

SS. Peter and Paul's Parish Mourns the Loss of Their Rector.



Ss. Peter and Paul's Church and Rector

It is with the deepest sorrow and sadness that we mourn the loss of our dearly beloved pastor of our church, Rev. Dr. Sinclair, who's sudden death cast a gloom over all the members of this parish. Father Sinclair was nearly 70 years old, but despite his age he was active in his church work. He celebrated the 6 o'clock Mass on Sunday morning, and later went to Grand View Beach, where he said closing services for the season at the Star of the Sea Chapel. At the close of the services he said he hoped they would all meet again next summer. After returning to his home he made preparations to go to Dansville to participate in the forty-hour devotion at the church. He left his home shortly before 4 o'clock and when on Exchange Street, where he was running to get the 4:30 train he fell and met with instant death. Great was the distress at the rectory upon the arrival of the remains of Rev. Father Sinclair. Rev. Father Scheid, who was attending the services at the cemetery, was summoned to the rectory. The fact that Father Sinclair had died suddenly was soon known throughout the city and great was the sorrow among his people and the clergy.

When Father Sinclair came to this church, in 1865, he found a small parish of a few more than 200 families. To-day nearly 700 families are connected with the parish. During the forty-two years of his pastorate Father Sinclair erected an addition to the church edifice, and brought about the building of a parochial school house. Twelve young men came under his direction and instruction in their preparations for the holy priesthood, all of whom went forth well equipped for the career marked out for them under his guidance, and as a result of his untiring labors the congregation grew until it became one of the largest in the city. It was through his efforts that the chapel at Grand View Beach was erected and which he dedicated last spring for the members of his parish who are temporarily sojourning at the lake. Father Sinclair was one of the oldest officiating priests in Rochester. The funeral was held Wednesday morning, the services began at 9:30 o'clock with the chanting of the office of the dead, and at 10 o'clock Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Hickey, Rev. Frederick Rauber of St. Boniface, as assistant priest; Rev. M. J. Hargather of St. Michaels as deacon; Rev. Geo. Eisler, sub-deacon; Rev. Joseph Miller of Webster, master of ceremonies; Rev. Wm. Greenauer and Rev. Francis Ruby, acolytes; Rev. Joseph Gefell, thurifer, and Rev. J. Emil Gefell and John Gefell, chanters. Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid occupied a throne with Rev. J. Netzel and Rev. John Boppel as deacons of honor. At the conclusion of the Mass Bishop McQuaid pronounced the absolution.

The bearers were Rev. F. Rauber, M. J. Hargather, G. J. Eisler, J. Miller, J. E. Gefell and N. Greenauer. Council 28, Knights of St. John; St. Peter's Society, St. Francis Society, C. M. U. A. and Y. M. C. C. attended in a body and a delegation from all societies connected with the church went in carriages. The church is draped in deep mourning. The Mass was sung by the choir under the direction of Prof. Frank Pohl.

The members of this parish have lost a beloved friend, a kind father and a good adviser. May his soul rest in peace.

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening by the parishioners, suitable resolutions were drawn on the death of Rev. Dr. Sinclair.

Deceased leaves one sister, Mrs. Paul Pohl, and three nephews, Frank Pohl, organist at SS. Peter and Paul's, Herman Pohl also a musician, Fred Pohl, organist at St. Michael's Church, and one niece, Sister Pauline S. N. D., at Notre Dame Convent, Philadelphia.

BLESSED SACRAMENT.

The mission to be given by the Paulist Fathers of New York will open Sunday morning at the 10:30 o'clock Mass for the women and will continue for one week and will be followed by a one week mission for the men.

The services on Sunday evening and each evening during the week will commence at 7:45 o'clock and will consist of a short instruction, recitation of the Rosary, sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Masses during the week will be at 5, 6 and 8 o'clock and instruction will be given at the 5 o'clock Mass and also at the 8 o'clock Mass.

No Catholic of the parish can afford to neglect the mission. The good need it for they are not perfect. The careless and negligent need it that they may become better. No one has ever made a mission and regretted it afterwards. It is a preparation for the life that awaits us hereafter.

A High Mass of Requiem was celebrated on Thursday morning for Benjamin and Catherine Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kreag are happy over the advent of another little daughter.

Miss Hermione Hahn, who is seriously ill at her home, is slightly improved.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Joseph I. Hilbert and Margaret A. Crego were united in marriage at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning by Rev. Father Nelligan. The wedding mass was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Neill.

John W. Wickham died in Chicago on Tuesday of last week. The remains arrived in this city Sunday and were removed to the home of his mother, No. 292 Genesee Street. His funeral took place on Tuesday of this week at our church.

James Kelley of No. 455 Plymouth Avenue died on Saturday of last week. Mr. Kelley is one of Rochester's oldest citizens, his age being 104 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday of this week from our church.

The marriage of Edward J. Lucas and Julia O'Shaughnessy was performed by Rev. Father O'Neill on Wednesday of this week.

The interior of the church, which has for some weeks been undergoing redecoration, presents a very pleasing view to the eye.

Mr. John O'Hare of New York City is visiting his aunt and sister of No. 7 Clarendon Street.

Miss Julia Beatrice O'Shaughnessy was married to Mr. Edward

Lucas Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in Immaculate Conception Church by Rev. A. M. O'Neill. The bride and groom were unattended. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Margaret O'Shaughnessy, 48 Lenox Street. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas will be at home at 140 Kenwood Avenue after a wedding trip, which will include California.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

The monthly collection will be taken up at all Masses Sunday morning.

The young men of the C. Y. M. C. are invited to Holy Communion Sunday morning, also all the men of the parish.

The Requiem Masses for this week was for Mr. Geo. Mattern, Mr. Frank Koch and Miss Helen Smith.

Friday morning at 5:30 o'clock Mass the forty hours' devotion opened. Sunday evening at quarter to 8 the closing will take place. The women are invited to Communion Saturday and the men Sunday.

The parishioners of St. Michael's Church extend their heartfelt sympathy to the members of SS. Peter and Paul Church on the death of their beloved pastor.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

Sunday will be general Communion day for the Knights of St. Eustace.

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary held a barn party on Monday evening at the Klem farm on the East Boulevard. A large number were present and all had a most pleasant time.

On Thursday afternoon and evening confessions will be heard.

Next Friday being the first Friday of the month of October, the usual Sacred Heart devotions will be held. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the veneration of the faithful from the first until after the last Mass, when Benediction will be given.

Tuesday, the first of October, will mark the blessing of the special services in honor of the Blessed Virgin. On the week day mornings, with the exception of Saturday, the Rosary will be recited during the last Mass, after which Benediction will be given. On Saturdays the devotion will take place at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The members of the C. Y. M. A. are making elaborate preparations for a dramatic entertainment to be given early in the month of November. The play to be presented will deal with a novel theme and it is promised that the production will be a surprise.

ST. BRIDGET'S.

Stephen O'Rourke has returned to Holy Cross College to continue his studies.

The devotions of the Sacred Heart will take place next Friday.

At a meeting of the Advisory Senate, L. C. B. A., held last Monday evening, it was decided to observe the 24th of October for visitation day at St. Ann's Home. The members of the different branches are requested to donate refreshments for that day. All the members of the organization and their friends are invited to visit the Home upon that day.

Miss Margaret O'Rourke of Detroit, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Wm. E. Kelly attended a reunion of the Kelly family at Smith's Falls, Ont.

The Misses Kelly of Waterford, Ireland, who have been visiting in this country for the past several months, sailed for home this week. Miss Mae Stupp spent Sunday with friends in Syracuse.

ST. BONIFACE.

The boys of the Christian Doctrine class will receive Holy Communion next Sunday.

Requiem Mass was said last Tuesday for A. Beikirk and the deceased of the family.

Wednesday, Requiem Mass was said for P. Shaefer. Extra collection will be taken up at all Masses next Sunday for the building fund of the new school hall.

CATHEDRAL.

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey went to Hammondsport Sunday and performed the ceremony of consecrating the St. Gabriel's Church in that town. The church was recently been rebuilt.

Next Sunday evening the annual retreat of the women of the Cathedral parish will begin and will continue until the following Sunday night, at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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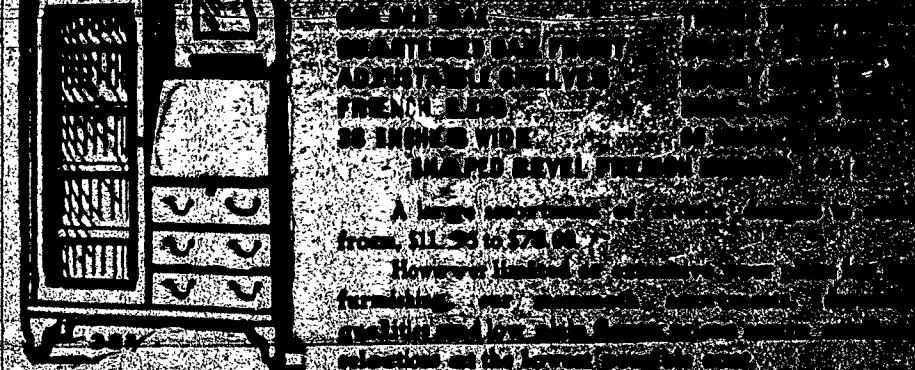
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