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Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday—April 6—Gospel, St. John xx, 19-31—St. Sixtus, pope and martyr.

Monday 7—St. Herman Joseph, confessor

Tuesday 8—St. Dionysius, bishop and confessor.

Wednesday 9—St. Mary of Egypt, penitent.

Thursday 10—Bl. Mechthildes, virgin and abbess.

Friday 11—St. Leo the Great, pope, doctor, confessor.

Saturday 12—St. Julius, pope.

The Forty Hours.

The Forty Hours will be held this month at the following places:

April 6. Palmyra, East Rush; Canandaigua, Cayuga; St. John's, Elmira; St. Monica's, Rochester.

April 13. St. Bridget's, Rochester; Newark, Bath; Waverly.

April 20. Caledonia; Geneva; Victor; Hornellsville.

April 27. Seneca Falls; Avon; St. Mary's, Rochester; Moravia, Corning.

Five Minute Sermon.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples.

We must know, says St. Augustine that God can do many things which we cannot understand.

As our senses are the doors of the soul, we infer that when these senses are closed to things of the world Jesus will enter into our souls and say: "Peace be to you."

We also can enjoy peace if, with the grace of God obtained through Christ, we study to keep in peace with God, by avoiding sin; in peace with our neighbor, by loving him with true charity and suffering with patience his defects; and in peace with ourselves, by being contented with our condition in life, and limiting the desires of our heart.

An Easter After-Thought.

The echoes of the Alleluias are still ringing, the fragrance of the Easter lilies is still clinging to the sanctuary, the joyful anthems of the choir are lingering still, after the celebration of the glorious resurrection of Christ and have we arisen with Him? "If we be risen with Christ sin shall have no more dominion over us."

New Books.

"The Cow Pea" is the title of the latest publication issued by the Experiment Farm of the North Carolina State Horticultural Society at Southern Pines, N. C.

A STRANGE CONVERSION.

The story of a remarkable conversion is told in the Missionary Record of the Oblates of Mary for the current month, by a priest who signs himself "L. C. P. F." It occurred many years ago in Dublin, when the narrator was attracted by the gathering of a crowd in Sackville street and found it had collected to watch a poor man fallen in a fit.

"On the following day, I was told that a gentleman was in the parlor who wished to speak to me. On going to see him, he told me he had not sent me his card because I did not know him. He then told me that he was the same who had a fit on the previous day in Sackville street, and that I had done something to him before I had either taken him or sent him (I forgot which) to the hospital. He continued his relation by begging me to tell him what I had done for him.

The venerable and beloved Bishop Van De Vyver standing at the open door of a carriage making the sign of the cross over the bowed heads of a hundred kneeling friends was a scene the like of which has never been witnessed on Grace street, Richmond, Va.

The Countess Clotilde de Hamel de Manin, the foundress of "The Universal Association of Catholic Children," is at present in London for the purpose of organizing branches of the Association in that city.

Three of the popes were Jews—St. Peter, St. Clement and Theodoros, I. who reigned in 642. Clement was a fellow laborer with St. Paul, and was mentioned by him in the third verse of the fourth chapter of the Epistle to the Philippians.

THE TWO BROTHERS.

Controversial Dialogue Between Presbyterian and His Catholic Brother, Leading up to Former's Conversion.

"But you told me the other day," replied James, after a short pause, "that the essential character of the Romish church is, that she claims to have received a divine commission or authority to teach, or to keep and declare the word of God."

"To keep and expound or teach the word of God, I grant; but I conceded this only so far as concerned the special controversy in which we were engaged, as I then told you. Nevertheless, I admit now that the essential claim of the church is, that she has been divinely commissioned or authorized to teach the word of God."

"Then you must concede that any other church claiming to be divinely commissioned is an adverse claimant."

"Divinely commissioned to teach granted."

"Then it is not true that there is no adverse claimant against Rome, as you so confidently assert; for, in point of fact, the Greek church, the Presbyterian and the Anglican each claim for itself to be divinely commissioned."

"The Greek church claims the commission for herself in no sense in which she does not concede it to Rome and therefore is not an adverse claimant. The Presbyterian and Anglican churches do not in reality claim it at all; for both deny the fact of a divine commission in denying the infallibility of the church."

"But to deny the infallibility is not necessarily to deny the divine commission of the teacher; and, therefore not to claim the infallibility is not to fall to claim the commission."

"The Commission in question is the commission to teach, and must be the warrant of infallibility in the teacher unless God can authorize the teaching of error."

"That proves too much. All the teachers of your church, you hold, are divinely commissioned; but you can not hold that each is infallible; for if you should, you would be obliged to hold that Luther himself did not err since, as is well known, he was at first a Romish doctor."

"The teachers of the church are all divinely commissioned to teach in communion with and in subordination to the sovereign pontiff, the successor of St. Peter. I admit, and so long as they so teach, they teach infallibly; but when they break away from that communion and assume to be independent teachers, they are fallible, for then they have no divine commission."

"Is there any of these teachers, taken individually, who may not break from that communion and assume to be an independent teacher?"

"No one except the pope himself."

"What, then, is your warrant that your particular teacher does not err?"

"The fact that he teaches in communion with and in subordination to the sovereign pontiff."

"So the pope is his voucher?"

"Communion with the pope."

"Who vouches for the pope?"

"The divine commission which gives him, as the successor of St. Peter, plenary authority to teach and declare the word of God."

"If the pope should fall, your whole church might fall to the ground?"

"Not necessarily; but the pope cannot fall, because he is divinely commissioned. As the successor of St. Peter he inherits the authority of St. Peter and the promise made to him: 'Upon this rock will I build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' The pope, therefore, since he has the promise of God, cannot fall, unless God himself can fall, which is not supposable."

"But your argument, nevertheless, proves too much; for all legitimate civil governments are divinely commissioned, and yet no man can pretend that they are infallible."

"Commissioned to govern, but not to teach or declare the word of God. There is a difference between the commission to govern and the commission to teach. Teaching has reference to the conscience, to the internal act of the man; government only to external acts. The teacher is commissioned to teach the truth; government is commissioned simply to control and direct the external acts for the general good, according to the rules of prudence; and to attain its end it is not essential that it should be able to propose measures which are absolutely in all and in every respect the wisest and the best; nor is it necessary, in order to believe it for the general good, and to obey all its commands, that the subject should believe it infallible, or that it can never err in any one of its measures. He can obey an unwise order and it may be for the general good that sometimes he should do so. But the end of teaching is the proposition and belief of the truth. All teaching is in order to truth. If the teacher is fallible, the end of teaching is not secured; for he may propose, and I may believe, on his proposition, what is not true. The commission is authority from God to teach and a command to those the teacher is commissioned to teach and to believe as the truth, and nothing but the truth, what he teaches. If fallible, then, he may propose, and I believe on divine authority, what is false; and then God may authorize the teaching and the believing of falsehood—which cannot be; for he is infinitely true, and can neither be deceived nor deceive, which would not be the fact, if he could authorize the teaching or the believing of falsehood. Therefore, the divine commission to teach—and it is only of the commission to teach that I speak—must necessarily be the warrant of infallibility in the teacher."

"Though the divinely commissioned teacher be assumed to be infallible, the commission is not itself necessarily and essentially a warrant of his infallibility."

"To the full extent of the matter covered by commission it is, you yourself do and must admit."

"I do not admit it. A commission by the simple fact that it is a commission does no such thing; for a government may commission an ambassador, and yet the ambassador may misrepresent its will and intention."

"Commission in general may not, but the divine commission to teach does. Human governments have no power to secure the infallibility of their ministers; but you cannot say this of God. He can make his ministers infallible."

"He can; but it does not, therefore, follow that he does."

"I have shown that he must, because he cannot authorize either the teaching of error, without contracting his own nature, which is infinitely and essentially true; and that he does, to the full extent of his commission to teach you yourself do and must hold, or give up all belief in external revelation."

"Not at all."

"Why do you believe our Lord was a son of God?"

"Because he himself so declared."

"Why do you believe his declarations?"

"Because he was the Son of God and could not lie."

"A good reason, after it is proved that he was the Son of God; none at all before."

(To Be Continued.)

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The Hon. James Kehoe is the first Catholic ever sent to Congress from Kentucky.

Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, will have a mass at 2.30 a. m. for newspaper people.

Mexico, Central America and South America contain about three times as many Catholics as the United States and Canada.

Among recent converts to the Catholic faith in Germany were two sons of Jacob Garo, professor of history in the University of Breslau.

There is a tradition that one of the popes, Victor I., who reigned in 193, was a colored man, an Ethiopian.

Miss Enid Dickens, granddaughter of the great English novelist, has followed the example of the descendants of other literary men by going over to Rome. Her grandfather was anti-Catholic.

The Catholic population of the Archdiocese of New York is officially estimated at 1,200,000; of Chicago, 800,000; of Boston, 650,000, and of Philadelphia, 450,000.

Eighty-five converts were received at a Mission recently held in Holy Angels' church, thirty-five of whom were baptized and are now under preparation for their First Communion.

After much opposition and several protests because of his faith, forwarded from that country, Colonel Patrick Finn took command of the British forces in New South Wales, February 1, of the present year.

In the U. S. Court at Louisville, last Friday, former Internal Revenue Collector Charles E. Sapp was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, on a charge of malfeasance in office. Sapp was formerly State President of the American Protective Association.

Seven young men were invested with the habit of the Yaverian Order last week at Baltimore. One of the number was Robert Thompson, of Louisville, Ky., who took the name in religion of Brother Fidelis.

In Rome a few days ago, the aged Princess Potryana, for a number of years referred to as "The Mother of the Poor," passed away quietly. It is worthy of note that the Holy Father sent his surgeon, Dr. Mazzoni, to attend her.

Three cities of Massachusetts have Irish Catholic Mayors: Hon. Patrick A. Collins, of Boston; Hon. John H. McNamee, of Cambridge, and Hon. John F. Hurley, of Salem.

Over \$9,000 have already been subscribed by members of the congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes, Chicago, for a new parochial school building, on which work will begin in May.

An Omaha dispatch credits Rev. D. S. Phelan, editor of the Western Watchman, with having stated, while recently in that city, that Omaha is to be raised to an archiepiscopal see within the next twelve months, and that Bishop Scannell will be the first archbishop.

Rev. Edward V. Boursaud, aged 62 years, one of the most prominent and best known members of the Society of Jesus, died at the Frederick, Md. Novitiate at 12 o'clock last Thursday of kidney trouble. Father Boursaud was once editor of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart an author of distinction and a linguist of great ability.

Henry Boyle one of Fon du Lac's (Wis.), most public spirited Catholics, is about to add another to his list of benefactions to the city—a home for the aged, to cost \$20,000. The management of the institution will be placed in the hands of the Sisters of St. Agnes, who will be assisted in the work of maintaining by an associate committee from all the Catholic churches in the city. The home is to be a refuge for people of the city—bona fide residents who are in need of such help.

For the first time the name of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, at Aurioville, appears this year in the Catholic Directory as a station in the Albany diocese attended by Jesuit Fathers, when it is opened for services during the summer.

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A NEW ERA IN THE COAL TRADE The Business Now on a Cash Basis and Orders Taken for Immediate Delivery Only.

As noted in these columns a few days ago the Coal Mining Companies have made a radical change in their method of doing business and hereafter dealers will be compelled to pay the price that coal may be at time of delivery regardless of date of orders and terms will be spot cash to all dealers. There will be no distinction made between a large and small dealer and the price will be "flat" whether the dealer orders one car or a thousand cars.

There has been a general reduction of fifty cents per ton on coal throughout this section of the country, but as the local price during the past season was advanced but twenty-five cents per ton over the opening rate, instead of fifty cents as at most other points the reduction here is but twenty-five cents per ton, making the local retail price for this month's delivery \$5.25 delivered or \$5.50 carried in, for egg, stove and chestnut, which was the opening price last year.

The Mining Companies schedule calls for an advance in price of ten cents per ton each month, beginning May first up to and including Sept. first. It is expected that there will be little opportunity for dealers to accumulate any stock at the low prices as the early demand will probably be such that they will be forced to take if they are able to secure enough coal each month with which to fill their orders.

The changes in the wholesale coal trade above referred to will be strictly carried out by the retail dealers here as well as elsewhere, and in future orders will be taken for delivery during the current month only and either for cash or on very short credit. There will be but one price for all, whether the order be for a small or large quantity, and the former custom of booking the whole or part of an order at the lowest price, for future delivery, or filling orders on long time credit are now among the things of the past. Those contemplating the purchase of coal this month will do well to not delay until the last few days of the month, as dealers state

very positively that no deliveries will be made at the these prices after April 30th and that they will accept no more orders this month than they are able to deliver before May first.

Send us your Job Printing: Manhattan Full of Holes. Manhattan Island is like an enormous coal mine, with intricate galleries and apartments underground. A large group of curious subterranean rooms and passages is to be found at the foot of Broadway, extending out laterally to the east and west. An almost continuous line of them follows Broadway. Several of the banks and trust companies have offices fitted up below the crowded sidewalks, where rows of clerks work silently, unmindful of the rush and turmoil above their heads. In the safe deposit vaults built below the pavements of Broadway, Wall, Nassau and Broad streets are stored millions of dollars' worth of securities, over which the crowds hurry all day heedlessly.

A Strange Flower. A strange flower has been borne by a Malmaison rosebush growing in a garden at Violet Hill, Stowmarket, England. The bush was close to an apple tree, and on one of the largest buds bursting into bloom five perfect apple blossoms, each on separate stalks, were seen growing in the center. As the petals of the rose developed the apple blossoms opened, the two forming a curious contrast.

The Lacebark Tree. The lacebark tree grows in the West Indies. It is a lofty tree, with orate, entire, smooth leaves and white flowers. It is remarkable for the tenacity of its inner bark and the readiness with which the inner bark may be separated—after maceration in water—into layers resembling lace. A governor of Jamaica is said to have presented to Charles II. a cravat, frill and ruffles made of it.

Razor Edged. "Is Miss Caustique still sharp in her manner toward you?" "I should say so. Why, she's grown so sharp that now she cuts me whenever we meet."—New York World.

Ready For the "Yes." Madge—Have you given Jack your final answer yet? Mabel—Not yet—but I have given him my final "No."—Brooklyn Life.