. R. C. continued its reading of "Hamlet" Tuesday, and an interesting and profitable evening was enjoyed by those in attendance. At the next meeting it is the intention of the committee to have a Shakespearean critic go over the play with the circle. This will pave the way to the members taking up, writing of, and discussing each character which is the program to be followed. The next play to be taken up will be Julius Caesar. The principal parts Tuesday were read by Misses Agnes Reddington, Foley, O'Brien and Mr. Murphy. The vocal solos of Miss O'Hara were very enjoyable.

The Aid Society of this church will give a reception in February.

The C. R. C. will give an informal dancing affair in its rooms Friday evening.

TAKE NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Chainless Cycle Manufacturing Co. is hereby called for Feb. 10th, 1900, 7 p. m. at its office for the purpose of voting on dissolving said corporation.

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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Different Fraternities.

At the regular meeting of Council 66, C. R. and B. A., held at Teconseh hall, on South avenue, the following officers were installed by Deputy Dr. F. Maloney: President, Joseph G. Ritz; first vice-president, Mrs. Josephine Frank; second vice-president, Miss Anna Kress; recording secretary, Mrs. Augusta Oberlies; financial secretary, Miss Minnie Weil; assistant secretary, Miss Mary Richter; treasurer, August Goldbach; marshal, August Pappert; guard, Albert Goldbach. A report of the finance committee being read showed the council to be in good financial condition. After the installation Mr. Ritz having been elected to his fourth term in office, was presented with a handsome ring by the members of the council. At the close of the meeting dancing and card playing were indulged in.

J. F. Redding has been elected a delegate to represent Division No. 6, at the state convention to be held at Syracuse in June.

Knights of Columbus.

The following is a copy of a letter written to Daniel Sully by Mr. J. J. McConnell, who is the National Advocate of the Knights of Columbus. The play to which Mr. McConnell alludes to is the "Parish Priest."

Fitchburg, Mass., Jan. 5, 1900. Daniel Sully, Esq., Dear Sir:—After witnessing your play of the Parish Priest at the Cummings opera house in Fitchburg, I wish to express to you my appreciation and hearty endorsement of your play.

I confess that I had some misgivings as to how the little roll would be treated, but after seeing a most excellent portrayal of a character dear to us all, I can heartily and most enthusiastically say that the impressions are most wholesome and pleasing, and I am sure it will win the commendation of all Catholics; that a role so near to them in actual life, should be portrayed upon the stage with so much fidelity to the purposes and aims of the Parish Priest, and with all his humanity, seemed almost impossible, but you achieved the impossible.

Your rendition of the character will enlighten and instruct strangers to our religion and create in them a new and favorable impression of the priest as a man.

Trusting this will be the unanimous verdict and again thanking you for the pleasure, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
J. E. McConnell,
Nat. Advocate K. of C.

Great eagerness to learn the inwardness of the new degree is manifested among the Knights. From every one is heard the expression: "Well, if it surpasses the first three, it must certainly be extra-grand." The first grand exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held in New York city, on February 22 next. Other grand exemplifications will be held at Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Washington and Chicago, on dates to be announced, and will be as soon after the New York initiations as possible.

Nibonian Riders.

The headquarters of Company A was deserted at an early hour on Tuesday evening. The cause was stated in THE JOURNAL of last week, the officers were billed to instruct the company of knights in Division No. 4, and soon after the company assembled in the drill hall they were turned over to the second lieutenant, Captain Quilivan and Lieutenant John Cullen leaving for the headquarters of the new company, hence the Rifles after a short drill was dismissed and the lieutenant and orderly sergeant accompanied by a full platoon of Company A, followed the two senior officers to division No. 4, where on their arrival they found the meeting still in session. Soon after their arrival President Summers called on President C. J. Dolan of the Rifles for a few remarks and he briefly warned the new company and division to work hard in hand, for unity meant their success. He was followed by Captain Quilivan who in an able and conservative speech pointed out the course the new company must pursue to meet with success and the other obligations that will confront them. He also pointed out the logical reason why the other companies went down and why they should succeed. In reply to the two previous speakers, President Thomas Summers said, we are in this to stay. The question of expense is only a secondary matter when you have us drilled all the other things we need will come. He also paid a high tribute to THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL for the space and the kind words spoken of the new company and its officers and hoped all the members would loyally support all those who are now helping them. After the close of these remarks, until 11 p. m., the company officers and men worked hard at drill, many times bringing forth well merited applause. After drill they were tendered congratula-

tions for their success and the intelligent conception they have got of the drill in so short a time. The drill being finished Division 4 served refreshments to both companies and a royal jolly good time was had until the small hours of the morning. Among those who added to the amusement was Thomas Brown and Jeremiah Breen, who sang "The Boys of Wexford" and "God Save Ireland," also Geo. Weadick, Mr. Murphy and P. Daly, who sang "Drumming" in Irish, and "Ho Ho Leo" in German. One thing, Division 4 ought to be proud of its president and the county proud of the members. They are true Irishmen and jolly good fellows. Both companies will meet at the Rifle headquarters Jan. 23, where they will drill and spend the evening as the guests of the Rifle company.



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