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City Parish News

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporter

Correspondents Will kindly Send their News in by Tuesday Next Week.

St. Joseph's.

The election of officers of Aux. 43, was held Wednesday, December 9th: President, Mrs. M. Staub; 1st vice pres., Mrs. A. J. Groh;

Corpus Christi.

Sunday, Dec. 20th, the Holy Name Society will receive holy communion in a body, also all members of the congregation are invited to join them.

Next Sunday, being the 3rd Sunday of December, the school collection will be taken up at all the masses.

Prayers were offered for the repose of the souls of Rev. Father Story and Anna McGreal, also for the speedy recovery of William Donovan.

Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGreal, died at the family residence 68 Chamberlain St., Thursday, Dec. 10, 1914. She is survived by her parents two sisters and two brothers.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY.

The officers elected for the L. C. B. A. Branch are as follows: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. A. A. Notbart; Past Pres., Mrs. Emma Luchsinger; Pres., Miss Mary Mulligan; 1st vice pres., Mrs. Bertha Savard; 2nd vice pres., Mrs. Marguerite Ogsbury; recorder, Anna E. Whitley; Asst. Rec., R. Marie Whitley; financial Sec., Clara Pifer; Treas., Mrs. Louisa Koesterer; marshal, Mary Savard; Guard, Mrs. Laura Pifer; trustees, Mrs. M. Ogsbury, Miss Josephine Bogner and Mrs. Emma Luchsinger.

St. Peter and Paula.

School collection will be taken up at all the masses on Sunday.

Sunday will be communion day for the young ladies of the parish. The members of the Sodality will receive in a body at the 8.15 o'clock mass.

Pew holders can get their tickets for midnight mass on Christmas, on Sunday after the masses at the pew rent office.

The envelopes for the Christmas collection will be distributed on Sunday.

An anniversary requiem high mass was celebrated on Thursday morning at 7 o'clock for Mrs. Mary Bilger.

Election of officers of Com. 28, Kts. of St. John, will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

HOLY FAMILY.

The following officers were elected for Br. 188, of L. C. B. A. at the meeting held, Dec. 10th: Pres., Sophia Hoffman; 1st vice pres., Mamie Miller; 2nd vice pres., Josephine Haubner; Recorder, Gertrude Sauter; asst. Rec., Catherine Henchen; Fin. Sect., Mary Heuther; Treas., Mary Schur; Guard, Gertrude Fritz; marshal, Rose Kohlmeier; Board of trustees, Margaret Lingl, Catherine Krause, Mary Pesch and Helen Cody.

St. Boniface.

Mr. Martin C. Ritz, formerly of this city and a member of this parish died in Aspinwall, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, on Monday morning, aged 42 years. The body was brought to this city and the funeral held from this church at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. H. Ward, of Aspinwall, Pa., who accompanied the funeral party from that city. Besides his

NO ALUM IN ROYAL BAKING POWDER

wife, he leaves five brothers, Anthony, Edward and Jacob Ritz of this city and Joseph and John Ritz of Wayland and two sisters, Miss Anna Ritz and Mrs. John J. Munding of this parish. The bearers were Mr. Daniel Fitzsimons, Mr. William J. Munding, Mr. B. Naas and Mr. Frank J. Ritz. Interment was made at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The C. M. B. A., Br. 80, will hold their next regular meeting on Thursday evening this week at the parish hall.

The Footlight Club of our church held a special meeting on last Sunday afternoon when important business matters were transacted.

The Swatsika pedro club were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. Wanamaker on last Tuesday afternoon.

The mission which was held at this church two weeks drew to a close on last Sunday evening. The large number of men who attended the mission last week both mornings at 5.30 o'clock and at the evening services was very gratifying to Rev. Fathers Eliskamp and Sprig, S. J., who are missionaries of the Order of the Holy Name of Jesus. On last Saturday morning at the 5.30 o'clock mass fully 300 men received holy communion and a similar show was made at the Sunday morning mass. Father Boppel, our rector was deeply gratified by the manner in which the men turned out for the mission and the large numbers that received the sacraments. The women also as usual made a splendid showing in attendance, making this one of the most successful ever held in this parish and our pastor and the missionary Fathers feel that their efforts on behalf of the parishioners were not in vain. The closing services on last Sunday evening were very impressive and the Papal blessing was given as well as the renewal of baptismal vows were taken; after the services all religious articles were blessed.

Blessed Sacrament.

A high mass of requiem was offered on Monday morning for Mrs. Christina Hartung at the request of the Rosary Society.

The girls and young women are invited to receive holy communion Sunday.

Thanks were extended to the members of the congregation last Sunday for their generous co-operation in helping to pay for the alterations made recently in the school.

A most successful card party was held in the church hall last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Alumni Association. A handsome sum was realized to be used in caring for the poor of the parish. Thanks are due to the committee in charge for the manner in which they made this affair so successful.

A most interesting illustrated lecture was given in the hall last Sunday evening for the members of the Holy Name Society by the Rev. W. E. Cowen, D. D. of St. Bernard's Seminary. The subject was "Lourdes" and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large gathering of members.

There will be a solemn high mass on Christmas eve at 12 o'clock and also at 10.45 Christmas morning. The hours for the other masses on Christmas Day will be at 6, 7, 8.15 and 9.30 o'clock. Confessions will be heard on Thursday afternoon and evening.

St. Mary's.

The regular monthly meeting of the Confraternity of Mary will be held in the church hall Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This is the last meeting of the year and it is hoped that all the members will be present.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Lambert who died at her home, 36 Averill Ave., Tuesday, was held from this church Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

Vespers, sermon and benediction are held in this church every Sunday evening, at 7.45 o'clock during Advent.

Holy Redeemer.

The election of officers of Br. 58, C. M. B. A., are as follows: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Jacob F. Staub; chancellor, Louis J. Amerring; Pres., Wolford Burger; 1st vice pres., Edmund Hilzinger; 2nd vice pres., Edmund Heinze; Rec. Sect'y, Henry M. Kleehammer; Fin. Sect'y, Cornelius Zwierein; Treas., Frank Aman; marshal, Henry Richter, Sr.; guard, Frank Pfeiffer; trustees for 2 years, Anthony Schilling, Chas. Isaac, Frank A. Kleehammer; delegates to city Federation of Catholic Societies, Wolford Burger, Chas. B. Widenman, Chas. Isaac, John Kreuzer, Sr.; Frank Meyer, Edmund Heinze; delegate to Federation Convention, Chas. Isaac; alternate, Chas. B. Widenman; delegate to grand council convention, Raymond Brouch; alternate, Louis J. Amerring.

St. Michael's.

Sunday morning at the 7.30 o'clock mass there will be general communion for all men and young men of the parish.

The requiem masses for this week were for Ferdinand Scheid, the Chryst and Anna Reinhart, Margaret Magin, Daniel Burns, Felix and Catharine Felts, August Hauser, John Spechgorr, A. Scheible, A. Oswald, Magdalena Lill.

The funeral of Miss Apollonia Scheible took place last Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Francis Hoefen celebrated solemn requiem mass assisted by Rev. M. J. Hargather and Rev. John Geffel; Rev. Otto Geiger was master of ceremonies. Rev. John P. Schellhorn was present in the sanctuary. She was a member of the Young Ladies Sodality.

The funeral of Mr. John Schwaeger took place Friday morning at 9 o'clock. He leaves beside his wife Catharine, three daughters, Mrs. R. Barnhart, Mrs. Otto Wandke and Miss Lulu Schwaeger and one son Raymond Schwaeger.

The Charity Bazaar which was held last week for the poor of the parish was a grand success.

The Clematis Pedro club was entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Adeline Staub, 342 Ave. A. Prizes were won by Miss Catharine Haezle and Miss Christine Staub. The next hostess will be Miss Martha Klingler of 25 Kappel Pl.

The funeral of Mr. Gunther took place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP.

High Masses of Requiem were held in the church hall last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Alumni Association. A handsome sum was realized to be used in caring for the poor of the parish. Thanks are due to the committee in charge for the manner in which they made this affair so successful.

The members of the Holy Name Society, and all men and young men of the parish are invited to receive Holy Communion, Sunday morning at the 7.30 o'clock mass.

Sunday evening at 7.30 there will be vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The St. John's Benevolent Society will hold a meeting, Monday evening, at which the election of officers will take place.

Rev. Father Ziegan, for the past two and a half yrs. assistant pastor of this church, has been promoted and given the rectorship of the church at Perkinsville, N. Y. Wishing him success and God speed in his new field, we trust he will always think of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and pleasant days spent among its members.

To the Ladies

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Weekly Church Calendar

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Gospel, St. Luke III, 1-6

S 20 St. Christian, B. G. M. 21 St. Thomas, Ap. T 22 St. Ischyria, N. W 23 St. Victoria, V. M. Th 24 SS. Thrasilla & Emilian, VV. Fast.

F 25 Christmas. S 26 St. Stephen, the first Martyr.

The Social

Question.

Reverend Herman Joseph Maackel, S. J., of Canisius College, Buffalo, delivered the first of a series of lectures, to be given under the direction of the German Federation of Catholic Societies of this city, in St. Joseph's Hall last Sunday afternoon. He said in part: "It is claimed that the Church has no relation to the social question. This is false. For Pope Leo, in his Encyclical on Labor, clearly points out that no practical solution of the social question will ever be found without the assistance of religion and of the Church. What we need to-day is a return to Christian principles, a regeneration of society. But society will never be reformed without first reforming individuals. This must first be done. Many social ills, it is true, can be mitigated by legislation, but society as a whole will never be purified and ennobled and uplifted, until the individual members of society learn to live according to the teachings and the example of Christ. Legislative measures may produce the external framework of a new social order; but only Christianity, of which the Church is an interpreter, can give it life and efficacy. "Socialism attempts to belittle this activity on the part of the Church, by stating that the Church desires to retain social conditions just as they are, and that it consoles the workman by referring him to the future life in which to receive the reward of his virtue. But the falsity of that statement is clear to anyone who reflects for a moment. Christian morality, as Pope Leo again says, conduces to even temporal prosperity. It also has the power to bring about harmony between the rich and the poor, between the employer and the employee, by furnishing those principles which, if followed, will afford a remedy for averting the conflict altogether or for making it less bitter. "Civil society has been renovated by the teachings of Christianity in former times, and if society is to be healed now, in no other way, as Pope Leo again says, can it be cured but by a return to the Christian institutions. What Christianity teaches in the abstract, the Church puts into concrete form. All down through the ages and at the present the poor have found in her their best friend. Wherever people have gathered together into society, there you will find her hospitals and her charitable institutions of various kinds. At all times she has held the key to unlock the question of poverty. "But it is upon the laboring classes that the Church has especially exercised her beneficial influence. In the ancient world the rights of the poor were ignored no less than they are today. No pity, no consideration was shown the toiling masses. Labor fell into contempt and was deemed fit only for slaves. Workmen were deprived of their liberties and civil rights. To correct these abuses the Church exerted her strongest endeavors, and succeeded in abolishing slavery. The Church looks upon labor as something ennobling and not as something to be ashamed of. Under her benign influence various organizations throughout history have sprung up and been maintained to aid the laboring man. In these organizations the rights of the employer and of the employee was strictly defined and neither was permitted to injure the other. What the Church has done in the past, she is doing now and will continue to do until the end of time. In her communion the rich and the poor are on a level; the rich she counsels to provide for their less fortunate brothers; the poor she counsels to bear with the present because trials rightly borne will bring an eternal reward."

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