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**Weekly Church Calendar.**

- Sunday, September 16—Gosp. St. Luke vii. 11-16.—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.—Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Monday, 17—Stigmata of St. Francis.
- Tuesday, 18—St. Joseph of Cupertino, confessor.
- Wednesday, 19—SS. Jannatus and Companions, martyrs, fast.
- Thursday, 20—SS. Eustace and Companions, martyrs.
- Friday, 21—St. Mathew, apostle.
- Saturday, 22—St. Thomas of Vilanova, fast.

School opened Monday. We will now find use for our old pennies.

Congressman O'Grady now knows what it is to go up against a well-oiled machine.

The massing of 400 musicians in one band was a great undertaking and the promoters deserve credit.

Now that Senator Wellington has left the republican party we will learn all about what kind of a man he is and that the republicans are glad to be rid of him.

James M. Nolan was one of the delegates to the Democratic State Convention at Saratoga.

The constitution guarantees the freedom of the press yet it is impossible to get news from the Philippine Islands because it is shut off by the government censor.

The old Hamilton idea of government is that it should first be strong and afterward just. The Christian idea is that government should first be pure and then peaceful.

The Russian note to the powers as given out by the state department says that Russia proposes to withdraw her troops from China. Our government speaks of withdrawing from Peking but in no instance as yet does it say that it will withdraw our troops from China.

What reason can the president give for exercising such imperial power as censoring the news between the Philippines and the rest of the country since we are at peace with those islands?

The peace in the Philippines must have a close resemblance to the peace they have in the internal regions.

Since McKinley was inaugurated the amount of money coined and issued has reached the enormous figure of \$580,000,000, naturally bringing better times to the country.

Cardinal Gibbons has an able paper in a last Sunday's New York paper relative to Rights and Duties of Labor. In it he says, "While applauding the tender feelings of many capitalists I am constrained in the interest of truth, humanity and religion to protest against the heartless conduct of others. No friend of his race can contemplate without painful emotion those heartless monopolists exhibiting a grasping avarice which has dried in every instinct of sympathy, and a world selfishness which is deaf to the cries of distress."

**SUSPICION.**  
We know of some people who, upon the slightest pretext, suspect others of wrong-doing. That in so doing they are committing sin, never seems to enter their mind.

Suspicion consists in supposing evil of one's neighbor without reasonable grounds. The Pharasee in the temple who took for granted that the publican was a sinner, sinned by suspicion. Job's three friends were guilty of suspicion when they thought he must needs be ungodly because he was afflicted by God. Simeon suspected Magdalene to be still a sinner, when she was a penitent at the feet of our Saviour. So, whenever we suspect anyone of wrong-doing without sufficient reason we are guilty of suspicion.

The suspicious person herds his own shame and infirmities to the world because he judges others by himself. Unless he were capable of doing the wrong he suspects in others himself, he could not suspect others of doing it without the best of reasons. Affections for evil lead the understanding to suspect others guilty of the same evil. He who is not evil himself does not lightly think of others, whereas a bad man readily concludes that his neighbor is as bad as himself. Molten metal takes the shape of the mould into which it is poured; so every man's judgment of what he sees and hears takes its shape from his own feelings. A suspicious mind is like a bad stomach; the best things disagree with it. It finds evil in the best intentions and discovers wickedness in the most pious actions.

There are times nearly in every man's life when events seem suddenly to outpace thought, and we can only act as seems best at the moment; times when the babbling is still and the busybody at rest; times when the cleverest of us must recognize that the long and short of it all is that man agitates himself and God leads him.—Merriman.

The trend of the literary and artistic world toward the Catholic Church, says the Midland Review, has been singularly remarkable in this country and England during the last fifty years. It is now announced—apparently on good authority—that Joel Chandler Harris, the great Southern novelist, has accepted the faith.

The London Times has a good word for the Christian Brothers. It says: "So far as real education goes, the Brotherhood are not surpassed, in few cases equalled, as educationalists."

"At present," says an Ecuador correspondent of the Catholic Standard and Times, "we have the deplorable spectacle of seeing almost all the bishops in exile, and the few who yet remain in their own diocese deprived of their support because they are unable conscientiously to swear fidelity to the constitution and to the law of patronage imposed upon them by the present government in defiance of the Roman pontiff. The reverend canons and parish priests repeat in their own lines on a smaller scale the same unhappy condition of affairs. In the cathedral, the solemn functions have been suspended, and the seminaries have been obliged to reduce the number of their students, to limit the course of studies almost to the very elements of moral and dogmatic theology, and not seldom the curates of the small parishes find themselves in abject misery." The writer says that the Free Masons are responsible for this state of affairs.

St. Joseph's parish, Cincinnati, Ohio, holds the palm for vocations among the parishes of the west. It has given to the ministry forty-two priests, among whom is the newly consecrated Bishop of Columbus.

The ceremonies of consecration of Rt. Rev. J. O'Reilly, Vicar-General of Peoria Diocese, as Auxiliary to Rt. Rev. John Lancaster Spalding, D. D., Bishop of Peoria, will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria, Friday, September 21.

The latest name mentioned in connection with the vacant see of Portland is Very Rev. Thomas J. Shahan of the Catholic University.

With the assistance of the St. Vincent Society, Father Prineas, of Carrollton, has arranged to have an absolutely free parochial school.

**GOD'S GRACE WINS.**  
A YOUNG MAN WHO ONCE DERIDED THE CHURCH

Afterwards Becomes a Devout Convert, Aspires to the Priesthood and is To-Day a Devoted Catholic Pastor in Indiana.

The new church of St. Bernard, at Wabash, Ind., says the Catholic Columbian, will be solemnly dedicated on Sunday, September 16, the feast of the Seven Dolours. The Very Rev. Administrator, Father Guendling, will officiate, and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. D. A. Clarke, of Holy Family church, Columbus, Ohio.

A few years ago in a little village in the diocese of Columbus, the Catholic members of the little mission church, were frequently annoyed by the sarcastic remarks of a young man in the neighborhood who amused himself by laughing at the Catholic ceremonies, and what he termed the "monkey-shines" of the priest at the altar. On the occasion of the dedication of the little church, the young man was present, out of mere curiosity. Bishop Wattersson officiated and preached a sermon on the "Real Presence." This made quite an impression on the scoffing young man, and when shortly after this he met the pastor of the church on the train, he took in good part the rebuke which the priest gave him with reference to his derisive remarks about the ceremonies. He admitted to the priest that he knew nothing of the meaning of the Church ceremonial or of Catholic doctrine, and said he would be glad to learn something about them. The priest gave him a concise statement of Catholic belief and practice, and in the conversation which ensued the young man stated that he thought he had a "vocation" for the ministry. The priest took issue with him on this, and said that was not possible, as vocation meant a call from God, and he could not have a divine call to teach heresy. The young man laughingly agreed to call it a profession then. This meeting led to a more intimate acquaintance, and much study and less bigotry on the part of the young man.

About this time the priest, owing to ill health, was obliged to leave Columbus, where he had a charge in addition to the country mission, and thus lost sight of his young friend for several months. Shortly after his return he observed him at Mass one morning, and in the interview which followed the priest learned with pleasure that the young man was ready for baptism. He also informed his clerical friend that he wished to become a priest; but the priest laughingly told him he had better wait until he was a Catholic.

However, after being received into the Church, his desire was still strong and in due course of time he was adopted as a seminarian by the Bishop of Ft. Wayne. He made his theological studies at St. Charles Seminary, in Maryland, St. Viateur's Ill., and at Mt. St. Mary's, Cincinnati, at which latter place he was ordained about five years ago. Upon the occasion of his ordination, his clerical friend, and the old gentleman who had been his sponsor at baptism, were present, and were the first to receive his blessing.

To-day a handsome church and school are monuments to the zeal of the young man who once laughed at the ceremonies of the little country church of St. Joseph in Licking county. The subject of this brief sketch is the Rev. Robert J. Pratt, now the estimable rector of the new St. Bernard's church, and the priest, who in the providence of God, was instrumental in bringing him into the true fold. Rev. D. A. Clarke, of Holy Family church, who will on September 16 deliver the dedicatory sermon.

**TWO CLASSES OF SINNERS.**

One of the Many Reasons For the Catholic Education of Youth. Every priest who has had some experience in the work of the ministry has met with incidents like the following. A priest is called to the sick bed of two men; he finds that they have both been negligent in their religious duties and that they have both sinned deeply. But there is a decided contrast in the manner of reconciling them with God. One does not know how to accuse himself and is hardly capable of answering the priest's questions. But above all when it comes to exciting him to sorrow for his sins, the priest meets with answers that leave him in very serious doubts as to whether the man realizes the gravity of his faults. He does not know his prayers, hardly knows the essential points of religion. As he is in a critical condition, the priest gives him the benefit of his doubtful disposition and leaves the rest with God.

The other accuses himself sorrowfully of his sins with many expressions of regret, answers the questions intelligently and gives unmistakable signs of a heartfelt contrition. The priest rests satisfied that his words of pardon are not pronounced in vain. A question of two brings out the reason for the difference in the two penitents. The first has never received a Catholic education, has always been ignorant of his religious duties and dies in his ignorance. The second has been carefully brought up, and instructed in his duties to God, and although he may have for years proved faithless to his obligations, now that he realizes "the nearness of his end, all the tender words spoken at his mother's knee and the precepts learned from religious teachers arise vividly in his mind, and, aided by the grace of God, all his heart with that conviction which makes him return to God with the fullness of fervor that he once possessed when a child.—Augustine.

**FIVE MINUTE SERMON.**  
SHORT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE GOSPEL BY A REVEREND FATHER.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The widow of Naim and her dead son.—Gospel of the Day.

By to-day's gospel our Divine Master wished to teach us that for the conversion of a sinner, who is a slave of his passions and bad habits, a powerful and special grace is necessary, which almost like a miracle stops the course of the predominant passions, and hinders them from going further. Oh, how habitual sinners tremble when they reflect that God gives this grace out of pure mercy, notwithstanding our unworthiness, and that He does not give it to all, but only to whom He pleases, for no one can merit this grace.

When God by his grace commands a sinner to rise from his spiritual death he is aroused from his deadly lethargy, he opens his eyes to the light of faith, he speaks confessing his sins, and those very passions that formerly controlled him he now controls and subjects to the power of his will. Recall to mind St. Paul, St. Augustine and St. Margaret, and you will see how at the command of grace they shook off the sleep of death, and how from that very moment they made use of those talents, of that ardent character, and that tendency of their hearts, which had once been the sad cause of their transgressions, as a triumph of grace, and perfection.

When God by His Grace converts a sinner, He restores him to the church, his mother, who gains in him a son who was dead to her, and she rejoices at his return to spiritual life. Besides, God confides this son risen to a new life, to her maternal care that she may help him to gain new strength, that she may enlighten, direct, console, encourage and guide him on the way of penance, perseverance, and perfection.

Let us learn to weep with the Church over the unhappy death of so many of our brethren who are the slaves of sin, and to pray with her that the Divine Mercy may recall them to life. Let us learn to beg Jesus to come to meet us in His great charity, as He did the dead young man of Naim, when we have had the misfortune to fall into mortal sin. Lastly, let us learn to thank God for all he has done for us, either by reusitating us when we were in the state of sin, or by preserving us from what might again cause our spiritual death.

**Liberalian Hides.**

At the last regular monthly meeting held by the Company it was decided to hold the installation banquet on October 9th, and the following named comrades will have charge of all arrangements also invitations: Lieut. John Cullen, Sergt. Thomas Conway, Corporal William Kelleher, P. Quinlivan, and M. Cahel. After the disposal of the banquet matter the arrangement or advance guard to look over the ground and prepare for the annual Thanksgiving eve ball was appointed and consist of Sergt. W. J. O'Brien, Timothy Moloney, Thos. Frauley, James L. McGinnis and Jeremiah Breen, all of which will be heard from at a special meeting that will be held Tuesday evening, Sept. 18th at 8 p. m., to which all members are notified to be present.

**Low Rate Excursion to the Adirondack Mountains.**

An inducement for artists, sportsmen and others desirous of visiting the Adirondack Mountains during the fall, the New York Central, commencing Sept. 15th and continuing to and including, October 31st, will sell special excursion tickets to Adirondack Division points, Fulton Chain to Loon Lake inclusive, at a single fare for the round trip. The tickets will be good 15 days from date of sale.

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**FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.**

"The Irish People," which so strongly advocates the aims of the United Irish League, in its last issue refers in a spirited manner to the growth of Freemasonry in Ireland and warns the people to protect themselves against its inroads else they will bitterly rue their heedless inactivity when it is all too late. It says that during the years of disunion among Nationalists this secret society managed to attain to a strength in the large towns and cities of Ireland which has now become almost overwhelming. "In business, in politics, in every walk of life," says the writer, "the interest of the banded Brotherhood asserts itself. Nationalist workers are boycotted; Nationalist workers are employed only where they cannot possibly be dispensed with; and all the time Nationalists who ought to be supporters of their own class and creed are, with foolish and unsuspecting simplicity, helping their enemies to crush their friends."

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