

CATHOLICS in the Big Leagues



Gabby Hartnett

Leo "Gabby" Hartnett, star-catcher of the Chicago Cubs is a native of Millville, Mass. He learned his baseball on the sandlots of his native town, although his liking for the national pastime comes down from his father, who in his younger days was a big leaguer of note.

Niagara Season Opens April 12th

Niagara University will open its baseball season on April 12th, playing Colgate University at Hamilton, N. Y. On the following day the Niagara boys will tackle Syracuse University at Syracuse. The schedule also includes games at Fredonia and Buffalo.

Irish Champion To Be Teacher

Dublin, April 2.—Lieutenant G. N. Connelley, holder of the Irish native record for the half-mile, has retired from the Free States Army to become physical director in the Irish College of Physical Culture.

Albion Team Ready

Albion, April 4.—The St. Mary's baseball team is making preparations for the biggest season yet, and is hopeful of giving better exhibitions than ever in the summer of 1929.

Summer Indoor Team

The indoor baseball team of the Holy Cross College will play its first game on Thursday night at the home of the Holy Crosses, Maple Street, Buffalo.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

De La Salle High St. Bonaventure Champion Team Has New Golf Pro

De La Salle High School of Chicago won the national basketball championship for Catholic high schools and academies of the United States when its team defeated the quintet representing St. Stanislaus School at St. Louis, Miss., in the final game of the sixth annual National Catholic Interscholastic Basketball Tournament, held at Chicago, under the auspices of Loyola University.

In winning this year's tournament, De La Salle High School of Chicago replaces as champion De La Salle Institute of Joliet, Ill., which won the title in 1928 and in 1927. The team winning the tournament is awarded the Cardinal Mundelein Cup.

Spaulding Institute of Peoria, Ill., winner of the first tournament, held in 1924, won third place this year, defeating Decatur Catholic High School for the honor, 24 to 14. De La Salle defeated St. Stanislaus for the championship by the score of 25 to 16.

Among the other trophies awarded were: The Daniel A. Lazzarini Trophy for the player most valuable to his team, awarded to Thomas Godfrey of St. Michael's High School, Union City, N. J.; the William H. Powell Cup for the team scoring the highest number of points in the first round, also awarded to St. Xavier; the Sears, Roebuck and Company Trophy for the best coached team on the floor, awarded to John Cretz Meyer, coach of Columbia Academy, Dubuque; the Thomas D. Nash Trophy for the team making the least number of fouls, awarded to Holy Redeemer High School of Portsmouth, O.; the Chicago Evening American Trophy for the team exhibiting the highest caliber of sportsmanship in and out of actual play, awarded to St. Theresa High School of Detroit, and the Chicago Catholic League Silver Plaque for the team coming the greatest distance to compete, awarded to Immaculate Conception High School of Rapid City, S. D.

Fordham Freshmen Fast

The Fordham freshman basketball team, which, in the main, will compose the Maroon varsity next season, went through the past campaign without defeat to mar its record. The yearlings conquered all ten opponents which they were called upon to meet.

Another Champion

St. Mary's High School of Westfield, Mass., Connecticut Valley champions, won the eastern states tournament championship at Glens Falls, N. Y., by defeating the Schenectady High School of Schenectady, N. Y., 30 to 25, in the final game. Fourteen times during the game the score was tied or changed hands.

Notre Dame Athletics.

Notre Dame baseball players will take part in 27 games this spring, while the track team is engaging in seven meets outdoors, schedules released by the faculty board of control show. Northwestern, Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota stand out on the baseball card, while the various relay meets, and the Illinois dual meet feature the Irish track program.

St. Francis Players April 21, 22, 23, 24

Extensive preparations are being made on and about the stage in St. Francis Xavier Church hall for the presentation of that fine dramatic production, "The Confession", on the evenings of April 21, 22, 23 and 24, by the St. Francis Players.

Among other things, the stage has been extended five feet; back of the foot-lights will be found a prompter's pit, and in front of the stage an orchestra pit. Two new sets of scenery have been obtained and a re-arrangement of drops and sets has been effected. Tickets for the play are now on sale at the Rectory, 34 Teresa Street and reserved seats may be had at the store of Hans Ebelgibrecht, opposite the Church. The play is open to the public, and patrons will find "The Confession" well worth seeing. The cast is a capable one, well trained and talented. Big crowds are expected for all performances, and it would be well to buy seats at once.

Recent Rochester Deaths

"It is, therefore, a Holy and Wholesome Thought to Pray for the Dead, That They May be Loosed From Their Sins"

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JOSEPH J. KESTER, World War veteran, of 45 Longview Terrace, died suddenly at St. Mary's Hospital, Monday, April 1. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, Mary Haines Kester; his mother, Mrs. John Kester; four sisters, Mrs. Laura Martin, Mrs. Franklin Wells, Mrs. Katherine Kester of this city, and Mrs. Harry Wishart of Chicago, Ill.; five brothers, Walter, Alfred, Edward and John Kester, of this city, and Raymond Kester of Cleveland, Ohio.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock in St. Ambrose Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

WILLIAM EAGAN, William Eagan died at St. Mary's Hospital, Saturday morning, March 30. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Edward Saller.

The body was taken to the home of his sister, 11 Loraine Place. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at Holy Sepulchre Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

RICHARD B. THESING, Richard B., son of Philip and Alice Gobel Thesing, died Saturday morning, March 30, at the Genesee Hospital, aged four years. Besides his parents he leaves one brother, Martin and one sister, Mary Ellen Thesing. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at the residence, 12 West Blvd. St. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. FRANK BAILEY, Catherine Bailey, widow of Frank Bailey, died Friday afternoon, March 29, at her home, 115 Denise Road, aged 79 years. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. C. Schurr, Mrs. John Schlinger and Miss Anna Bailey; three sons, Joseph, Edward and Vincent Bailey; also one grandchild. The funeral was held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

VALENTINE BOSS, Valentine Boss of 384 Hague Street, died Friday. Besides his wife, Theresa Danzer Boss, he leaves four daughters, Sister M. Avelia, Sister M. Billhildas of the Notre Dame Convent, Mary Steffen, Sister of Fairport and Genevieve Boss; three sons, Louis, Robert and Herbert, all of Rochester; four sisters; five brothers, and ten grandchildren. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in Holy Family Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 7.—St. Hegesippus, a Primitive Father, was by birth a Jew and belonged to the Church of Jerusalem. He traveled to Rome and lived there nearly twenty years from the pontificate of Anacletus to that of Eleutherius in 177. He wrote a History of the Church which has been lost.

Monday, April 8.—St. Perpetua, Bishop of Tours, governed that see for thirty years. He was noted for his generation of the Saints and the deeply respected their relics and adorned and enriched their shrines. In his will he declared the poor his heirs and remitted all debts due his estate.

Tuesday, April 9.—St. Mary of Egypt left her father's house in her youth in order that she might sin without restraint. For seventeen years she lived a life of shame in Alexandria and was then miraculously brought to a realization of her wrong-doing during the celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. She retired into the Wilderness where she lived for almost fifty years doing penance.

Wednesday, April 10.—St. Baduanus, martyr, was a rich and noble citizen of Bethapsia, Persia. He founded a monastery near his native city which he ruled with great virtue. He suffered martyrdom during the persecution of the Christians under King Sapor.

Thursday, April 11.—St. Leo the Great, was consecrated as Pope in the year 440. He ruled the church at the time it was menaced by the incursions of the Vandals and the Huns and by the Nestorian and Pelagian heresies. At his intercession Attila and his Huns turned back when they had come within their grasp. The Saint died in 461.

Friday, April 12.—St. Julius, was chosen Pope on the 6th of February 337. He reigned for more than fifteen years, most of which time he devoted to attempts to put down the Arian heresy. He finally triumphed in the General Council in Nicaea which declared St. Athanasius and Marcellus of Ancyra orthodox and innocent of charges made by certain Arian bishops. Saturday, April 13.—St. Hermengild, martyr, was the son of the Leovigild, King of the Visigoths. He was imprisoned by his father because he refused to accept Arianism and was his martyr's crown.

leaves one daughter, Mrs. Frederick Weber of East Rochester, and two sons, Allen J. and William Bresinsky. She was a member of the Women's Sodality, L. C. B. A. Branch 62, Ladies' Auxiliary, Knights of St. John 44, affiliated with St. Peter and Paul's parish, of which parish she had been a life-long member. She was also a member of the Order of Martha 118 and White Cloud Council. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Peter and Paul's Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

BERNARD DALITZ, Bernard Dalitz died Sunday, aged 74 years. He is survived by his widow, Caroline Dalitz, one daughter, Miss Clara Dalitz; our sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Kester, Mrs. Mary Weaver, Mrs. Anna Rhines, all of Rochester, and Mrs. Hannah Walker of Denver, Colorado.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 8:45 o'clock from Maier's Funeral Chapel, 870 Clinton Avenue North, and 9 o'clock in St. Michael's Church.

FRANK J. LYNCH, Frank J. Lynch died in this city, Sunday morning, March 31, at St. Mary's Hospital, aged 67 years. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Hannah McDonald; two nephews, Grace E. and Mary A. McDonald; two nephews, Evon and Wallace L. McDonaid.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock in Lady Chapel, Frank Street. Interment in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

War Veteran Hit By Train

Martin J. Schwan Gassed and Shell-Shocked in France, Fatally Injured on Lehigh Tracks

Mr. Schwan, a World War veteran of 47 Dor Street, was struck and fatally injured by a Lehigh Valley train while walking on the tracks of that road towards the village of Morpion on Saturday evening. His skull was fractured, and he was brought to the Highland Hospital, where he died early Easter Sunday morning.

Mr. Schwan, a World War veteran, saw active service in France, and was gassed and shell-shocked. He is survived by three brothers and two sisters, Jacob, Wendel and William Schwan, Miss Rosa Schwan and Mrs. Nicholas Hendsland. His funeral was held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in St. Boniface Church, and interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

CHURCH IN SOUTH HAS NOT GONE BACK

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In Oregon there are two Dioceses, the Archdiocese of Portland and the Diocese of Baker. The Archdiocese of Portland has increased from 105 to 121 and the Diocese of Baker has increased from 49 to 54 as reported by the Catholic Directory, making a total gain for the state of Oregon of 21 churches instead of the reported loss of 37.

Facts Show Progress

The explanation of the apparent discrepancy between the census report and the fact is very simple. The census report includes under the heading "churches" not only parishes and missions with church buildings, but also "stations"—places where there is no church, but where a few families assembled perhaps in a private house for Mass a few times a year. The number of these "stations" showed a falling off in the decade 1916-1926.

In the first place the report on these "stations" has never been accurate and no reliance can be placed upon the report of them from a number of states. But what is of equal importance, with the coming of good roads an dthe auto during the past ten years the people who formerly assisted at Mass occasionally in private houses or small halls have been more generally enabled to attend Mass regularly in parish and mission churches. Consequently the decline of the number of "stations" has been a religious gain.

With two exceptions the Catholic population has increased during the past decade in the above mentioned states. Finally, there has been no closing of the doors of Catholic Churches in the United States to any notable extent during the past decade. In one or two states the number of churches has actually declined by six or seven, and of course here and there a cross roads church has been discontinued by incorporation of its congregation with a better organized parish. This has been progress not retrogression. The truth about the decline of Catholic rural population in the United States during the past two decades is a challenge to the Church in America, but we must be on our guard against giving currency to exaggerated statements.

K. C. Festival Opens Monday

Big Event Will Be Continued All Next Week in The Columbus Auditorium

Next Monday evening, April 8, the Knights of Columbus will open their big fun festival in the Columbus Building Auditorium, corner Lawn and Chestnut Streets. This will be the first event of the kind ever held in the big new Community Center of the Knights, and it is certain to attract a lot of attention, as well as big crowds. It will be open to the public, men and women, and a warm invitation is extended to everybody to be there and see how the festival will be conducted. The festival will be continued every night all week, closing on Saturday evening, April 13th.

Dr. Walter H. O'Neill is general chairman of the big event, and he has arranged, with the assistance of a live lot of co-workers, an entertainment that bids fair to exceed anything of like nature ever held in Rochester. There will be special entertainment each evening of the festival, including vaudeville, comedy, music, novelty acts, and other good things that will be arranged under the direction of Charles Hawken.

There will be thirteen booths, all well stocked and attractively decorated. These will include a ham and bacon booth, a blanket booth, floor lamps and Spanish shawls, leather novelties, groceries, candy and cigars, rabbits, dogs and dolls, ice cream, Coney Island hot, kitchen utensils, china tea sets, umbrellas and a booth styled "Bingo," which will display many attractive articles. The rabbits, dogs and dolls to be shown will be of the stuffed variety which, it is expected, will prove an especial attraction for the children.

The fun festival will be featured by the awarding of six highclass automobiles which will be given away, one on each of the six evenings the affair is in progress.

Scientific History Exposition To Be Held In Florence

Florence, April 2.—Long acknowledged as the art center of Italy and foremost among art centers of the world, Florence now calls attention to her place in the realm of science by holding the First National Exposition of Scientific History, which will occur in April and May. Three pioneer Catholic scientists will have their works graphically presented at the exposition.

Two of these are known as "Florentines"—Galileo who born at Padua but is buried in Florence, and Leonardo da Vinci who was born near Florence, but died in France. Galileo evolved the theory that the earth is a sphere and discovered the principle of the pendulum. Leonardo's supremacy as a painter, sculptor and architect, has practically eclipsed his fame as a profound geologist, botanist, anatomist and aeronautical engineer.

Andrea Cesalpino, physician, philosopher, naturalist and botanist, lived in the sixteenth century and long before William Harvey, had learned many things about the circulatory system of the blood. An examination of his writings on this subject show that he had penetrated further into this secret than any physiologist prior to Harvey. The Florence exposition has the backing of Premier Mussolini and has as its chairman, Prince Piero Ginori Conti. The cabinet ministers head various sections of the committee.

Bombay Catholics Honor Archbishop

Bombay, April 4.—More than thirty-five sodalities took part in the celebration organized in honor of the new Archbishop of Bombay, Msgr. Lima. About 7,000 Catholics participated. The procession accompanied Archbishop Lima to the Church of St. Peter and as he entered the edifice, a hymn of homage was sung. After an address by the Archbishop and solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a Te Deum was sung. Before departing, Msgr. Lima bestowed upon the faithful the apostolic blessing.

Msgr. John Brady Dies At San Diego

San Diego, April 4.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Brady, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, died recently at Mercy Hospital, of heart disease. Born in Ireland 59 years ago, Father Brady was 24 years of age when he was ordained a priest at All Hallows, Dublin. Immediately after his ordination he came to this country and studied for two years at the Catholic University of America.

Second Monument To Cardinal Mercier

Brussels, April 3.—A second memorial to Cardinal Mercier will be erected in Belgium. It will be erected in the cathedral at Malines and will represent the beloved archbishop reemblem upon a bier of bronze. The sculptor of this monument will be a Capuchin, Father Efrém, a resident of Brussels but originally from Poland. The other monument to Cardinal Mercier will be erected at the University of Louvain.

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