

## CITY PARISH NEWS.

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters

### ST. MICHAEL'S.

The parishioners of St. Michael's church last Sunday observed a three-fold feast, St. Michael's day, the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the church and the forty-hours' devotion. There were continuous services from early morning until 9 p. m.

At 8 a. m. services of an imposing nature took place when the Knights of St. Michael in full uniform, Ladies' auxiliary 45, the Catholic Young Men's club, and the cadet commandery affiliated with the Knights of St. George, partook of holy communion.

At 10.30 a. m. a solemn high mass was celebrated with Rev. Dr. E. Wirth, of St. Bernard's seminary, as celebrant. Rev. M. J. Hargather as deacon and Rev. J. P. Shellhorn as sub-deacon. Rev. M. J. Hargather, rector of St. Michael's church, preached an eloquent sermon. A special musical programme was presented under the leadership of Professor J. Pohl, the director of St. Michael's church choir. In the evening, at 7.30 o'clock, the closing exercises of the forty hours' devotion began. After the singing of the litany of all saints by the priest and the choir, the procession was formed and marched through the aisles of the church.

Fifty boys and fifty girls dressed in white and carrying flowers headed the procession. They were followed by twenty-five altar boys and the priests with the holy sacrament. Benediction followed and Te Deum, sung by the church members, closed the services.

### CORPUS CHRISTI.

The Rosary Society of this parish will receive holy communion on next Sunday.

William McCarthy of Union street, spent Sunday last at Avon, N. Y.

Mary E. Burke, wife of James P. Burke, died at the family residence, 111 Meng Park, on Sunday last. She leaves besides her husband, four children, Mary, John, Thomas and Richard. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at 8.30 o'clock from the house and at 9 o'clock from this church. Rev. Richard Burke of Buffalo, gave the final blessing.

Margaret Burke and Julia Canty were married at a nuptial mass Monday morning.

Jerome Tschetter and Elizabeth Leaten were married at the parochial residence Wednesday evening.

Mr. C. O'Brien of New York city, assisted our choir on Sunday last.

### ST. BRIDGET'S.

Next Sunday is the feast of the Holy Rosary.

Father Hendrick attended the funeral of Father Morrison at Buffalo last Saturday.

The rosary will be recited each morning during this month after the 8 o'clock mass.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Danighy took place last Saturday morning. Father Gommenginger officiating.

A requiem high mass was celebrated at 5.30 Friday morning for Miss Anna Quinn.

The Purgatorial society will resume its meetings next Sunday after vespers. The first mass on Sundays beginning with next Sunday, Oct. 7th will be at 7 a. m., instead of 6, as heretofore.

Mrs. Styne of Cataract street died last Tuesday. Her funeral took place Friday morning.

Miss M. Louise Campin has been seriously ill at Manila, P. I. She underwent a successful operation in the removal of a mastoid abscess from her head.

Mrs. Nolan of Scrantom street, is at the hospital, recovering from the effects of an operation.

Mrs. Ann McGarrity of Peterborough, Canada, died last week. She was a sister of Mrs. Moreland of Payne street, and Michael Dwyer of Vienna street.

Sister St. John, of the order of Sisters of St. Mary, is seriously ill at Lockport. She is a daughter of Mrs. Moreland.

### ST. BONIFACE.

On Tuesday morning the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Yeckel and Mr. Geo. McKenna was solemnized at the church, Rev. Father Rauber officiating. The bride was becomingly attired in white organdie, she wore a veil and carried roses. The happy couple have the best wishes of their many friends and acquaintances.

Forty Hours' devotion will commence on Friday morning at 5.30 mass, when the devotion will be opened with high mass and singing of the litany. Confessions will be heard Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 o'clock and afterwards at 8 o'clock. Masses will be said at 5.30 and 8 o'clock. The devotions will close on Sunday evening at 7.30 with singing of the litany and procession.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

The funeral of late Frank Staley, a member of the Two Hundred and Second regiment, company I, New York volunteers, took place at 8.30 o'clock Monday morning from the home of his parents 83 Melody street, and from the church at 9 o'clock. A solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by the assistant rector, the Rev. William Gleeson. The Gregorian mass was sung by the choir, directed by Miss Agnes Madden, the organist. Members of the Two Hundred and Second were the bearers. There were many floral offerings. The remains were interred with military honors at the Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

The Young Men's Club are receiving the congratulatory of their friends for coming out winners in the baseball league of Catholic clubs. They will wear their gold medals proudly.

Thursday evening of this week will be devoted to hearing the confessions of those who receive communion on the first Friday of the month.

Friday evening the services of the stations of the cross and benediction will be held at this church.

During October, devotions in honor of St. Joseph will be held every evening.

Mr. Arthur Reddington starts Sunday for Niagara Falls, where he has accepted a position.

### ST. MARY'S.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Maher of Henrietta, took place on Tuesday morning at 10.30 o'clock. She was one of the oldest and devout members of the parish.

Diagrams for the September quarter will be distributed to-morrow.

Devotions in honor of St. Joseph held each evening at 7.30 o'clock during the month of October.

There was a month's mind on Monday morning at 7.15 o'clock for the repose of the soul of John P. Logan.

The Young Men's Bible class held a meeting in the assembly room last evening. Important business was transacted.

Mrs. Lawless of Sibley place, visited friends in Syracuse last week.

The Santa Maria Reading Circle will re-open on Monday evening, October 8th, 1900. They hope to see all the members present at this meeting, and a cordial invitation is extended to those wishing to join. Meeting will be called at 8.15 o'clock in the session room.

### HOLY FAMILY.

Edward J. Fisher and Miss Florence E. Major were united in marriage at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning at Holy Family church by Rev. Father Laurentia. Rudolph Siebert acted as best man and Lena Fisher, sister of the groom was maid of honor. The happy couple will be at home about Nov. 15, at 357 Lyell avenue.

### HOLY REDEMPTION.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Peter Magin and Miss Barbara Kastner.

The funeral of Miss Mary K. Bannach took place at 7.45 Friday morning. Miss Bannach was a member of Branch 249, L. C. B. A. and of Branch 52, ladies' auxiliary, Knights of St. John.

The funeral of Mr. George Welter took place at 8.30 Friday morning age 79 years. He was an old member of the parish.

Branch 249, C. W. B. L., recently organized two teams to get new members the losing team to give a supper, but as the teams were so close the branch donated the supper which was followed by an entertainment given by the following: Miss Martha Englert, Rose Lamine, Catherine Liese, Jennie Weber, Anna Weber. Recitation by Miss Lucia Zwirolein. The captains of teams were Mrs. Frank Meyer, and Mrs. Joseph Ribstein.

### Excursion to Kansas City.

On account of the National Convention of Christian churches, the popular Nickle Plate Road will sell excursion tickets from Buffalo to Kansas City, Mo., and return, at the very low rate of \$26.50, with an additional fee of 50 cents to be paid the joint agent at destination. Tickets are good on all regular trains, going October 10th, 12th and 14th and good returning until October 21st. The service of the Nickle Plate Road is unexcelled, three fast through express trains being run daily in each direction between Buffalo and Chicago. These trains are made up of elegantly upholstered, high-back seat, day coaches, broad vestibuled Pullman sleeping cars, and Nickle Plate dining cars serving individual club meals at rates from 35 cents to \$1.00. At Buffalo the Nickle Plate station is located at Exchange and Michigan streets, while at Chicago the Van Buren street Union Station is used. Close connections are made at Chicago with the fast trains on all lines for Kansas City.

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### FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

SHORT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE GOSPEL BY A REVEREND FATHER.

#### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

"And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the man sick of the palsy: Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee."—Gospel of the Day.

It was the city of Capernaum, on the west bank of the river Jordan, a little before it flows into the Sea of Tiberias, also called the Lake of Genesareth and the Sea of Galilee. This was a rich commercial city, and the emporium of all Judea on account of its great population, its extensive trade, and the concourse of strangers.

The home of Jesus was Nazareth, but St. John Chrysostom and many others are of the opinion that He cherished a special affection for Capernaum, so that St. Matthew called it His city. In Capernaum there was a house where Christ was accustomed to meet with His apostles, and in this city He began to preach the kingdom of God, to correct the prevailing vices, to teach virtue, and worked many astounding miracles.

He healed the paralytic mentioned in the gospel. He restored sight to two blind persons, and healed the deaf and dumb man who was possessed by the devil, of which mention is made in the gospel for the third Sunday in Lent. He also cured the servant of the centurion, the woman who was suffering from a loss of blood, and the son of Regulus, who was dying of fever. Beside these, He recalled to life the daughter of Jarius.

The paralytic was a figure of the human race which was sick on account of the sin of his first parent. This paralytic was in a pitiable condition; he could not take a step, or even stand. He could not use his hands, and he was incurable by natural means. In like manner the human race was reduced to a most deplorable condition; it could not withstand the power of the passions; it could not take a step or do anything by which to gain heaven, and no one could help it but Jesus Christ alone.

We are to learn that when we are sick our first thought should be to place ourselves in the grace of God, thus healing our soul first, because diseases are very often a punishment for sins committed; hence a cure can scarcely be hoped for if the cause has not first been removed by repentance.

The miserable condition of the paralytic teaches us to fear the misery to which our sinful passions can reduce us. The kindness with which the Divine Redeemer treated the sick man invites us to have great confidence in God, and to trust in His mercy even if we are great sinners. The greatness of the miracle causes us to admire the great power conferred by Jesus Christ on the priests in order that they may use it in a spiritual manner in the sacrament of penance; and the whole history teaches us to fear, to give thanks, and to glorify God, and Him Whom He sent to dwell among us, Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord.

### Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, October 7—Gospel, St. Matt. ix. 1-8.—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.—Feast of the Holy Rosary.  
Monday, 8—St. Bridget of Sweden.  
Tuesday, 9—St. Louis Bertrand, confessor.  
Wednesday, 10—St. Francis Borgia, confessor.  
Thursday, 11—St. Tharcus and Comp., martyrs.  
Friday, 12—St. Wilfrid, bishop, confessor.  
Saturday, 13—St. Edward, king, confessor.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. William O'Connell and son Willie, of Wilder street, left last week for Augusta, Georgia, to join the A. G. Fields Minstrels show.

### OBITUARY.

Edward J. Comerford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Comerford, of Medina, N. Y., died at the family residence, Wednesday, September 26th. The deceased was an exemplary young man and had many friends. He was a faithful employee of the New York Central freight office. The funeral was held Saturday, Sept. 29th from St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father McNab saying the requiem mass. As the cortege left the church Mr. Brainerd rendered that beautiful solo, "Jerusalem."

The floral offerings were many and included a standard and wreath from the board of alderman, cross from Central employees, star from bearers, wreath from Hahn & Rampe, Rochester, wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Moran and the Misses Lester, Lockport, N. Y.

### HOLY ROSARY.

The feast of the Holy Rosary will be celebrated to-morrow in this church.

L. C. B. A., Branch 145, social pedro party will be given next Friday evening.

### ST. JOSEPH'S.

Rosary devotions will be held during this month at the 8 o'clock mass, followed by benediction of the blessed sacrament.

The conference of the young women will meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock.

### MY ROSARY.

[For THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL.]

There is one friend in all my needs,  
I find ever near,  
Ready to aid my inmost wish,  
My simplest prayer to hear.

This friend I clasp with loving hands,  
And kiss with fondest love;  
Tis one who draws my thoughts from earth,  
To realms of light above.

My Rosary, oh! best of friends,  
Thou teachest me the way,  
To walk the path of purity,  
Like her to whom we pray.

And as I count my decades o'er  
Each bead this prayer shall be,  
O! Mary, Mother, pray for all,  
But most of all for me.

For I am weak and need thy aid,  
O! hear me Mother pray,  
And deign accept this Rosary,  
Which at thy feet I lay.

Oct. 1st 1900. S. R. Q.

### FAREWELL TO BISHOP McQUAID.

Catholic Clergy Entertained at Dinner—Generous Offering of Friends.

The Catholic clergy of the diocese of Rochester paid a farewell visit to Bishop McQuaid Wednesday at St. Bernard's Seminary. Nearly all of the priests of the diocese were present, and were entertained at dinner in the dining hall of the seminary.

After dinner Very Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, V. G., arose and in a few well chosen words expressed on the part of the priests their great veneration and love for their bishop. Then, on behalf of the diocese, he presented Bishop McQuaid with a purse of \$5,000. The bishop's emotion was great when he arose to thank all present for the gift, and he declared that only the smallest amount of it would be used for personal expenses, the rest being devoted to the promotion of religious work in the diocese.

It is only a few years ago since the priests of the diocese gave Bishop McQuaid \$60,000 for St. Bernard's Seminary. The facility with which they give arises from the fact that Bishop McQuaid retains no property in his own name. All that has ever come to him has been made over to St. Bernard's seminary and to other church work. The bishop bade all an affectionate farewell.

After dinner the solemn blessing of the new annex to the seminary took place, in which all the priests took part. After this the students of St. Bernard's rendered a beautiful musical programme.

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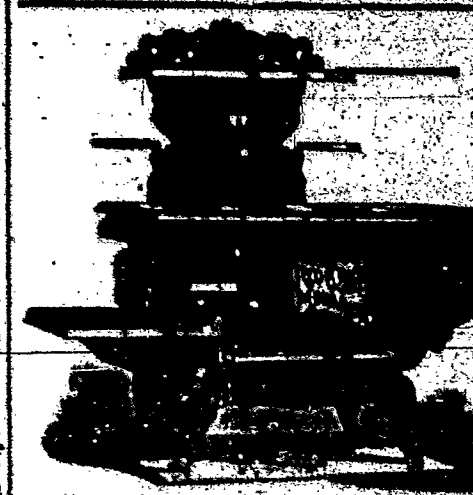
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