

**CITY PARISH NEWS**

**Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters.**

**CORPUS CHRISTI.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. John Cullen spent the past week in Chicago.

A requiem mass was celebrated Thursday morning for Mrs. Jas. E. Burke.

A collection for the seminary will be taken up on Sunday, to enable those who have not reached by the solicitors to contribute to the worthy institution.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sullivan have returned from Boston, where Mr. Sullivan was in attendance at the carriage manufacturer's convention.

Slips were distributed to the congregation Sunday, containing a short address to the people of the parish by the pastor in regard to the subscription for 1903.

Mr. Lawrence Dorey has returned home after spending several weeks in New York and Montreal.

**ST. MICHAEL'S.**

The funeral of Mr. Frederick Fristul took place last Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, five daughters and one son.

Requiem masses were said this week on Wednesday for Frank Arensmaier and on Thursday for the poor souls, in honor of the Blessed Virgin.

A fine musical entertainment was given last Monday evening in honor of Rev. M. J. Hargather's silver jubilee.

At 8 o'clock Tuesday morning Miss Anna Froehlicher and Mr. Michael Kolb were united in marriage. A reception was held after the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, 178 Clifford St.

Miss Nellie Gist and Mr. Peter Scheuer were united in marriage by Rev. M. J. Hargather Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Florence M. Staub of Ave. A. is taking up another course in dress-making at the Mechanics Institute.

**ST. BRIDGET'S.**

A requiem mass was celebrated for Mrs. Emma Krieg Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

An anniversary high mass of requiem was celebrated Wednesday at 7 a. m. for Mrs. J. J. Campin.

The funeral of John Lynch, son of Capt. James Lynch, took place Wednesday at 9 a. m.

An admission fee of ten cents will be asked from those who attend nine o'clock mass on Sundays. The mass is intended for the school children.

Next Sunday is the feast of the Holy Rosary. All the members of Rosary society are requested to approach the sacraments.

Word has been received that Bishop Hendrick will arrive here about Oct. 10th. A reception committee was appointed last Sunday. The following members of the parish were appointed: James Fee, Michael Stupp, Patrick Meagher, Martin Cullinan, Stephen Rauber, Thomas Galvin, Miss Sarah Drury, Miss Mary McCabe, Miss Katherine Burns and Miss Susie Quinn. A meeting was held Friday evening.

Services will be held every Wednesday and Friday evening at 7:30 during the month of October. The rosary will be recited and benediction given.

The first Friday services were held at 5:30 and 7:30 a. m.

Miss Agnes Madden will resume her position as organist of this church. While we congratulate ourselves upon the return of Miss Madden we are sorry to part with Mr. Frederick Rauber who has always been a faithful member of this parish and a very capable organist. Mr. Rauber's resignation has been handed in to take place at the close of the present quarter.

Mrs. M. Willis will spend the coming month at the Adirondacks. She will also visit Montreal, Quebec and St. Ann de Beaupre, before her return.

Mrs. McAuliffe of Chicago, was the guests of her cousin, Miss M. Considine this week.

Miss Mae Collins is spending her vacation at Buffalo.

Miss Elizabeth VanAlstine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. VanAlstine of Evergreen St., has been appointed a teacher in the State Industrial school. We wish her success in her new undertaking.

After the meeting of the Advisory Senate L. C. B. A. last Monday evening a card party was held. Prizes were won as follows—first, Miss Mary Sullivan and Miss S. R. Quinn; second, Mrs. M. Cunningham and Mrs. E. Burke; third, Mrs. R. Quinn and Miss Mary Maloy.

**ST. MONICA'S.**

Mrs. John Kunisea gave a party on Monday evening to a number of friends in honor of her sister, Anna Louise Reywick, the occasion being her birthday.

**ST. MARK'S**

Timothy Enright and Eleanor Mooney were married on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Father Gleason.

Father Ryan will speak to the members of the Rosary society on Sunday afternoon at the regular meeting.

To-morrow is communion Sunday for the members of the Rosary society.

The Willing Helpers will meet next Thursday afternoon.

**ST. JOSEPH.**

To-morrow will be communion and conference day for the young women of the Holy Family.

Next Sunday at all the masses a special envelope collection will be taken up in order to defray the costs of the repairs to the church.

Next Sunday will be communion and conference day for the married women of the Holy Family.

Next Sunday morning at 10:30 the Forty Hours devotions will begin, and will last until Tuesday evening.

Mr. Charles Fahy has resumed charge of the gymnasium of the C. Y. M. A. Classes are being formed which will meet on Monday and Friday evenings during autumn and winter.

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4th, and on Monday evening, Oct. 5th, the annual election for positions on the Orphan Board will take place in the Board Room at the asylum on Andrew St.

Miss Louisa Hart and Mr. Frank Rivard were married last Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Father Kessel performed the ceremony.

The wedding of Mr. Arthur Fritz and Miss Elizabeth Goetz took place last Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14th, there will be a pedro party under the auspices of the C. Y. M. A. The affair will take place in the club house on Ormond St. A good time is assured all the friends of the club who may wish to attend.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.**

To-morrow afternoon at 2:15 there will be a meeting of the Holy Name Cadets. At 4 o'clock a meeting of the Young Men's Society, the first of the season, will be held. Both of these meetings are postponed from last Sunday at which time they could not take place because of the ceremony of blessing the graves.

The Rosary Society will hold its regular monthly meeting to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The month of October being one in which special attention is directed to the honor of the Holy Rosary, it is expected that many will take advantage of so fitting a time to be enrolled as Rosarians.

As is customary October devotions in honor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary will be held in this church.

Public prayers for the success of the men's retreat are being recited after the masses on Sunday. Great interest is being manifested by the men since Father Souly is recognized as one of the ablest members of the Jesuit order.

On Tuesday night the Children of Mary Sodality held a pedro party in the society rooms. A very enjoyable evening was passed. Prizes were won by Miss Crahan, Miss Rowland and Miss Hyland.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold a pedro party next Tuesday evening at the school hall. Eight prizes will be given.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

A pretty autumn wedding took place at this church Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock when Miss Nora L. A. Curtin and Mr. Henry Doell were united in marriage by Father Connors. The maid of honor was Miss Bessie Fitzgerald and Mr. Richard Curtin, brother of the bride, was best man. Josephine Fitzgerald acted as ring bearer. The ushers were Messrs. Frank D. Keogh, Emmett C. Courneen, Horatio Miller and Frank D. Andrews. The bride wore a gown of white crepe de chene trimmed with pearls and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. A reception was held at the home of the bride, 14 Yale St.

The mission will begin one week from to-morrow at the 10:30 o'clock mass. The Rosary society will meet to-morrow at 4 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.**

St. Bernard's commandery, Knights of St. John, will give a grand minstrel performance Nov. 16 and 17th for the purpose of securing a new church bell, which will be named St. Bernard after the commandery. The parish will be presented with two other bells from the congregation.

**CATHEDRAL.**

John P. McGlynn and Miss Mary Josephine Kelly, daughter of the late John and Catherine Kelly, were united in marriage by Rev. T. E. Hickey assisted by Rev. Geo. Burns and Rev. John O'Hern at the Cathedral, Wednesday, Sept. 30th, at 8 a. m. The happy couple left on an evening train for Washington, D. C. and will be at home after Oct. 10th at 6 Arklow St.

About twenty thousand people attended the blessing of the graves last Sunday.

**A BRILLIANT CAREER.**

A Beautiful Catholic Story Written For The Catholic Journal. BY MARY ROWENA COTTER.

(Continued from last week.)

**CHAPTER XXVII.**

"You were right, for Beatrice has told me all, and I feel that she was entitled to your first priestly blessing." After being presented to Mr. and Mrs. Mayburn, with whom he passed a few casual remarks, Father Lenton turned again to Beatrice.

"It was indeed a joyful surprise to see you here this morning, for I had not seen any of my old friends since I came here. How are mother and sisters? Well, I hope."

"I cannot tell you," said Beatrice sadly.

"Why not?" he asked with a searching glance.

"Because I have not heard from home in four years."

"Four years, what can this mean, Beatrice? Nothing wrong I hope?" Beatrice did not reply, not that she felt she had done anything wrong herself. On the contrary, as she saw him, her former minister stand before her in the humble habit of a Catholic priest, she felt more firmly convinced than ever that she had done right, but she wished to shield her mother. Eugene answered for her:

"What does it mean, you ask; it means simply this, that like yourself Beatrice has been disowned and turned out alone in the world by her own, because having found the truth, she embraced it."

"Then Beatrice, you are a Catholic?"

"Yes, Father, I am happy to say I am."

He looked tenderly into her pure face as he had often done in years gone by, and murmured, "Thanks for adding this new drop to my cup of happiness to-day. You, a mere child of my flock, did more for me in the past than anyone suspected, and in answer to my earnest prayers, God has sent you the light."

"Then you too have remembered me in my hours of darkness, but how have I helped you?"

"How, Beatrice? simply in this way: it is the duty of a pastor to study and know his flock and I hope I will not offend your humility by saying that from the very beginning of our acquaintance I saw that in the character of Mrs. Snow's eldest daughter there was a hidden beauty which I could not help admiring; a strength of purpose which would make no compromise with wrong. By the time you had finished in high school I had learned to look upon you as an ideal young woman; when poor health sent you away among strangers, your own mother could not have felt any greater anxiety in your behalf than I did."

"It was about this time that I began to be deeply troubled as to whether the Episcopal church were really the true church or not, and the Real Presence gave me an unusual amount of worry. There were other difficulties which one by one arose before me threatening to destroy all my lingering belief in what I was preaching to others, but I must keep it all a secret so as not to scandalize my flock until I was sure, for to have them know that I had been inclined toward the Catholic church and had afterwards turned back would shake their confidence at me. Day after day I studied my bible and my different works on theology, hoping to quiet my mind, for I was too proud to seek an interview with any Catholic clergyman, but the doubts only thickened around me causing me to suffer untold mental agony."

"About this time when everything looked darkest to me, what was my surprise when your mother came complaining that you had been under bad influence in having fallen in with Catholics who had filled your mind with what she called Popish ideas. She begged of me to talk with you and try to free your mind of such nonsense, and what was I to do. As your pastor I could not ignore the subject, neither could I conscientiously try to make you give up thoughts that were so deeply troubling my own mind. In regard to you, however, your mother's words led me to believe that you were only entertaining a few passing ideas left on your mind by a friendship whose tragic end had quite upset your nerves; and I would gladly have let the matter pass without notice but your mother insisted upon my seeing you."

"The result of our interview I shall never forget. Perhaps you remember how closely I questioned you, and then sent you away without a word against what you had told me. I could not have convinced you then, Beatrice, if I really wished to; for little as you told me of the Catholic religion as you had seen it practiced by your young friend, and the good Sisters, I fully believed there could be nothing wrong in it. I admired the spirit of defence you had shown for them."

"Long after you had left me I sat pondering your words. If you, in whom, young as you were, I had ever

seen the greatest tenderness, had descended to associate with Catholics and listen to them, why should not I? You made me feel that I had been a coward in depending too much upon myself and trying, in the secrecy of my own room, to learn the ways of those with whom I had really dreaded to seek an interview. The result was that I called on the Paulist fathers and had a long talk with them, in which many things which had troubled me were made clear. You know the rest, Beatrice, of how I soon afterwards made a public confession of the Catholic faith from my own pulpit and resigned my position as your minister."

"Yes, I remember it all," said Beatrice, "but I never before suspected that I had anything to do with hastening the step."

"You did, and God has blessed you for it. I promised the day we parted that I would pray for you, and I have never ceased to do so, although, I supposed until to-day that you were still home with your parents. I almost felt from the first that you would one day be a Catholic; I knew that you would meet with bitter opposition in your own home, but I had confidence enough in you to know that your strong will would brave everything for the right."

"You speak too kindly to me, for you know the bitter struggle it cost me to do what I have done. It was hard to think of being separated from my own, especially dear sister Blanche."

"Human nature is weak, but through God's grace you have conquered, so you should not complain of yourself. Blanche was always a noble girl who knew how to suffer in patience and I do not blame you for being strongly attached to her."

"Poor, dear Blanche. I know not whether she be living or not, but I offered my First Communion for her conversion, and have prayed especially for her ever since."

"Continue to pray and your prayers will not be in vain. I have told you my story now, and hope to hear yours soon. Not to-day, for my time is too limited and I have already taken too much time from Dr. Mayburn here, but I hope he will pardon me, for we are apt to forget others when we meet old friends after a long separation."

"I certainly will," said the young doctor, "your story, although not new, has been deeply interesting to me, inasmuch as a new character, whom I never suspected, has been introduced into it. And now, before we leave you, I hope you will renew the blessing you gave us this morning; for Beatrice and I are to be married shortly after our return home, and we want your blessing on our coming happiness."

"You shall have it, for I can say no more than you have chosen one who will make you a true, noble companion for life, which is the greatest blessing a man of the world can enjoy and I wish you many years of true happiness together."

Half an hour later, when they were ready to go; they knelt together to receive his priestly blessing on their engagement, while Mr. and Mrs. Mayburn stood beside them with happy faces, which told how well pleased they were with their son's choice. The next morning by special permission the four Americans were admitted to the private chapel to be present at Father Lenton's first mass. With a feeling much like a loving sister would experience on such a solemn occasion, Beatrice, knelt all through the ceremony, tears mingled with joy and sorrow flowing down her cheeks; joy at being able to assist as a Catholic at his Mass; and sorrow when his presence caused memories of the past to rush upon her. For a time she was in spirit back again in the church she had attended from infancy, with her mother and sisters around her, watching their minister as he tried as nearly as he dared to imitate the Catholic ceremonies. The sound of the bell at the Sanctus recalled her to herself, banishing the vision with one exception, the celebrant being the same, but now he wore by right the true vestments of the church and at his word Christ really descended upon the altar. When the time of Communion arrived she approached with trembling footsteps and was the first to receive from his hands the true Bread of Life.

After Mass she heartily thanked him for the blessed privilege to which he replied: "I was only too happy to have you here, for your presence was a humiliation as well as a pleasure."

"How is that, Father? I do not understand."

(To be continued.)

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