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RULES FOR LENT

The circular for the Holy Season of Lent was read in all the churches of the diocese of Rochester last Sunday.

The Holy Season of Lent begins this year on February 17. 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 Indult granted by the Holy See to the Bishops of the United States, the law of abstinence was transferred from the Saturdays of Lent to Wednesdays and Lent except in the case of Saturday in Ember Week, it is allowed also once on Saturdays, except the Saturday in 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 Indult granted by the Holy See to the Bishops of the United States 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 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 Indult are counseled to perform some penitential work, as for example, abstinence from amusements or recreation, or 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, attendance at the Lenten devotions and almsgiving to the poor.

Pastors have the power of dispensing from the general law of fast and abstinence or of both fast and abstinence combined, but only in individual cases of persons or families and for a just cause. This power may be used in favor of their own parishioners, even when outside the parish and in favor of transients within the parish limits.

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

Prayer and the spirit of penance should accompany penitential works. By reason of a long existing Indult granted to the Bishops of the United States the precept of Paschal Communion may be fulfilled on any day between the first Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday, inclusive. Very sincerely in Christ,
+THOMAS,
Bishop of Rochester.

SS. Peter and Paul's

Rev. J. E. Gefell read the annual Lenten letter from Bishop Hickey at all the masses on Sunday.

The collection for the Propagation of the Faith will be taken up at 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.

Lenten devotions will be held every Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:45 o'clock during Lent. On Wednesday evening sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and on Friday evening Stations of the Cross. The Stations will also be said on Sunday afternoons at 3:15 o'clock during Lent.

The monthly meeting of St. Peter's Society will be held on Monday evening, February 22nd at 8 o'clock.

Funeral services for Martha Paul Wilson who died on February 11th were held on Monday morning at 8:40 from her home, 55 Taylor street and at 9 o'clock from this church. Interment was made in the family lot at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Funeral services for Catharine Kennedy who died Sunday morning, February 14th at the family home, No. 39 Eddy street was held on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from her late home and at 9:30 o'clock from the church. Interment was made in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

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Young Men's Club Hold Successful 20th Anniversary Banquet

The Young Men's Club of Our Lady of Victory Church held a very successful 20th Anniversary Banquet and Reunion last Thursday evening, February 11th, in the Parish Hall which was attractively decorated with the national colors. Dinner was served by Caterer Oscar Y. Hoffman and a fine musical concert was given gratis by Lesher's Orchestra, through the kindness of a former member of the Club, Maurice Miny, who is a member of the orchestra. President Harold J. Brown led the singing. Each of the guests on entering the Banquet Hall was furnished a red paper hat and a song book. A very attractive place card souvenir was arranged and distributed under the direction of Chairman Joseph P. Kramer.

J. Norman Benjamin acted as toastmaster and the address of welcome was delivered by the Very Rev. Canon Alphonsus A. Notebaert, pastor of the Church and organizer of the Club. The present Moderator, Rev. Camiel A. Van der Meulen, spoke briefly on "Our Catholic Young Men." The principal address of the evening was given by Rev. Walter A. Foery, rector of Mt. Carmel Church and Spiritual Adviser of their thriving Young Men's Club. Father Foery's address was a source of inspiration to the members present and he outlined the methods which were used to make Mt. Carmel's Club a successful one, which, no doubt, will be the Club of Our Lady of Victory during their membership drive, which is fast approaching by April 1st.

All practical Catholic young men of the city, between the ages of sixteen and thirty-five years, are eligible. The Club is in a position to offer them many advantages in the line of wholesome recreation and amusement at a nominal membership fee. New shower baths and steel lockers have been installed within the past year and a basketball court is available. There are also billiard and reading rooms. The Club is represented on the court by two basketball teams, the Victory A. C. and the Victory Reserves. An indoor baseball team is also being organized with a view to gaining admission to the Catholic Indoor League during the coming season.

The present officers are: Spiritual Moderator, Rev. Camiel A. Van der Meulen; President, Harold J. Brown; Vice-President, Peter Verstraete; Secretary, Thomas Sacelli; Treasurer, A. Earl Staub; Directors, Peter Verstraete, Joseph P. Kramer and Arthur Cusse.

Sodality Card Party

The Sodality of Mary of Blessed Sacrament Church had a card party Monday evening at the church hall in Oxford street. Bridge, five hundred and Pedro were played. Refreshments were served. The proceeds of the party will be applied to the new church school fund.

Nazareth Pupils Pay Tribute to Lincoln

A program in honor of Lincoln's birthday was presented by the pupils of Nazareth Academy last Friday afternoon in the academy auditorium. The stage was decorated with a large picture of Lincoln draped with American flags. An original poem, "Lincoln's Eyes" was recited by Miss Helen Tierney. Other numbers on the program were: March Triumphant, Nazareth Orchestra; hymn, student body; "Our Washington," Anna Ryan; "Lincoln, the Man," Mary Moran; chorus, "To Thee, O Country."

A copy of "The Perfect Tribute" was presented to the academy by John G. Allen, Civil war veteran.

Meet at Orphanage

St. Aloysius Guild met at St. Mary's Boy's Orphanage Thursday afternoon. The committee in charge were: Mrs. J. J. Kavanaugh, Mrs. J. J. Ottman, Mrs. W. J. Pye, Mrs. E. T. Pratt, Mrs. F. E. Pritchard, Mrs. Donald Palmer, Mrs. Edward Quigley, Mrs. John Reynolds, Mrs. E. Rombaut, Mrs. John Riley, Mrs. R. B. Randall, Mrs. Catherine Rhines, Mrs. J. A. Rometsch and Mrs. J. B. Reilly.

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Dedication of New St. Thomas Church Next Sunday

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The building is designed in Collegiate Gothic style of architecture and is of fireproof construction. The exterior is of brown tapestry brick trimmed with cut cast stone. The interior is finished in white oak stained a silver grey. The three altars are of English Gothic design in cream and gold finish. The stations of the cross and the statues are colored in subdued tones to correspond with the general color scheme. The pews, the paneling, the screens, the altar railing, the floor covering, the draperies and other details are finished in silver grey and blend in harmoniously with the interior finish of the building.

With the addition just completed, the school will accommodate three hundred pupils; the church will seat five hundred persons and the hall has a seating capacity of 250.

Rev. John F. Muckle is pastor of St. Thomas parish. The lay trustees are George A. Schwab and William Klem. J. Foster Warner was architect for the new church and Seraphin Schwartz & Son was the contracting firm.

Aquinas Has Two Games This Week

On Friday the St. Aloysius quint of Rome, will be seen in action at Aquinas gymnasium, and Saturday Aquinas will go to Buffalo for a return contest with Canisius Prep, at the present time the sensation of Buffalo scholastic ball.

Not much is known of the Rome outfit except that last week it defeated Ilion High, leaders in the Mohawk Valley High School League. Aquinas will be primed for a hard game, however.

Going against Canisius Prep, sole victors of the season over Aquinas, the local quint will be minus both guards, Sullivan and Marks, who featured the first contest. Sullivan has transferred to St. Bonaventure, while Marks is confined to his bed with a touch of pneumonia. The loss of Marks is a severe one at the present time with the Syracuse C. B. A. game looming up a week from Friday.

With the exception of the Rochester Central exhibition game, the Rome game Friday will be the last of the season on the Aquinas gymnasium. The date of the Central game hasn't been decided upon as yet, but the pro-champions are again offering their services gratis to the schoolboys to raise funds for their Chicago trip.

WEDDINGS

IOCUZZA—RIZZO.
The marriage of Miss Grace Rizzo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rizzo, of No. 136 First street, and Charles Iocuzza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Iocuzza, of No. 140 First street, took place on Saturday, February 8th, at Mount Carmel Church with Father Foery officiating. Rivoli furnished the music.

The matron of honor was Josephine Rivoli and the bridesmaids were Miss Mary Mangione, Miss Antonette Sava, Miss Jennie Dipert and Miss Josephine Lombardo.

Lewis Rivoli was best man. The ushers were Philip Rizzo, Domenick Sava, Joseph Dipert, and Philip Lombardo. After the ceremony dinner was served to seventy-five guests at the wedding party at the home of the bride.

HEILMANN—KIMMEL.
The marriage of Miss Theresa Kimmel, of Waldo street, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel, of Wurtzburg, Bavaria, and Edward L. Heilmann, of Glide street, took place Tuesday, February 6th, at Holy Family Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward Scheid.

The bride was attended by Miss Helen Schwartz and the groom by his brother, Joseph Heilmann. After the ceremony breakfast was served by Mr. and Mrs. Kihn, and a reception followed.

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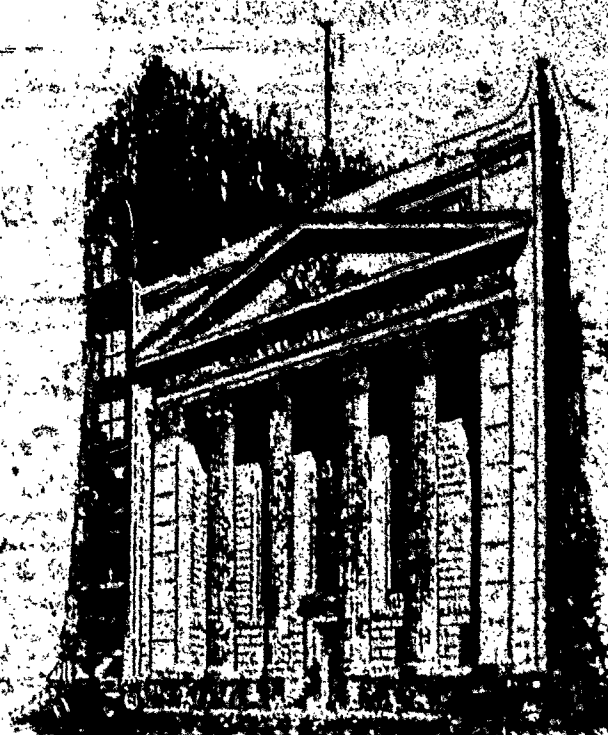
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