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Rules For Lent

Bishop Hickey has issued the following rules for Lent:
The Holy Season of Lent begins this year on the 1st of March.

The obligation of fasting and abstinence ends at noon on Holy Saturday.

All the weekdays of Lent are days of fasting on one meal, with a moderate collation in the evening. The practice of taking a small piece of bread with a cup of tea, coffee, chocolate, or the like, in the morning is permitted. It is also permissible to invert the order of meals by taking the collation at noon, and the principal meal in the evening.

The use of flesh meat is allowed without restriction on Sundays, and once on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and, as by special indulgent granted by the Sacred Congregation of the Council January 14, 1919, for two years to the Bishops of the United States, and on June 4, 1920, extended for the next five years, the law of abstinence was transferred from the Saturdays of Lent to Wednesdays in Lent except in the case of Saturday in Ember Week, it is allowed also once on Saturdays, except the Saturday of Ember Week.

Eggs, milk, butter and cheese are allowed at the principal meal and at the collation. Lard and drippings may be used in preparing food.

Flesh meat and fish may be taken at the same meal on days when the use of flesh meat is allowed.

The law of fasting binds from the completion of the twenty-first year to the completion of the fifty-ninth, but the law of abstinence is binding after a person becomes seven years of age. The following are not bound by the obligation of fasting: The sick, nursing women, those who are obliged to do hard labor, and all who through weakness cannot fast without prejudice to their health.

By virtue of a special indulgent given March 15, 1895, by the Holy See to the Bishops of the United States for ten years, and renewed June 8, 1915, in favor of the working men of this country who find it difficult to observe the general law of abstinence, the use of flesh meat is granted on all days of the year both to them and to all the members of their family, except on all Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and the eve of Christmas; this is a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence, but not of fasting. (This extraordinary dispensation is given solely to the working classes, and does not extend to the liberal professions.) Those who avail themselves of this indulgent are counseled to perform some penitential work, as for example, abstinence from amusements or recitation of additional prayers.

We hereby exhort all who for any reason are excused or dispensed from fasting or abstinence that they should practice mortification in eating and drinking according to their ability, at attendance at the Lenten devotions and almsgiving to the poor.

St. Andrew's Church

Baptisms are held every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The minstrel show given by our boys at Holy Redeemer Hall was an unprecedented success.

The distribution of ashes took place after the 8 o'clock mass on Ash Wednesday also after the services in the evening.

At the services on Wednesday evening Rev. Father Bergen of the Cathedral, preached the sermon. After the services the Holy Name Society held a meeting.

The Rosary Society will receive Holy Communion Sunday morning at the 7 o'clock mass. The Young Ladies' Sodality will receive at the 8 o'clock mass.

Confessions were heard on Thursday afternoon and evening in preparation for the first Friday.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock. After the services the L. C. B. A. will hold a meeting.

Next Sunday classes will be arranged for those who are to receive their first Holy Communion and those to be Confirmed and which will take place on Sunday, May 21st.

Requiem masses were said this week for Loretta Strub, John O'Reilly, August Weidenborner, Richard and Elizabeth Strub, Charles Magin and John Remline. The funeral of Private John O'Reilly was held from this church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Burial was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with military honors.

St. Mary's

Masses on Sunday are at 6:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:45 o'clock.

Confessions are heard every Saturday afternoon and evening.

Lenten services every Wednesday evening at 7:45 consisting of rosary, sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On Friday evening the Stations of the Cross will be held at the same hour.

The sermon at the high mass last Sunday was given by Father Fitzsimons. Announcements for Lent were made and a letter from Bishop Hickey was read.

The new Rose Window being installed in the church will soon be completed and the organ will be replaced in about one month.

On Wednesday evenings during the Lenten season Rev. Eugene Regan, an Oblate Father of Holy Angels church, Buffalo, will deliver the sermons in St. Mary's church. Father Regan has delivered the sermons during Lent for the past few years.

A noonday mass will be celebrated every day during Lent, lasting about 30 minutes.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Requiem masses were said this week for Catherine and John Jones, Catherine Singer and family and Philip Eckert.

Wednesday, being Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, ashes were distributed before the 8 o'clock mass and after the services in the evening.

Friday, the first Friday of the month, and dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, masses were said at 6 and 8 o'clock.

Confessions were heard on Thursday afternoon and evening.

During the season of Lent there will be evening devotion on Wednesday at 7:45 o'clock, consisting of sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and on Friday the Way of the Cross.

The entertainment given by our Dramatic Club for the benefit of our church was a big success.

A. S. Peter and Family

Masses on Sunday will be held as follows:—6, 7, 8:15, 9:30 and high mass at 10:45 o'clock.

Announcement was made at all the masses last Sunday of the beginning of Lent Wednesday, March 1st, and the official circular issued by Bishop Hickey governing the Lenten season was read by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Gefell. An appeal was also made for the drive for the new nurses' home for St. Mary's Hospital.

Evening services will be held on Wednesday and Friday evenings during Lent at 7:45 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 44, Knights of St. John, will be held on Monday evening, March 6th, at 8:15 o'clock sharp. Members are requested to attend.

St. Francis Xavier

Requiem masses were said this week for Father Kruschel, Apollonia Henchen and Elizabeth Kolb. Lenten services will take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:45 o'clock.

Sunday is communion day for the members of the St. Mathias Society.

St. Augustine To Have a New Church

A Boston flat at Nos. 384-386 Chilli avenue, formerly owned by O. H. Van Nest of Orlando, Fla., was purchased this week by St. Augustine's Congregation at Chilli avenue and Hobart street at a cost of about \$9,000. Rev. John H. O'Brien, rector of the church, completed the deal through Fred R. Sigler, city assessor, a deed having been filed in the county clerk's office. Rev. Charles Shay is assistant rector. The Van Nest house has twelve rooms. It was built more than fifteen years ago. It stands on a site of land with a frontage of 66 feet in Chilli avenue and 60 feet wide in the rear. Added to the lot at Chilli avenue and Lottier park already owned by the church, and on which stands a convent, the church now will have a plot of land at the Chilli avenue intersection of 132 feet frontage on Chilli avenue and 120 feet width in the rear, running 184 feet on Lottier park and 137 feet on the east line. The congregation is planning to build a new church this spring at a cost estimated at \$125,000. More than a third of the building fund is said already to have been subscribed. The present church and school on the property was erected in 1910.

To Form New Gaelic Classes

Two classes in Gaelic will be formed at the weekly meeting of the Gaelic Society on Monday evening at St. Mary's School. The first one will be for advanced students and the second for beginners. During Lent, lectures and other features will take the place of the Friday night dances at the Nineteenth Ward Clubhouse. An entertainment will be given by the society at Powers Hall on St. Patrick's day.

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