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## WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 20, 1901.—Gospel, St. John ii. 1-11.—Feast of the Holy Name.  
Monday, 21.—St. Agnes, virgin, martyr.  
Tuesday, 22.—St. Vincent and Anastasis.  
Wednesday, 23.—E spouses of St. V. M. r. y.  
Thursday, 24.—St. Timothy, bishop, martyr.  
Friday, 25.—Conversion of St. Paul.  
Saturday, 26.—St. Polycarp, bishop, martyr.

## A MINISTER'S DISCOVERY

The Rev. Mr. Cooke, a Protestant clergyman writes to the Boston Transcript of a wonderful discovery as follows:

"The Bible is read and expounded as faithfully in Catholic churches as in Protestant. The idea so many Protestants have that the Bible is ignored by Catholics, if ever true, certainly is not so at the present time in this country. Preaching is made as much of in Catholic as in Protestant churches. The sermons are shorter, more simple and direct; but they are not less effective. Evidently the priests are thoroughly trained in the art of forcible expression and effective discourse. They not only preach without manuscript, but they know how to deal with human nature, how to appeal to its hopes and its ideals. Few Protestant preachers are there who might not learn many a lesson in good preaching by attending Catholic churches. Somewhat to my surprise I learned that the Catholic preaching is thoroughly evangelical, using the word in the sense in which it is employed by the more orthodox of Protestant denominations. It is not the Church which the Catholic sets forth as the centre of his system, but Christ as the Savior of the world. He regards the Church as Christ's present representative on earth, the guardian and conservator of His teaching; but it is Christ to Whom he looks for salvation. No Protestant can present this more clearly than it was done in the sermons I heard, or exemplify the evangelical spirit more sincerely. I am somewhat inclined to think that the most faithful evangelical preaching is now to be heard in Catholic churches."

Rev. James B. Donelan, formerly pastor of a church in Washington, D. C., says the Southern Messenger, left in a diary or chronicle an account of a learned judge in Washington who became a convert to the Catholic church through hearing sung the "Preface" at a high mass in one of the city churches; a young lawyer of Ohio was converted by a discussion between an over-zealous Protestant and a Catholic in a railway coach; a prominent gentleman in the city of Washington became so indignant and disgusted at the unmerited abuse heaped upon the church of his Catholic wife by a Presbyterian minister that he seized his hat, left the church and some time afterward became a Catholic; a young gentleman in Baltimore who was studying for the Protestant ministry, bought a Catholic book by mistake at a second-hand book store, and through its instrumentality became a devout Catholic; a priest, accompanied by a seminarian, on a mission journey in Indiana, sought lodging for the night at a house in which a lady was on her death bed, praying God to enlighten her as to the true religion in the midst of so many conflicting sects, and before morning she died in peace of soul a member of the one true church; a priest now in the Indian Territory was converted in his boyhood by reading a scrap from a Catholic periodical picked up from some waste paper; a member of the Masonic society was, to our personal knowledge, converted to the Catholic church

by a discussion that he accidentally overheard between a Protestant seaman and a Catholic who could not well evade his questions. We could continue the list if we had time to recall similar instances in our experience or that had come to our knowledge.

"St. Francis de Sales, the gentle Bishop of Geneva, whose doctrine and practice that we can catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel of vinegar, is so easy of application in every walk of life, we honor during this month." Dominicans reminds us. "As the patron of the Catholic press—the Bishop was a prolific writer and publisher—his feast emphasizes the power of the printed word, reminds Catholics of the apostolate of good reading, warns them against the insidious and yet widespread dangers of bad books and papers, and to many of our people should bring home the painful thought of their negligence, their indifference, the intellectual and spiritual poverty of their bookless and prayerless homes. 'Whoever is not with Me is against me' are the words of Eternal Wisdom."

The profanity heard occasionally in our streets from the lips of boys who are hardly in their teens, and sometimes from those who are less than ten years of age, shows a lack of parental or some other kind of training. As a rule, the boy who never hears the name of God spoken at home but with the greatest reverence will not use it in anger or on the most trifling occasion. The formation of such a vulgar habit not to mention its wickedness, will later bar these boys out of the society of respectable people. Every effort should be made on the part of parents and guardians to ward off the formation of such a vile habit.

**A MILLIONAIRE AS A WAITER**  
With a big white apron and round collar, a waiter, John D. Crimmins, the millionaire contractor, on Christmas Day acted as the host to the 300 inmates of the Home for Aged Persons, New York city, conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor on East Seventeenth street. It has been Mr. Crimmins' custom for the last four years to give a Christmas treat to the institution. There was plenty of turkey, chicken, roast beef and entrees. Mr. Crimmins' three sons and four daughters, all in waiting on the tables. Mr. Crimmins was greeted on every table with "God bless you" when the dinner came to an end, and the cheers which were proposed for the were given with all the strength the feeble voices could muster.

James J. Cavanaugh of Boston, Massachusetts with his five sons and daughters around him, has just celebrated his one hundred and tenth birthday with his Christmas dinner.  
Right Rev. Bishop Kelly, of Galton, Australia, presides over the largest diocese in the world, its area being about 1,200,000 square miles, say between thirty and forty times the size of Ireland, but, of course, it is at present only sparsely populated.  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier has sent from Canada \$500 to the fund for the erection of a statue to Louisette in the Cathedral of Meaux. The amount collected for the purpose is \$10,000. The government will provide the marble for this monument.

**NEW YEAR'S SENTIMENTS**  
Of Three Distinguished Princes of Holy Church.  
The enormous strides made by education, especially among the masses, during the last hundred years justify the hope, or rather the certainty, that knowledge will make even greater progress in the century which is now dawning. It is to be hoped that the intellectual standard already attained in the United States, where a man who cannot read or write would be considered as a rara avis.

Cardinal Prefect of the Congress of Studies.  
There will be fewer creeds a hundred years hence, because the true Church is gaining ground, while sects are disappearing. At the close of the nineteenth century the Catholic population of the world is over 200,000,000 and this wonderful progress has been made in the face of almost insuperable difficulties. Light, right and moral and intellectual progress are the aims of the Church to-day, as they have always been and always will be, in spite of the calculators who accuse us of obscurantism. In the present Pontiff we behold a synthesis of Catholic tendencies, a true emanation of the Catholic spirit, and it will be a good omen for the twentieth century to be blessed on New Year's Day by Leo XIII.

Rampolla,  
Cardinal and Papal Secretary.  
No century has ever dawned under more favorable auspices than the one which Leo XIII. will bless on New Year's eve in St. Peter's. The inspiring manifestation of piety and devotion which we have witnessed during the Anno Santo, when thousands of pilgrims flocked to Rome from every part of the world, augurs well for the triumph of religion in the opening century. Let us pray that the blessings invoked from heaven by the venerable Pontiff will descend on the twentieth century, rendering it a golden age of peace, progress, and brotherly love.  
Parrocchi.  
Cardinal Vice Chancellor of the Papal State.

## FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

**SHORT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE GOSPEL BY A REVEREND FATHER.**

Gospel, St. John ii. 1-11.—Jesus attends the marriage at Cana.

In to-day's Gospel the lesson taught was when at the wedding Jesus took occasion to manifest His divine power by which those present were led to recognize in Him the expected Messiah. Besides, He prepared a condemnation of those heretics who taught that matrimony was the work of the devil. And lastly, he wished to teach us that we should not refuse to contribute, when we are able, to the innocent enjoyment of our friends, for in this way the bond of peace and Christian friendship is preserved.

We should observe that Jesus Christ by this miracle prepared the way for that still greater miracle which he was to work in the institution of the Most Holy Sacrament, by showing that as He was able to convert insipid water into generous wine He could also convert bread and wine into His own body and blood. He wished to teach us that as water serves in the order of nature to purify the body, so His precious blood, symbolized by the wine, sanctifies the soul in the order of grace.

We should learn from the married couple in this day's Gospel to conduct ourselves at our tables and nuptials as if Jesus were invited and present by His grace. Jesus Christ will bless the nuptials of those who are led by a right motive and not by caprice, interest and passion; and He will bless our tables when sobriety, modesty, and the fear of God are present.

If the Blessed Virgin felt such compassion for that poor couple in a temporal matter, how much may we not hope from her when the object is spiritual and in favor of our souls! If unasked she showed such an interest in them as to ask her Son to work a miracle, what will she not do for us when we confide in her tenderness and invoke her by the name of mother?

## SUDDEN CURE OF A TUMOR

Mrs. Florence Ingram, from North Sidney, N. S., is a living proof that St. Anne extends her protection to the far off maritime provinces. An internal tumor, from which she had been ailing the five last years had finally obliged her to undergo two operations. The first one was successful but the second proved a failure. Six months of suffering, growing more painful every day, had weakened her so much that the doctor declared her unable to stand a third operation. As all hope from earth was gone Father Gillis, the pastor of the congregation proposed to her a pilgrimage to the miraculous shrine of Beauraup. So on the 25th of August, St. Anne saw her at her feet imploring help in her sufferings. Her prayers were not offered in vain for on the 28th, while assisting at a mass said for her on the altar of the Blessed Virgin, she felt that the tumor was disappearing. After mass her sufferings had ceased; she was completely cured.

Mrs. Ingram had the happiness of being converted to the Catholic religion last year.

## THE HOME FOR THE AGED.

A short time since a meeting was held of the representatives of each of the Catholic churches for the purpose of devising means for raising funds for the Home for the Aged, on Main street, east; all were in earnest and very desirous of assisting this worthy work. It was decided to open a subscription, and books were distributed for that purpose. It is to be hoped that the public will respond generously to the appeal of those who have kindly volunteered to solicit. If all will help the aggregate will relieve much anxiety, and will assist in carrying on this work which was founded by the reverend Mother Hieronymo, who always had the interests of the aged at heart. Since her death the institution has been devoted entirely to the care of the aged alone. The running expenses alone of this institution—the heating, lighting, provisioning, repairs and the countless contingencies which constantly arise amount to an enormous sum. Indeed it is impossible, notwithstanding the most rigid economy on the part of the Sisters in charge, to meet this sum. The floating debt now amounts to over twenty-five hundred dollars, besides the mortgage of \$12,000 which was on the place when they took charge and whose interest must be met. Unless life is out short there is nothing more certain than the infirmities of age. When the means of supplying necessities are lacking, perhaps after a life of poorly requited toil, it is doubly hard to bear. It is therefore a pleasure to make the tour of this well kept institution, to mark the spotless neatness and order, to feel that here at least no one is cold, hungry or insufficiently clad, to see the sick well cared for and to hear the murmur of prayer of some poor old soul who lingers in the invisible Presence which she will soon see face to face, and to feel that the lack of kindred is supplied by the kind and sym-

pathetic Sisters who are to them as daughters and whose life work is in this high and noble cause.

## EXAMINATIONS AT ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY.

The examinations for the first semester of the present school year at St. Bernard's seminary closed Thursday. A two week's vacation is now in progress. The average attendance this year has been 106; seventy of this number come from outside the diocese.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETS.

At a meeting of the Central Council, C. R. & B. A., Monday evening, held at the rooms of Council 40, the election of officers for the year took place with the following result: President, E. J. Ryan; first vice president, James M. Nolan; second vice president, M. D. Kavanaugh; secretary, Mrs. McParlin; treasurer, Mrs. Weiss; committee on organization—James Clancy, Mrs. Kolb, Mr. Hamm; ways and means—J. O'Neill, W. H. Gallagher, Mr. McGrath; degree—president, Dr. McLooney; chancellor, W. H. Gallagher; first vice president J. M. Nolan; second vice president, Mr. McSteen; marshal, J. O'Neill; financial secretary, Mrs. Rhines. The next meeting will be held at the rooms of Council 74.

## COUNCIL 40.

The officers of this council were installed on Monday evening by Past President E. J. Ryan in the absence of the deputy. Those chosen for the year are: Chancellor, Rev. J. J. Leary; president, J. M. Nolan; first vice president, W. H. Gallagher; second vice president, Mrs. Legler; recording secretary, Miss Garvey; financial secretary, Miss Margaret Kingsley; treasurer, Miss Finn. After the installation appropriate remarks were made by Rev. J. J. Leary, James M. Nolan, W. H. Gallagher and others. Father Leary, the retiring president, was presented with a ten dollar gold piece which he said he would put to good use in the church building fund. The board of trustees Dr. G. Marion, Mr. Gallagher and Mrs. Hicks. This council is in a flourishing condition, as the reports of the officers show and will compare favorably with sister councils.

## HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL C. R. & B. A.

At a regular meeting of Holy Family Council No. 74, C. R. & B. A., held Wednesday, the following officers were installed by Supreme Medical Examiner, Dr. F. W. Maloney: Chancellor, August Schubart; president, George J. Miller; first vice president, John C. Schroth; second vice president, Miss Kate Ritzenthaler; recording secretary, William Ritzenthaler; financial secretary, John Hamm; treasurer, Mrs. Catherine Miller; marshal, Miss Kittie Wagner; guard, Joseph Bausch; trustees, Mrs. Barbara Immel, Mrs. Mary A'kins, Mrs. Gertrude Fritz, Joseph Bausch. The council was shown to be in a very flattering condition, and it was decided to give a banquet to the members on February 6th.

## O. R. & B. A.

Council 23, C. R. & B. A., are to hold a pedro party at their rooms in Durand Building on Wednesday evening next. Members of sister councils are cordially invited to attend.

At the meeting of Council 18, C. R. & B. A., the following named officers were installed by Supreme Medical Examiner Dr. Maloney: President, John E. O'Neill; 1st vice president, Stephen McGrath; 2nd vice president, Anna Reagan; financial secretary, Eliza M. Kavanaugh; recording secretary, Bridget A. Dorey; treasurer, Katherine M. Rhines; guard, Mary A. Colby; marshal, Mary Grace; trustees, John E. O'Neill, M. D. Kavanaugh, Francis H. Heislein. After the meeting had adjourned, the members enjoyed themselves at progressive pedro a short while, when refreshments were served followed by several selections sung by the male chorus of the council, solos by Brothers D. G. Kavanaugh and Thos. J. Shiel. Everyone spent a most enjoyable evening.

## Hibernian Rifles.

The Rifle Company has received the official notice of Colonel Chas. H. Cary of Troy, assuming command of the new regiment which reads as follows:

General Order No. 1.—I hereby give notice that I have severed my commission as Colonel of the First Hibernian Regiment of New York State on the 3rd day of January 1901, and by virtue of the power and authority invested in me by same, I hereby assume command of the above and herein named Regiment.  
Chas. H. Cary, Col.

## General Order Number 2:

To the Commanders and members of the first A. O. H. Regiment: you and each of you will take notice that I have this 7th day of Jan. 1901,

appointed Phillip J. Ryan, of Troy, N. Y., as adjutant of the First Hibernian Regiment with headquarters at 1663 Third Street, Troy, N. Y., who will be obeyed and respected accordingly.  
Chas. H. Cary, Col. H. R.

It is hardly necessary to say that the Company is well pleased with the first general order and will co-operate to the best of their ability for the success of the new regiment. A printed circular will be issued as an address and invitation to all prominent and influential Irishmen to join the uniform body, as active or honorary members. Comrades Thomas Conway and M. J. Connors has been elected as trustees for the coming year. Capt. Michael Quinlivan and the members of Company A, have got some assurance that C. J. Dollen will be appointed as inspector of Rifle practice with the rank of captain. As every office had from three to four aspirants the local company has done splendid work to be able to have their men elected.

## COOK OPERA HOUSE.

Manager Moore has prepared the biggest bill for the ensuing week yet given at Cook opera house and never in the history of this theatre has there been such a choice selection of features as has been presented this season. Thirty-five people are registered on the list. It is truly alluring from a beautiful reminder of church music to the liveliest fun-makers of the highest class.

The most novel feature in vaudeville is Gertrude Haynes and her 20 choir boys. This is the original choir act, and surpasses in every respect the many imitators. The stage setting first represents exterior of a church and then the interior. Gowned in a surplice, Miss Haynes is seen seated at the organ. Miss Haynes' playing not only has breath and beauty, but is most enjoyable in its effect. She is assisted by her large surpiced choir of boys which contains that sweet soloist, Master Jamie Brynes, whose singing created such a furor in the East and has given him a great reputation. Such an act in its entirety has never before been seen in Rochester. Another great feature of the bill for the ensuing week is the engagement of Milton and Dollie Nobles & Co. in a one-act play entitled "A Blue Grass Widow" written by Milton Nobles and acted by the author, assisted by Dollie Nobles and Miss Eva Westcott. Another cardinal novelty on Manager Moore's excellent program, will be the improved American Biograph with ten of the latest of life motion pictures will be brilliantly shown, including the much-talked-of moving platforms at the Paris Exposition. Among the other features on the bill include George V. Day, the funny story teller Almont & Dumont are accomplished musical artists, Oscar Sisson and Miss Esther Wallace will bring joy to the hearts of many with the aid of their pretty playlet entitled, "Love Finds a Way" which is a charming dainty comedietta, Laura Comstock will sing the sweet darkey refrains and "coon" ditties. Miss Comstock being it is claimed, one of the cleverest coon song singers on the stage. Edward Esters will perform some remarkable equilibristic feats, which completes Manager Moore's contribution for the coming week with two performances daily.

## BAKER THEATRE.

Next week the fun lovers of Rochester, and their name is legion, will find at the Baker a week of genuine mirth and jollity. For the first three nights, beginning Monday, with the customary matinees, that laughter provoking farce comedy entitled "A Wise Guy" will be presented, and it is needless to say that with the humorous dialogue, and climaxes in the highest degree ludicrous, there will be laughter galore. For the remaining three nights, with Thursday and Saturday matinees, another bill of sparkling comedy, replete with witty repartee and sparkling dialogue will be offered in "Spriting Life," which, as its title suggests, and staged with all the necessities for its faultless production, all lovers of a hearty laugh will visit the Baker.

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