

## CITY PARISH NEWS

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters.

### ST. JOSEPH.

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

To-morrow at all the masses after elevation, the usual monthly school collection will be taken up.

Next Sunday will be communion and conference day for the young men of the Holy Family, and communion day for the boys of the Sunday school.

On the Sundays of the month of March, there will be the general communions of the different branches of the Holy Family. In the afternoon new members will be received into the confraternity. All those who wish to join should communicate with the brother in his office at the rectory.

Last Thursday evening a large sized audience attended the lecture given by Rev. Wm. Kessel C.S.S.R. before St. Joseph's Literary. The talk given by Father Kessel on the renowned Catholic prelate and statesman Bishop Ketteler, was very entertaining and instructive. The next lecture of the series will be given on Thursday, Feb. 25th by Mr. Edward C. Edelman on "St. Thomas More."

### ST. PETER AND PAUL.

An anniversary requiem mass was said on Wednesday morning for Mr. Joseph Knope.

The requiem mass on Thursday morning was for Mrs. Mary Young, an offering of the Women's Society.

The Young Ladies Sodality received holy communion in a body at the 8 o'clock mass last Sunday.

The pedro party held by Branch 62 L.C.B.A. last Friday evening was a grand success. Regular meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 14th.

The funeral of Mrs. Mollie Vay-Drexelius, who died last Saturday, was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from the church. She was 32 years old and leaves a father, two brothers and three sisters to mourn her loss.

### ST. MARY'S.

Prayers were offered on Sunday for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Cornelius Finnucan.

The pedro party given by the Alumni last week was one of the most enjoyable held this year. About fifty dollars will be realized when all expenses are paid.

The Rosary Society held a meeting on Sunday afternoon which was well attended.

There was an anniversary high mass on Saturday morning at 7:15 for Mrs. Thomas Lynch.

The fourth annual banquet of the Alumni Association was held in the hall Monday evening. The affair was one of the most successful ever held. One hundred and fifty members enjoyed the menu furnished by Teall. The hall was gay with flags and holly wreath and the tables laid to form M were decorated with red candlebras, carnations and ribbon. Arthur J. Steinhart as toastmaster made a few remarks and introduced Rev. Thos. F. Hickey V.G. who spoke on Our Bishop. Rev. William Gleason who told of the strength in unity and Rev. Louis Edelman and Rev. Thos. F. Connor both of whom wished the Alumni success. Other speakers of the evening were: President Richard W.J. Murphy who introduced the class of 1903; Miss Dowd who welcomed the class and Leonard Scheer of the class who responded; Miss Catherine Quinn, "The Gentleman"; Mr. Frederick Warner, "Class Spirit"; and Mr. John West, "Friendships." The banquet closed with a solo by Miss Keefe and music by the orchestra.

James T. Kennedy of Binghamton, spent Sunday with his parents on South Union St.

Miss Lillian A. Hickey and Mr. Richard Gorsline were married on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, Rev. William Gleason officiating.

### St. Bernard's.

The feast of St. Bridget was celebrated last Sunday. Solemn high mass at 10:30 was celebrated by Father Kavanaugh, Father McCabe being deacon and Father Leibert of St. Bernard's seminary sub-deacon. The choir rendered some excellent music under the direction of P. J. Kenny, Miss Agnes Madden presiding at the organ. At the offertory Owen's "Ave Marie" was sung by Mrs. Chas. Cunningham, Miss F. Blanche Drury and P. J. Kenny. The choir was also assisted by Mr. Keefe.

We were pleased to have our pastor with us Sunday after a month's absence.

Father Ryan of the Cathedral delivered an eloquent sermon on "St. Bridget" last Sunday.

St. Anthony's and the Purgatorial Societies will meet Sunday after vespers.

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A post-poned meeting of the Cardinal Newman Reading Circle will be held Monday evening with the following program: Roll call, quotations from "As You Like It", paper, current topics, Miss Margaret Geraghty; reading Florence, Galleries, Mosaics, Raphael and Michael Angelo, Miss Ella Geraghty.

Next Wednesday will be Ash-Wednesday. The distribution of the ashes will take place before the high mass. Services will be held every Wednesday and Friday evening during Lent.

The Misses Madden of St. Paul St., entertained the Fort-nightly pedro club last Monday evening. The meetings of the club will be discontinued during Lent.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stupp entertained some friends Tuesday evening in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Thomas W. Galvin will spend Sunday in Albany at Kenwood with her daughter, Miss Christine Galvin, who is ill.

### HOLY FAMILY.

The funeral of Mrs. Theresa Kase was held from the church Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Sacred Heart devotions were held last Sunday evening.

The Holy Family Society held a meeting last Monday evening.

Instructions for preparing the first communion class of this year were begun this week and will hereafter be given every Monday and Thursday afternoon until further notice. All the children of the school who will be thirteen years old before Jan. 1906 were requested to report. This class will receive their first holy communion the first Sunday after Ascension day.

Tuesday morning a requiem mass was celebrated for the deceased John B. Mueller.

Wednesday morning a requiem high mass was celebrated for the deceased Johanna Hetzler offered by the Christian Mother Society.

Cards were presented to the children this week to be returned with one dollar before the first of May. This offering will be for two of the new windows to be placed in the church.

Branch 74, C.R. & B.A. will meet next Wednesday evening.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

The annual reception of the Alumni Association held in the school hall on Monday evening was, as usual, a great success. There was a large gathering of graduates and their friends all of whom spent an enjoyable evening.

The members of the school girls' Sodality of the Children of Mary are invited to holy communion to-morrow morning. In the afternoon at 2:15 the monthly meeting will take place.

The Holy Name Society will meet to-morrow evening at 7:15.

The usual Wednesday and Friday evening services will be held during Lent. The first sermon of the season will be delivered on the night of Ash Wednesday by Rev. Father Bresnahan.

The annual banquet of the Young Men's society will take place at Powers hotel, Tuesday evening, Feb. 16. The society now numbers nearly 300 and it is expected that the banquet will be well attended and very successful.

### ST. MICHAEL'S.

To-morrow is communion day for the Young Women's Sodality.

Requiem masses were said this week on Monday for Michael Gebhardt, Tuesday for Elizabeth Oster, Wednesday for Mrs. Mary Bach, Saturday for Mrs. Anna Lovenguth.

Mr. Jacob Schwind, formerly of this parish, died last Thursday at Andover, Ohio. The remains were brought here and the funeral took place Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, one son, three daughters, three brothers and four sisters. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The stereopticon lecture which was given Sunday evening by Rev. D.

Breen was well attended and enjoyed. The following three young ladies were awarded prizes for selling the most tickets for this lecture: Miss Emma Wollensack who sold 125, Miss Anna Klein 81 and Miss Mary Klein 25.

The regular meeting of Branch 104 L.C.B.A. will be held Monday evening. The meeting of the C.W.B.L. on Tuesday evening.

Rev. J.P. Schellhorn, assistant pastor, has returned from his trip. The young men of the C.Y.M.A. presented him with a gold watch and chain and the Young Ladies Sodality gave him a handsome bouquet of carnations on his return.

Rev. Father Schellhorn invited the boys of the C.Y.M.A. to an elaborate banquet which was held last Wednesday evening in the parish hall.

Mrs. Catherine Kister is seriously ill at her home on Harris Ave. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Young Ladies Sodality held a social this week. Card playing was indulged in and several selections were rendered. Hot chocolate and cake was served and all had a good time.

### CATHEDRAL.

Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock an anniversary high mass was celebrated for John Howard.

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock meeting of Young Men's Sodality in Lady Chapel.

Meetings: Monday, A. O. H.; Tuesday, L. C. B. A.; Wednesday, A. O. H. Aux.; Thursday, C. R. B. A.; Friday, Aid Society at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday. Masses at 6:30, 7, 8 and solemn high mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at 9 o'clock. Rosary, sermon and benediction at 7:30 p.m.

Friday Way of the Cross at 7:30 o'clock.

During Lent services will be held every Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The many friends of Rev. M. Nolan D. D. extend to him their sincere sympathy on the death of his brother James M. Nolan.

A letter regarding the building of a new home for the aged was read by the pastor Sunday. His earnest desire is that every one of the congregation should take an active part in the fair to be held Easter week for its benefit. Our parish will participate in the fair to be held in Fitznugh hall, this being engaged for the west side parishes.

### FRENCH CHURCH.

The Ladies Aid Society of this church, although of only one year's existence is in a very flourishing condition. In the past year the ladies have held twenty-five meetings, adjourning during the summer months, with a regular membership of twenty. They distributed to the poor 370 pieces of wearing apparel, also fuel and many baskets of food, besides giving to the church a donation of \$125 for improvements. Under the auspices of this society a class in basketry has been formed and shall meet Thursday afternoon of each week during the Lenten season in the school building beginning Feb. 18. For particulars of class inquire of the secretary, Mrs. H. S. Shoemaker, 344 West Ave, Tuesdays. Telephones 548.

### CORPUS CHRISTI.

Branch 251, L. C. B. A. will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday evening.

J. Henry Howe spent several days this week in Albany in attendance at the convention of the New York State Plumbers Association.

The recently formed Young Ladies Society will meet on Sunday afternoon after vespers.

The financial statement of the parish for the year 1903 was distributed to the congregation on Sunday. It shows the affairs of the church to be in a good and flourishing condition.

Rev. Father Carron, celebrating the members of the choir on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was spent.

James M. Nolan, a prominent member of this parish, died Saturday last at his residence, 41 Birch Crescent. Mr. Nolan had been in ill health for some time and had lately returned from the Adirondacks where he went in hope of benefiting his health. Mr. Nolan is survived by his wife and two children, Frances and Helen. The funeral services were held from this church Monday morning at 10 o'clock and was largely attended by friends of the deceased. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated at the church by Rev. M. J. Nolan D. D. a brother of the deceased, assisted by Rev. J. E. Gofel as deacon and Rev. Geo. V. Burns as sub-deacon. A large number of priests were present in the sanctuary. The absolution was pronounced by Very Rev. T. F. Hickey V.G. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The Amicus Pedro Club was entertained on Thursday evening last by Miss Dugan of Court St. Prizes at pedro were won by Miss Smith and Mrs. J. Maguire. The evening was passed enjoyably by all.

## RULES FOR LENT.

Bishop McQuaid's annual circular letter for the holy season of Lent will be read in all the Catholic churches next Sunday.

The following is the Bishop's letter: Reverend and Dear Sir:

The holy season of Lent begins on the 17th day of February. All the week days of Lent are days of fasting on one meal with a moderate collation in the evening.

All the days of Lent are days of abstinence from flesh meat.

By dispensation, however, the use of flesh meat is allowed without restriction on Sundays, and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, except on the Saturday of Ember week and the Saturday of Holy week.

The use of eggs, butter or cheese, at the collation, provided the quantity prescribed by the fast be complied with, is by general custom tolerated in this country.

Lard and dripping may be used in preparing fish, vegetables, etc. The following persons are exempt from the obligation of fasting: Young persons under 21 years of age, the aged, the sick, nursing women, those who are obliged to do hard labor, and all who through weakness cannot fast without prejudice to their health.

Persons dispensed from the obligation of fasting on account of tender or advanced age, or hard labor, are not bound by the restrictions of using meat only at one meal on days on which its use is granted by dispensation.

In churches where there is a resident pastor, there will be a sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on every Wednesday evening and the devotion of the stations of the Holy Cross on Fridays.

Pastors in charge of two or more churches, will give one sermon during the week, in at least two churches.

Prayer and the spirit of penance should accompany penitential works. Endeavor, therefore, to excite your parishioners to observe this holy season accordingly to the intention of the church and place every facility in their way for receiving the sacraments of penance and the eucharist.

The collection on the Feast of Epiphany or on the Sunday within the octave, is for the eastern schools.

The collection for the propagation of the faith will be taken up in every church of the diocese in which there is mass on the first Sunday of Lent, and in all other churches on the first Sunday thereafter on which there is mass.

The collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Land.

The annual collection of Peter-pence will be taken up in all the churches of the diocese in which there is mass, on Pentecost Sunday, May 22, and in all other churches on the first Sunday thereafter on which there is mass.

The amounts received will be forwarded to the chancellor within a week.

Commending these good works to your zeal, and hoping that the charity of our faithful people will bring increased blessings on the diocese. I remain,

Very sincerely in Christ,

BERNARD.

†Bishop of Rochester.

### A Pleasant Party.

A reception and leap year party was given at Watters Hall, on Feb. 2. The party was under the supervision of the following young ladies: Misses Lennon, Leyden, Mandler, Murphy and Kelly, who spared neither time or trouble in making the affair a grand success. There were in attendance over fifty couples all of whom enjoyed themselves. Refreshments were served and dancing indulged in until the early hours of the morning.

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