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### Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday May 3 Gospel, St. John, xvi, 16–22. Patronage of St. Joseph.
Monday 4 St. Monica widow
Tuesday 5 St. Pius V., pope and confessor.
Wednesday 6 St. John before the Latin Gate.
Thursday 7 St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr
Friday 8 Apparition of St. Michael
Saturday 9 St. Gregory Nazianzen bishop confessor and doctor

### Forty Hours Devotion

The Forty Hours Devotion will be held in the following churches next week

May 3 Caledonia Geneva Victor Hornellsville.

## Five Minute Sermon.

### Christ Promises The Comforter.

St. Jerome says. "It is impossible for man to be happy both on earth and in heaven; it is impossible to enjoy the pleasures of this world and those of heaven; it is impossible to pass from the joys of the present life to the joys of life eternal." He who mourns on earth will rejoice in heaven, and he who laughs and is merry in the world will weep in hell.

Every child is the causes of great anxiety and labor to its mother; but she feels great joy and finds delight in her child, she loves it tenderly, and would not give it for the whole world. Such was the joy the Divine Master promised His disciples after the great labors and sufferings of their apostolate. Jesus reigning gloriously in heaven was to be the reward of all their sufferings, the delight of their sufferings, the delight of their heatrs, and their joy for all eternity.

We must know that if we are faithful followers and true friends of Christ we may expect sorrow, tribulations, and sufferings here on earth, but that all this will be for our greater glory and joy in heaven. We are now mourning like Joseph in the pit and in prison, but a day will come when our joy will be greater than his was when he was raised to the throne, and we will see that our humiliations and sufferings have been as so many steps by which we arrived at the height of happiness, and to the possession of a kingdom which no one can ever take from us.

An humble tribute to the memory of
**Rev. William Morrin**
By one of his many friends

Thou art gone and many mourn thee.
But our loving Lord knows best,
For you had labored in His vineyard long
And won the promised rest.
Anointed servant of your Lord
Your duty you did well,
And your memory in our hearts is shrined.
For all time there to dwell

Your countless acts of kindness,
For your Master's sake above
And the many lonely hearts you've cheered
And brought to know His love,
Will bring from all our grateful hearts
Our prayers that all is well,
With you, our friend, whom now we trust
Doth with the Master dwell.

And while we sadly miss you now,
We thank God that we knew,
In you one of God's noblemen, a friend
Both good and true,
And thoughts of you will cheer and bless
All tho' thou art no more
And 'twill help us in our hours of trial
Till life for us is o'er.

And may God cheer and comfort
The lonely hearts you've left,
Your kindred and your countless friends
Who seem of hope bereft,
And if we your friends but follow
In the path you've humbly trod,
It will lead us as we know its lead
You to the throne of God.

### Personal.

**Dennis G. Kavanagh has opened an office at 76 German Insurance Company Building for the practice of law.**

## LEO'S LAST PRAYER.

### The Poem His Holiness Wrote For His Jubilee Celebration.

As part of his own contribution to the celebration of his ninety third birthday and the twenty fifth anniversary of his election as pope Leo XIII wrote a Latin poem, which has been translated by Dr. William H. Ward for the Independent. It is explained that no attempt has been made to follow the meter of the original. The translation follows

LEO'S LAST PRAYER

Leo, now sets thy sun pale is its dying ray
Black night succeeds thy day

Black night for thee wasted thy frame, life's flood sustains
No more the shrunken veins

Death casts his fatal dart robed for the grave thy bones
Lie under the cold stones

But my freed soul escapes her chains and longs in flight
To reach the realms of light

That is the goal she seeks thither her journey fares
Grant Lord my anxious prayers

That, with the citizens of heaven God's face and light
May ever thrill my sight

That I may see thy face Heaven's Queen whose mother love
Has brought me home above

To thee saved through the tangles of a perilous way
I lift my grateful lay

The original Latin prayer of his Holiness of which the foregoing is a translation is as follows

SUPREMA LEONIS VOTA

Extremum radiat pallenti o[illegible] m[illegible]
Iam iam sol moriens nox [illegible]

Atra tibi arescunt venae nec vividus humor
Perfluit exhausto corpore vita fugit

Mors telum fatale iacit velamine amicta
Funereo gelidus contegit ossa lapis

Ast anima aufugiens, excussis libera vinclis
Continuo aetherias ardet adire plagas

Hoc celerat cursum longae [illegible] haec meta [illegible]
Expleat o clemens anxia vota Deus

Sciflicet ut tandem superis [illegible] civibus unus
Divino aeternum lumine et [illegible] fruar

[illegible]

Duxeris [illegible] matrem [illegible] sospes
Carmine te memori Virgo [illegible]

### A Relic of Bigotry.

One of the most notable features of wills in ancient England was the bequest for masses and prayers for the repose of the soul. The reformation came and changed all that so that up to the present day a bequest for masses is void in law. The question has just come before Vice Chancellor Hall in the chancery court of Lancaster and he has given his decision. In referring to the Anglican position he exposed the curious uncertainty which in this as in so many other matters reigns among the members of the Church of England. According to the Anglican church he said, prayers for the dead which were generally supposed to be unlawful so far as one could understand from the pronouncements of authorities in the church, were not unlawful although they were discouraged by the authorities. But, if the Anglican view is vague and puzzling the law is definite enough. Gifts to priests not intended for the clergymen themselves but to insure prayers for the dead, are void, and the decision of Vice Chancellor Hall is to this effect. When law clashes with justice the result is that, in order to evade the law, men resort to devices. Catholics who desire to bequeath money for masses will no doubt, in view of such legal judgments as this, take care lest they should be foiled in their purpose. London Catholic Opinion

### The Salesian Co-operators.

During May an international congress of the Salesian co operators will take place in Turin. It will be the third, one having been held at Bologna, the other at Buenos Ayres. This time the congress will be held in the mother house of the Salesian society, where there is a spacious theater capable of accommodating 2,000 persons. There will be solemn services in the adjoining sanctuary of Mary Help of Christians

### The Day's Work.

Which of us can sit down at the close of a day and say "Today I have done all that was in my power to do for humanity and righteousness?" Ah, no! We look for large things and forget that which is close at hand. To take life "as God gives it, not as we want it," and then make the best of it is the hard lesson that life puts before the human soul to learn

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The pope has constituted a new order of chivalry, entitled the Order of St John Lateran. There are to be three degrees, the crosses being respectively of gold, silver and bronze.

The Right Rev. Francis Silas Chatard will celebrate on May 10 the twenty-fifth anniversary of his elevation to the bishopric of the diocese of Vincennes, now the diocese of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mgr. Stanley, bishop auxiliary of Westminster, was consecrated bishop of Emmaus, the title formerly held by the late Bishop Patterson, at San Gregorio in Rome on March 15 by Cardinal Gotti, assisted by Archbishops Stonor and Merry del Val.

The pope sent the following telegram in reply to a message from Queen Wilhelmina of Holland congratulating his holiness on his jubilee: "We beg your majesty to accept our sincere thanks for your congratulations on the occasion of our jubilee."

## WAITING.

My heart—it is not set on fleeting pleasure;
My hands—to work for fame have no desire;
But my heart and hands and soul are ambitious for the goal
That doth follow e'er the sacrificial pyre!

My days—they count as naught by human measure,
My nights are wearied oft by hours of pain,
But my days and nights and years, with their irksomeness and tears,
Are for him for whom no work can be in vain!

My God—he is my joy and all my treasure,
My rest is where abides the saintly throng
And my God and rest await my coming, soon or late
And I pray my time of exile be not long!

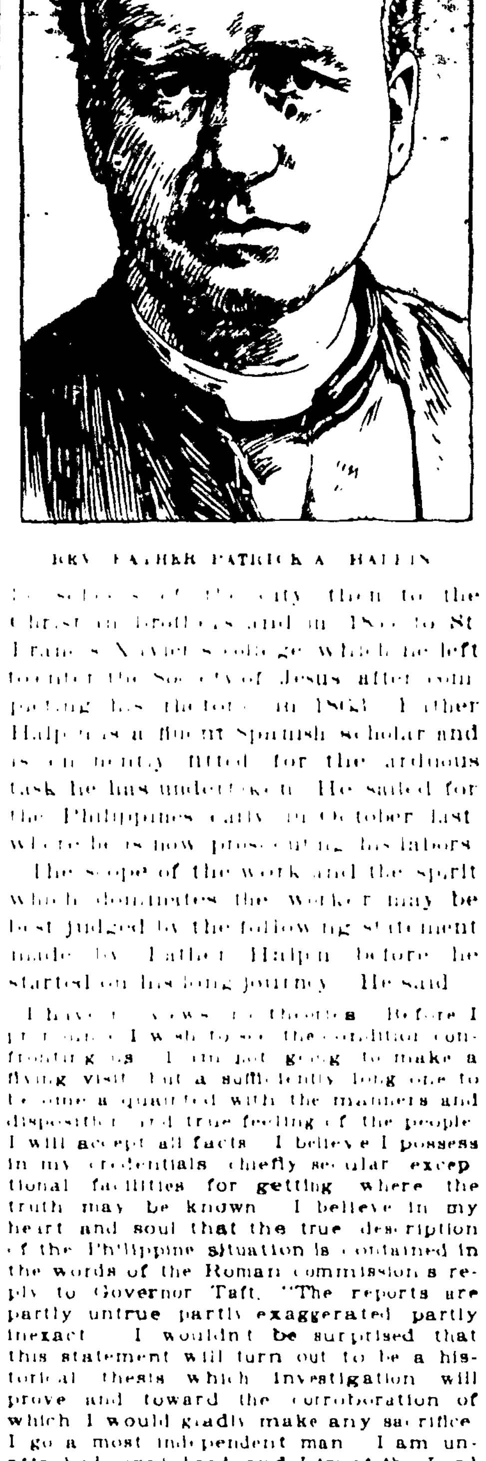
Amadeus O. S. F., in Guidon.

## REV. FATHER P. A. HALPIN.

### He Has Gone to the Philippines to Get the Whole Truth.

The Home Journal and News, a Catholic weekly published at Yonkers, N. Y. has sent the Rev. Father Patrick A. Halpin as a special correspondent to the Philippines to investigate conditions there and to make a thorough, unbiased and circumstantial report of the whole "Philippine question" from the moment of our purchase of the islands to the present day, which report the Home Journal and News will print in weekly installments.

Father Halpin came from Ireland to New York in 1847 the year of his birth. He went first to one of the pub



REV. FATHER PATRICK A. HALPIN

[illegible] schools of the city then to the Christian Brothers and in 18[illegible] to St Francis Xavier's college which he left to enter the Society of Jesus after completing his theology in 1863. Father Halpin is a fluent Spanish scholar and is eminently fitted for the arduous task he has undertaken. He sailed for the Philippines early in October last where he is now prosecuting his labors.

The scope of the work and the spirit which dominates the worker may be best judged by the following statement made by Father Halpin before he started on his long journey. He said

I have no views or theories. Before I [illegible] I wish to see the condition confronting us. I am not going to make a flying visit, but a sufficiently long one to become acquainted with the manners and disposition and true feeling of the people. I will accept all facts. I believe I possess in my credentials chiefly secular exceptional facilities for getting where the truth may be known. I believe in my heart and soul that the true description of the Philippine situation is contained in the words of the Roman commission's reply to Governor Taft, "The reports are partly untrue partly exaggerated partly inexact." I wouldn't be surprised that this statement will turn out to be a historical thesis which investigation will prove and toward the corroboration of which I would gladly make any sacrifice. I go a most independent man. I am unattached unpledged, and I trust the Lord will give me the help I need in doing this timely and necessary work

### France and the Orders.

The recent vote in the French chamber of deputies gives definite form to the present policy of the government to terminate the existence of the religious teaching orders and to substitute a system of governmental schools. The law voted is very brief and negative simply refusing authorization to teach to all the male teaching orders. The effect of this is to place the orders outside the pale of the law, and their further existence is through sufferance. There remains to be determined the time the orders will be allowed to wind up their affairs and terminate their work. Many of the orders, anticipating the chamber vote, have already completed their plans to retire from the field. It is expected that a few months will suffice to execute the changes

## SHORT SERMONS.

Devotion beautifies the soul, especially the soul of the young

To pass over from the service of the world to that of God is to make a grand and noble experiment.

In this life we ought to aim at an equal and uniform piety by raising ourselves above the inequalities of our tempers.

The only real trouble that can ever come to us is remorse at our own evil deeds, and this is the only trouble which we have it in our power to avoid.

Character is not a gift, but a formation. Judas had the same chances of better things which his brother apostles had. Character grows from habits, and he adopted bad ones.

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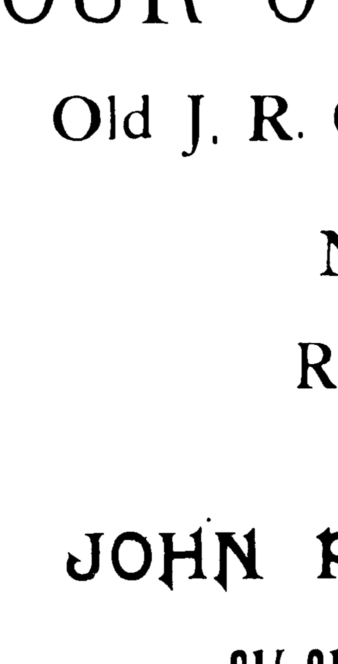
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