

**CITY PARISH NEWS.**

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters.

**ST. BRIDGET'S**

The confessions of the little children who have not made their first communion were heard last Tuesday.

The Cardinal Newman Reading Chole will meet early in the coming month to plan the work for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Arthur Thomlison has returned to the South. She will join her husband at Pensacola, Florida. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Simmon of Georgia.

Mrs. James Halligan of Canajoharie, is the guest of Miss Annie Owens of Hudson avenue.

Mrs. P. Leach is visiting friends at Watertown.

Father Kennedy of Ovid, celebrated mass here Wednesday morning.

Mr. C. V. Shiel is in Grand Rapids, Mich., on a business tour.

The wedding of J. J. O'Sullivan and Miss Margaret O'Connell took place Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock mass.

William Marks, Florence McCarthy and Frank Cullinan have gone to the Adirondacks on a hunting expedition.

Mrs. J. D. Donohue of Caledonia, was the guest of her niece, Florence Mullen, last week.

An interesting event took place on Wednesday morning at St. Bridget's when Miss Margaret O'Connell and James Joseph O'Sullivan were married, Rev. Thomas Hendrick performed the ceremony. There were present only a few relatives and intimate friends of the happy young couple. After the nuptial mass Mr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan accompanied by Miss Margaret O'Connell of Brooklyn, and Mr. C. J. Dollen, drove to the Washington, where the wedding breakfast was served. The bride and groom left on the 10.30 a. m. train for New York, Washington and Philadelphia. The groom, Mr. O'Sullivan, is a very popular labor representative, he being the young man who led the street builders to success in their labor strike of two years ago.

**ST. MARY'S**

The marriage of Stephen Devine and Mary Wobus took place on Wednesday afternoon.

A class in Christian Doctrine has been organized for children who are employed during the week. The class meets in the school house every Sunday at 3 o'clock. Those who have not as yet entered the class should do so without delay.

Mrs. Mary Maher of Henrietta is seriously ill.

There was an anniversary mass this morning at 8 o'clock for the repose of the soul of Johanna Herbert.

On Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock occurred the marriage of William Fredrick Trapp and Francis Isabelle French.

Miss Mary Dermody is visiting friends in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy and son James, have returned to New York after several weeks spent with Mr. Kennedy's parents of South Union street.

Miss Wilkins of New York, is visiting her aunt, Miss Julia Cocorane of Gardiner Park.

The marriage of Catherine Judge to Thomas Hagerty, of this parish, took place on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. T. C. Murphy officiating.

The funeral of William O'Brien was held from the family residence, No. 24 Culver Road at 8.30 o'clock Wednesday morning and at 9 o'clock from the church. The services were largely attended by the many friends and acquaintances of the deceased. A large delegation of the Catholic Benevolent Legion of which organization deceased was a member attended. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Father Murphy. As the remains were borne from the church Mrs. O'Leary sang "A message from the Sacred Heart."

Mrs. Lewis of Middleport, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Hickey, of Clinton avenue South.

The Willing Helpers will hold their first meeting and resume their work for the year on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 4th, at the kindergarten rooms. A full attendance is requested.

**CORPUS CHRISTI.**

Mrs. William McElroy of New York who has been visiting Mrs. O'Hare of Strathallen Park for several weeks, left Tuesday for Albany.

Miss Norah Carmody who has been the guest of Miss K. A. Carmody of Scio street for several weeks past, has returned home.

Mr. Murphy of Chicago, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Edward Tibbles of Union street.

Mrs. M. A. McGuire of Alexander street, has returned home after spending several days in New York.

On Sunday, (to-morrow) the annual collection for the students of St. Bernard's seminary will be taken up at this church so that those who have not been reached by the collection will have a chance to give towards this most worthy cause. The last annual statement of the seminary collection shows that Corpus Christi parish stand 10th in the diocese. The collection last year amounted to \$303.00.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Martin Burke and Julia Canty.

The young women of this parish receive holy communion on Sunday CATHEDRAL.

The death of Thomas F. O'Neill occurred at the residence of his sister Mrs. Fee, 122 Frank street, on last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. Mr. O'Neill had been ill for a few days, but was apparently recovering, and his death was very unexpected. He was 56 years of age and a life long resident of Rochester. His funeral took place from the Cathedral on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The requiem mass was celebrated by Very Rev. T. F. Hickey, V. G., with Rev. Geo. Burns as deacon, and Rev. Philip Golding as sub-deacon. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mrs. Margaret Ennis, wife of Geo. Ennis died at the family residence, 12 Sherman street, on last Tuesday night. Mrs. Ennis is survived by two sons, George W., and C. J., and three daughters, Margaret, Mary, and Alta. Her funeral took place from the Cathedral on Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

**ST. MICHAEL'S.**

Forty hours of devotion began at St. Michael's church Friday morning. Services will be held in the morning at 5.30 and 8 o'clock and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Rev. M. J. Hargather and his assistant, Rev. J. Sheilhorn, will be assisted by the following priests: Rev. Dr. F. H. Sinclair and Rev. F. P. Schied of St. Peter and Paul's church; Rev. Dr. E. Wirth, St. Bernard's Seminary; Revs. D. L. Laurentis and I. B. Englert, Holy Family church; Rev. F. R. Rauber, St. Boniface church; Rev. L. Hofschneider, Rev. J. Netzel, St. Francis Xavier; Rev. J. B. Van Ness, Holy Rosary; Rev. E. J. Gefell, St. Patrick's cathedral.

On Sunday morning the Knights of St. Michael, Commandery 40, Auxiliary 45 and the Young Men's Catholic Club will attend communion in a body in honor of their patron saint, St. Michael. In the evening there will be an imposing procession, headed by girls attired in white and followed by boys chanting, and a large number of priests.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.**

Miss Alice Nolan and Mr. H. Wilkinson were united in marriage at the pastor's residence Wednesday evening of last week, by the Rev. Father Gleeson.

The meeting of the Young Men's club was postponed Sunday for a week because of the services of the blessing of the graves.

A mass was offered Monday morning for the repose of the soul of Helen Fetley by request of the choir of which she was a member.

**ST. BONIFACE.**

Mrs. Casper Rehberg and daughter, of 11 Cayuga street, have returned from their visit to Toronto, Canada.

**HOLY ROSARY.**

Mr. and Mrs. LaFontaine of 253 Glenwood avenue, were pleasantly surprised last Tuesday evening by the Weld Street Pedro Club. After the game had been enjoyed lunch was served and all present had a good time.

**SS. PETER AND PAUL.**

Charles J. Kuder and Miss Catherine Reddinger were married at 6.30 o'clock Tuesday morning at St. Peter and Paul's church. The Rev. Francis H. Sinclair performed the ceremony.

**BISHOP McQUAID TO GO TO ROME.**

Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid will leave Rochester on Saturday, October 6th, for New York, where he will preach in Holy Rosary church on the feast of Rosary Sunday, October 7th. He will sail on the following Wednesday, October 10th, on the Teutonic for Europe. He will visit Ireland and France, but the principal part of his time abroad will be spent in Rome, Italy. The bishop will visit Naples in January of 1901, and will sail for home so as to arrive in Rochester some time in February. During his absence the Very Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, V. G., will be administrator of the diocese.

The bishop will be accompanied by Very Rev. Father McDonald, of Geneva, and Rev. Dr. Hanna, of St. Bernard's seminary. Father McDonald will go and return with the bishop, but Dr. Hanna, after his visit to Rome, will visit Germany and devote the remainder of the year to study in that country.

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**BLESSING THE GRAVES.**

The beautiful custom of blessing the graves took place last Sunday. The Catholic clergy of the city, the students of St. Andrew's preparatory seminary and the students of St. Bernard's seminary met at the latter seminary, on the boulevard, at 3.15 p. m., and marched to the cemetery, in company with the Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid. At the chapel in the cemetery the vesper of the dead were chanted, Bishop McQuaid officiating, assisted by Very Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, vicar general, and Rev. D. Laurentis. The vespers were chanted by the seminarians and priests. After the vespers of the dead were sung the ceremony of the blessing of the graves took place. The procession was headed by four priests, one bearing the processional cross, another the censor and the other two carrying candles. The altar boys from the Cathedral, followed by the seminarians and priests, came next, Bishop McQuaid bringing up the rear, accompanied by the deacon and sub-deacon.

Bishop McQuaid mounted the canopy stand that had been erected for his use, after the ceremony of blessing the graves and spoke slowly and distinctly, and so great was the attention of his hearers that his voice reached almost to the limits of the crowd.

"My dearly beloved children in Jesus Christ," began the aged prelate, "we gather here on this beautiful afternoon to perform the annual ceremony of blessing the graves of our dead. We meet here to think and to pray." He referred to those who were present at the services last year, but who have passed away and lie buried in the cemetery. He said that the vast number of Christians before him come not alone to bless the graves of those of their own flesh and blood that have departed, but also the graves of many dear friends, and that the services were not only for those who have died in the past year, but for all who have been laid at rest in the cemetery since its dedication.

In the course of his remarks Bishop McQuaid referred feelingly to the late Rev. James P. Kiernan. In speaking of him the bishop said: "Last year there stood at my side my own vicar-general, in all the pride and glory of vigorous health, yet to-day he lies buried yonder at the right of the chapel." He spoke of the fact that a great majority of those who rested in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery had died either in youth or in middle life.

The bishop said that there were many who had friends and relatives buried in the cemetery who had found "something more interesting to take up their time and could not spare one Sunday afternoon in the year to devote to their departed mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers. Let us pray," he continued, "for our own dead and also for the dead whose own relatives never enter the cemetery to kneel by their graves."

Bishop McQuaid reminded the people that, although the cemetery corporation provided for those dead whose relatives failed to care for them, by having a mass read every morning, that fact in no wise exempted anyone from attending to the matter on the one day in the year when the blessings of the graves takes place. In conclusion Bishop McQuaid invoked God's blessing on the cemetery and pronounced the episcopal benediction upon the kneeling multitude.

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