

CITY PARISH NEWS.

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters.

ST. BRIGID'S

Through courtesy to our bishop the New York Central R. R. Co. placed a special train to Syracuse and return at the disposal of the priests of the city last Tuesday.

Our congratulations are extended to our Rt. Rev. Bishop upon his safe return.

Father Hendrick was one of the speakers at Fortham commencement exercises last Monday evening. He accompanied Bishop McQuaid to Rochester Tuesday evening.

This parish contributed about two hundred dollars to the subscription for the "Old Ladies' Home."

The funeral of Mrs. Arthur Lang took place from this church last Monday morning. Mrs. Lang died at Berlin, Ont.

The sixth grade of our school had a very pleasant party Friday afternoon. The first and second grades were entertained Tuesday afternoon.

The Cardinal Newman Reading Circle will spend next Tuesday evening in a social way. Card playing and music will be the order of the evening. A prize will be given to the one winning the greatest number of games. Light refreshments will be served. The games will begin at 8.15. All the members are requested to attend.

At the last meeting of the Fort-nightly pedro club the prizes were won by Miss Lucy Fitzgerald and Miss Louise Riley. The meetings will be discontinued till after Lent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dwyer were the guests of Father Dwyer of Seneca Falls Sunday.

Next Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday. The high mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. The ashes will be blessed and distributed at this mass.

The Rosary Society will meet next Sunday.

A fine musical programme was rendered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rauber, last Thursday evening. The proceeds were for the "Old Ladies' Home." Following is the programme: Marehe grande, (piano dist.), Loeschhorn, Messrs. Paul and Rauber; tenor solo, Sehurm, Mr. Gus Cooley; "A Dream," soprano solo, Miss Jessie Minges; reading, selected, Miss Gertrude Hughes; "Fire Laddies," Sherwood, Mr. Carl Paul; "Sweetheart," soprano solo; Mr. Meyerling Rampe; Polonaise Hongroise, Chopin, Miss Mae Gurry; recitations, selected, Miss Catherine Burns; "For This" De Koven, Mrs. Meyerling Rampe.

ST. BONIFACE

The Young Ladies' Sodality held a comic social for the members, at school hall on Gregory street, Monday evening. Prizes were awarded to the most comic, as follows: First prize, palm, Miss Louise Geibel; 2nd, china cup and saucer, Miss Mary Devins; peanut race, cream pitcher, Miss Belle Sarvatina. Games and dancing were indulged in, after which refreshments were served. Much credit is due the officers of the Sodality for the success of the social from every point of view.

John J. Kreckel died Sunday afternoon at the home of his son, John C. Kreckel, 17 Cayuga street, aged 81 years and six months. Deceased was one of the charter members of this church having lived in this locality fifty years or more and leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. Funeral took place on Wednesday morning at 8.30 from the church. Rev. Rauber officiated. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery, which was largely attended. Mr. Kreckel is survived by two sons, John C. and Philip Kreckel, and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Trabant all of this city.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mr. Frank W. Kimpal and Miss Celia M. Coughlin were united in marriage Tuesday morning, at Immaculate Conception church, Rev. W. Glesson officiating. Mr. Edward Kimpal and Mr. Thos. Coughlin acted as ushers. The happy couple will reside at 52 Graig street.

Sunday is communion Sunday for the Children of Mary and girls of the parish.

Sunday afternoon there will be a meeting of the Children of Mary Society.

On Thursday evening Council 105, C. W. B. L., held a very enjoyable pedro party.

On Wednesday after the high mass ashes will be distributed also at a quarter to eight in the evening.

ST. MARY'S

Mr. Joseph Foley, Mr. James Kelly and Miss Helen Kelly of Ontario, spent Sunday in Rochester, the guest of Miss May Cleoney.

The Young Men's Society held a very successful pedro party last evening at St. Mary's hall.

St. Mary's branch, L. O. B. A., will hold a pedro party Monday evening, Feb. 18th at St. Mary's hall.

The election of officers of the "Willing Helpers" took place on Monday evening. They were as follows: President, Mrs. James Kennedy; vice-president, Mrs. N. McAnally; treasurer, Rev. Mother Theresa; assistant treasurer, Mrs. McCarthy; secretary, Mrs. John Lambert; buyer, Mrs. George Knapp.

At a meeting of the Alumni on Sunday afternoon it was decided to hold a pedro party Tuesday evening, February 19th at St. Mary's hall.

The "Willing Helpers" held a very successful pedro party at its rooms yesterday afternoon.

Father Connors went to Syracuse on Tuesday to assist in welcoming the Bishop.

There was a high mass of requiem on Monday at 7.45 for Patrick McMahon.

Peter Short died on Tuesday after a long and severe illness. He was one of the pupils of our school and an altar boy. His funeral took place at 9 o'clock on Friday morning.

The marriage of Edward Kenny and Margaret Mullen took place on Tuesday morning at 7.15 o'clock.

There was a month's mind on Wednesday at 7.15 o'clock, for Catherine Carey.

CORPUS CHRISTI

On Sunday (to-morrow) the monthly school collection will be taken up at all the masses.

Hieronymo Council, C. W. B. L., held a pedro party in the school hall on Friday evening, Feb. 8th. Prizes were awarded.

At the last regular meeting of Br. 139, C. M. B. A., George Hobing was initiated into the branch. Fred Tyler was elected marshal, and A. J. Young was nominated for assistant recording secretary.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Miss Ryan, No. 11 Beacon street, by the members of the "Comin Time" pedro club. The hostess was Miss E. Gorman. The first prize was won by Mrs. D. Sullivan. The second by Mrs. F. Floyd. Mr. M. Toomey won the gent's first prize and Mr. W. Law the second. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was passed.

The holy season of Lent opens on Wednesday, Feb. 20th. The usual custom of distributing ashes will take place. During Lent devotions will take place on Wednesday evening, consisting of rosary, sermon and benediction, and on Friday evenings stations of the cross. The masses during lent will be as usual.

Corpus Christi choir held a sleigh ride party on Wednesday evening. They enjoyed a trip to Charlotte where refreshments were served.

CATHEDRAL

The third annual banquet of the Cathedral School association was held at Powers hall on last Wednesday evening. Cover was laid for 508. The Rt. Rev. Bishop, just returned from Rome was the guest of honor, and the position of toast master was ably filled by William T. Moran of New York city. After an address by Donald Byrnes the following toasts were responded to: "The Class of 1900," Chas. Comerford; "The Priest Alumnae," Rev. Owen McGuire, D. D.; "The Journalist," John H. O'Hara; "Lingering Spirits," Miss Lucy Sheridan; "The Medical Profession," Dr. F. T. O'Brian; "The Sisters," Miss Annette Byrnes. The closing address was by the Rt. Rev. Bishop. The music for the occasion was furnished by Dossenbach's orchestra.

The banquet of the Nazareth alumnae will be held at the Academy on next Monday evening.

Miss Ella Nugent is the guest of friends in Boston.

Miss Harriet Duffy has returned from Lakewood.

Mr. Henry McLaughlin of Montreal, has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Calkin, during the past week.

Mr. John Burns of Williamsport, Pa., is the guest of Rochester friends.

PERSONAL

Miss Mayme Foley of Tracy Park, and Miss Margaret Miles of Alexander street, are visiting friends in Buffalo.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Central Council of the C. R. & B. A. will meet at the rooms of Council 74, on Jay street, next Wednesday evening. The degree team, with Supreme Medical Examiner Maloney as president, will initiate five candidates into Council 74. Members of sister councils will be welcome.

The members of Division 7, A. O. H., are reminded that a smoker for members only will be held on Tuesday evening.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A number of members of Rochester Council journeyed to Buffalo Tuesday to take the fourth degree.

On Monday evening last the Knights of Columbus gave a dancing party. A smoker will be held next Monday.

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IN MEMORIAM

At a meeting of Council 88, C. R. & B. A., the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Omnipotent Power has taken from the family of our esteemed sister, Miss Rae, one of the members of this Council, her beloved father, be it Resolved, That we, the members of Council 88, extend to her our sincere sympathy in her sad affliction, and that we commend her to the Omnipotent Power for consolation, "who doeth all things well." Be it further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved sister, spread on the minutes of our meeting and published in THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL. Committee—Mrs. Parlo, Miss Keogh, Miss Healy.

AN ENERGETIC PASTOR

Father O'Farrell Wipes Out Debts on Two Churches and Has Them Consecrated.

Next Tuesday will be a happy occasion for the Rev. M. C. O'Farrell, pastor of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Thirty-seventh St., near Broadway, New York city, it being the occasion of the consecration of his beautiful church. According to the Catholic precedent no church is consecrated until it is free of debt, and it is said there are less than ten of all those in New York that have been consecrated.

Thus it is that Father O'Farrell will have cause for rejoicing for this will be the second church that under his pastorate has not only been freed from debt, but has expended thousands of dollars in improvements. The first of which he brought out of its entanglement of financial embarrassment was St. Teresa's, at Henry and Rutgers streets. It was a quarter of a century ago that he took charge of that church, which then had a debt of \$130,000. Not only did he liquidate this indebtedness in the eighteen years in which he was its rector, but he was enabled to pay out nearly \$100,000 in improvements. When, seven years ago, he went to the Church of the Holy Innocents it had a debt of more than \$80,000. This has all been paid off, and in addition improvements costing all of \$30,000 have been made to the church property. The rectory, the church and the schools connected with it do not owe a cent, and Father O'Farrell talks with a pardonable pride of his achievements.

Recent enrichments of the church have been the installation of new altars, an altar rail and windows. A new main altar, the gift of John B. Manning, of New York city, who is a trustee of the church; two side altars the gift of Mrs. Theodore Havemeyer, who is a pewholder; an altar rail, the gift of John E. Alexandre, also a member of the congregation, and mural paintings and seventeen memorial windows, placed by other members of the congregation, make up a list of the gifts. The altars are of Carrara marble and of exquisite workmanship.

Services on the occasion of the consecration will begin at seven o'clock in the morning and will continue for seven hours. The eucharist and the main altar will be consecrated by Archbishop Corrigan. Bishop Gabriels, of Ogdensburg, will consecrate the altar of the Blessed Virgin, and that of St. Joseph will be consecrated by Bishop Burke, of Albany. The pontifical Mass will be sung by Bishop Prendergast, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Farley, the auxiliary bishop of the diocese of New York, will preach the sermon.

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