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**Weekly Church Calendar.**  
 Sunday—March 30—Gospel, St. Mark xvi 1-7—Easter.  
 Monday 31—St. Benjamin, deacon and martyr.  
 Tuesday April 1—St. Hugh, bishop and confessor.  
 Wednesday 2—St. Francis of Paolo, confessor.  
 Thursday 3—St. Richard, bishop and confessor.  
 Friday 4—St. Isidore, bishop, confessor and doctor.  
 Saturday 5—St. Vincent Ferrer, confessor.



**Five Minute Sermon.**

**The Resurrection of Our Lord.**  
 Today's Gospel speaks of the early hour at which three holy women went to anoint Jesus and it shows with what truth a holy Father said: "Perfect charity knows no fear." Those holy women sincerely loved Jesus, and, wishing in some manner to show their fidelity towards Him, they went to anoint with sweet spices His inanimate body. We ought to learn from these pious women spoken of in the Gospel to be

courageous in working for the glory of Jesus Christ, and, as St. Gregory says, "we shall bring Him precious balm if we serve Him with humility and with mortification."  
 In regard to the early hour they left their homes, we should admire their true devotion, which admitted of no delay in executing their good purpose. He who sincerely serves God will never lose time; he abhors every delay that hinders him in doing all he can for God. In regard to the day, which was the first day of the week, we are to recognize that day of the Lord which afterwards was to be the holy day of the Christian Church, on which we also should devote ourselves to works of religion, and bring balm to Jesus Christ. Finally, in the fact that the sun had risen, we see that a soul that sincerely seeks the glory of God will never remain in darkness, ignorance, or doubt, but will always find the light that comforts and guides it in all its steps. If, according to the laws of nature, the sun had risen it had also risen according to the laws of grace, because Christ had risen from the dead, and by His resurrection bestowed the full light of the Gospel, confirmed the true faith, and brought the day of life to the whole world.

Here in America the Easter time is much more extended than in the older Catholic countries says the Transcript. It begins with the first Sunday in Lent and ends on Trinity Sunday—long enough, in all conscience—long enough for the most inveterate procrastinator. It is not wise to take full advantage of the extreme leniency of the church. We are never obliged to put mere privileges to the utmost test. The spirit of the church is to be learned from her laws and not from their exceptions. These are granted us, as Moses granted divorce to the Hebrews, because of the hardness of our heart. Holy Thursday is the anniversary of the institution of the Eucharist. Easter Sunday is the day of our Lord's triumph. At this time the church would have us all rise to a new life. The most efficacious means of resurrection is through the sacraments of penance and the Holy Eucharist. Hence the propriety of discharging the Paschal obligation as near as possible to Easter itself.

The Rev. Martin Gossner, rector of St. Patrick's church at Elizabethport.

who, it is said, has done more building than any Catholic priest in New Jersey. The improvements he has made in St. Patrick's church alone aggregating nearly \$1,000,000, announced last Sunday that he intended building a high school as an annex to the parochial school, and that he would also build a parish orphan asylum. He has only recently built a \$600,000 church.  
 He has been rector of St. Patrick's since 1873 and is now seventy-two years old. He declared the other day that he felt in as good health as when he was sixty, and believed he would live to accomplish his undertaking. He is the oldest pastor of any denomination in Elizabeth in point of continuous service at one church, and the oldest except one in Union county. He went to St. Patrick's from Vine and N. J.

A wealthy English Catholic resident in Paris, Mr. Wm. Watkins has left a sum of 100,000 francs to the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris and a similar sum to the Pope for charitable purposes, and has given the remainder of his fortune, real and personal, to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Mr. Watkins was well known in the Fifth Arrondissement of Paris, where he had lived for over twenty years and where his benefactions had always been numerous.

The Altschul family, consisting of father, mother, three daughters, and two sons who were recently received in a body into the Catholic Church by the Paulist Fathers in New York city were confirmed last Monday morning by Archbishop Corrigan. The ceremony took place in St. Patrick's Cathedral immediately after the Archbishop had finished saying his regular daily Mass. Mr. Altschul was formerly a minister of the Reformed Episcopal church and his family were members. When he expressed a desire a few months ago to become a Catholic, Archbishop Corrigan sent him to the Paulists and one of their number, the Rev. A. P. Doyle, took up the work of instructing the family. They were received into the church on Washington's birthday. Mr. Altschul is now in the employ of a large Catholic publishing concern. His oldest child, a daughter, is 22.

The blessed palm we receive, on

Palm Sunday, and the holy water on Holy Saturday, are both great sacramentals, and should be used for the purpose intended. The blessed palm should be used at home in times of danger from the elements. When the wind is raging and the lightning flashing then is the time to burn a small part of the palm. And the holy water should be piously taken before retiring and after rising. A pious mother also sprinkles the beds with this blessed water, in order to keep the evil one away from these places of rest, and to protect those resting therein from all evils of soul and body. Let us ever use these sacramentals with the greatest piety and obtain the blessing attached to them by the prayer of the church. A blessed palm may be carried with one for protection, but it is not intended to be an ornament on any part of our dress.

By the will of the late Mrs. Nathalie F. Reynal of New York, the Foundling Asylum, conducted by the Sisters of Charity receive \$5,000. College of St. Francis Xavier, \$3,333; the association for befriending children and young girls, \$2,000.

Catholics of the town of Corpus Christi, N. Y., have collected during the past year the sum of \$5,135.50 for the erection of a new church.

Sister Elizabeth and Sister Raphael of the Benedictine Order died last week at the Sacred Heart Hospital, at Yankton, Dakota. For years the Sisters were teachers among the Indians on the frontier.

Rev. Dr. Reuben Thomas, of Brookline, Mass., in the course of an eloquent discourse on a recent Sunday night, spoke in the most laudatory terms of the devotion of members of the Catholic Church. Among other things he said: "I have learned to respect the religiousness of habit of our Roman Catholic fellow countrymen. I never cease to mourn over the acquired irreligiousness of our Protestant immigrants. These immigrants are not religious in their own countries. When they come here many of them lapse from their good home habits and drift into lower mental conditions. But seldom is this the case with Roman Catholic immigrants. Say what we will about them, they are faithful to their Church. We may laugh at some of their habits. To us they seem superstitious, even silly. To them they stand for faithfulness, obedience, conscientiousness and self-denial."

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