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PARISH ACTIVITIES

St. Theodore's Church To Have Two Big Events

St. Theodore's Church, on the Spencerport Road, reached by motoring directly out Lyell Avenue, will have two big events in the near future. The first will be a card party in the church hall on Saturday evening this week, with pedro, pinochle, 500 and other games played, and with suitable door prizes.

The second event will be the big annual smoker of the Holy Name Society of the church, held in the church hall on Saturday evening, January 25. Patrons will receive cigars, cigarettes, and lunch. There will be a vaudeville program, athletic and other entertainment, and a happy time for everybody. The public is invited to both these events, and the admission to each has been fixed at a low fee. The Rev. John J. Baler, rector of the church, extends a cordial invitation to all friends to attend.

Knights of St. John Com. 197 and Ladies To Have Big Party

New Officers of Holy Family Commandery No. 197, Knights of St. John, for the year 1930, were elected as follows at a recent meeting: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Jos. Gefelt; President, Joseph Will; 1st Vice-President, Max Strassner; 2nd Vice-President, F. Voelkl; Rec. Secretary, William C. Schwab; Treasurer, Max Demmert; Financial Secretary, John Braun; Physician, Dr. R. J. Blum; Board of Trustees, George Wurzer, George Demmert, Henry Sches, John Stark and John Merkel.

In the Military Rank John Braun was elected Captain; John Hohe, 1st Lieutenant and John Stark, 2d Lieutenant. A lively year of activities is scheduled for the Full Dress Rank and some new members are expected to join this rank in the near future.

The Annual Joint Installation of newly-elected officers of Commandery No. 197 and Ladies' Auxiliary No. 48 will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, 1930, in the school hall. After this event there will be a buffet lunch with refreshments. Old and new dancing will be a feature of the party, and Bill Schwab's Orchestra will furnish the music. John Stark is Chairman of the committee on arrangements for the party. Mrs. Mary Huether, President of Ladies' Auxiliary No. 48, represents the Ladies on the Committee.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Knights of St. John, Had Fine Meeting

St. Monica's Ladies' Auxiliary No. 164, Knights of St. John, held their annual Christmas party, the home of Mrs. William Rosenbach, with over 50 members present. The tables were beautiful with miniature Christmas trees, bells and flowers. The favors were red and green hats. Rev. J. P. Brophy, Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Father Neary, Father Otto, Father Hart, and Mr. and Mrs. William Rosenbach were guests of honor. Remarks were made by Rev. J. P. Brophy, by Father Neary, by Father Otto in French, and by the President, Mrs. W. H. Rosenbach, who was presented a ten-dollar goldpiece by the members.

The following arranged the dinner and much credit is due them: Mrs. H. Dengler, Mrs. William Cronin, Mrs. Irene Robinson, Mrs. Joseph Coppinger, Mrs. Thomas Rodford, Mrs. F. Bruggemann, Mrs. E. T. Leavy and Florence Brown. The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on January 20th.

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Paid Off \$1,000 On Church Debt By Card Parties

The Church of the Annunciation, corner Norton and North Goodman Streets, will hold the first of a series of card parties in 1930 on Friday evening, January 17th, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The Rev. George Weinmann, pastor of this church, extends a cordial invitation to all friends of the church to attend this party and help his people. Bridge, pedro, pinochle, 500 and dominoes will be played, and there will be prizes and refreshments. Every body is welcome.

The Church of the Annunciation is one of the poorest in the Diocese, but last year \$1,000 was paid on the debt of the church, chiefly through the revenues received from the card parties held by the church. Father Weinmann and his people are delighted with the results of these parties, and they are hoping that 1930 will see a repetition of this success. Any help will be greatly appreciated by this good priest and his people.

LIFE'S DRAMA

Life is a drama for us all; The world, the stage on which 'tis played.

On this stage, all must play a part-- Each boy and girl, each man and maid.

The play begins, when we are born. The stage presents a pretty scene. With skies of blue, and fragrant flowers, sparkling brooks, and trees of green.

But later on, the scene will change. The blue skies will be turned to gray. The flowers will die, the leaves will fall. And the bright sunlight will fade away.

And some will play the heroes part. All through the play unto the end. Some will be false, and others true-- And one, a foe; another, friend.

So, life's great drama must go on. Until there sets our final sun. The lights go out, the stage grows dark-- The curtain falls, the play is done.

—John A. Twamley.

Gave Overcoat To A Poor Man And Got Pneumonia

Gary, Ind., Jan. 10.—The charity of the Rev. John B. Deville, who was knighted by Albert, King of the Belgians, for his role in the World War, may cause his death. The priest was approached by a vagrant Christmas Eve and, realizing that the man was cold, he shed his overcoat and placed it about the man's shoulders. The resultant exposure resulted in pneumonia, from which the priest may die.

Music of Ireland Lecture-Recital On January 20th

The Alumnae of Nazareth Academy are sponsoring a lecture-recital by the Philadelphia artist, Agnes Clune Quinlan, on the music of Ireland. Miss Quinlan, a nationally known musician, was graduated with honor from the Royal Academy and Society of Arts of London. The lecture will be talk on the instruments and the characteristics of the traditional music of Ireland. She will give examples of the three modes or ancient Irish music, the Galtree or Solemn, the Galtree or Gay, and the Soontree or Sleep.

In the second part of the recital the lecture, will illustrate her talk with piano selections. The musical program will begin with selections from the 16th century.

The lecture-recital will be a real treat to all lovers of Ireland and the traditions of the Emerald Isle. It will serve to show what an outstanding musician Ireland has always had in developing its musical culture of the world, as John McCormack says: "Ireland was singing when the breath of history first parted the mists about her coasts."

To the many residents of Rochester who are fortunate enough to be Irish or of Irish descent, this musical will be a wonderful treat. To all the audience, the beauties of the hills of Clare will become a reality and something long to be remembered.

Miss Quinlan is in charge of the Musical Department at the Catholic Summer School of America where, besides teaching music, she gives a series of musical lectures.

This recital will be given on Monday evening, January 20, at 8:15, in the Auditorium of Nazareth Academy. Admission will be 50 cents; student tickets will be 25 cents.

It is hoped that a large number will take advantage of this unusual opportunity to hear a real artist on Irish Music.

The Committee for this recital consists of Mrs. Walter A. Callahan, Chairman; Mrs. William P. Miller; Miss Louise Mussi, Miss Rhea Wahl, Miss Helen Desmond, Miss Eva M. Schreiner.

Ex-Confederate Pays Tribute To The Sisters

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 10.—The Sisters of Mercy of Charleston, S. C., recently celebrated the centennial of the coming of the Sisters to that city. Among the tributes paid to them during the celebration was one by an ex-Confederate soldier, F. R. Jackson, of Company F, Seventh Confederate Veterans. Mr. Jackson wrote the following letter:

"I lost my left arm in battle on James Island, S. C., June 16, 1862, and was there and there taken prisoner by the enemy. I was carried from the battlefield to Charleston, S. C., June 19, 1862, and was there placed in a building known as 'Mary Hospital,' on Queen Street. Here were confined all of the prisoners taken June 16th and they were seriously wounded. Soon after our arrival in Charleston, we were visited by Sister Xavier, accompanied by another Sister of Mercy, each bearing comforts for us, the wounded Confederate prisoners. Sister Xavier came to the hospital daily and each day went to all of our number and gave food, corn bread, meat, gruel, arrowroot, and sometimes chicken broth. She brought me daily, either a bottle of wine or of brandy, generally 'a bottle of old Malaga wine.' There were eight wounded men confined in our cell, only one of whom, Captain Lawler, was a Roman Catholic. All received the same attention at the hands of Sister Xavier and her companion.

"The Sisters were day and night, unremitting in their attentions to us; they provided for all our wants and made our prison-life in Charleston, a perfect Heaven on earth, compared to what we experienced after leaving that place.

"Sister Xavier often brought us interesting books of all kinds, lint, medicines and even money was furnished by her to those in need. Nearly all, if not all, were daily supplied stimulating wine, cordials, brandy or some stimulating liquor. This kind treatment continued without intermission during the two months we were prisoners in Charleston."

Bishop Expelled From Venezuela For Marriage Sermon

Paris, Jan. 10.—According to a dispatch printed in La Croix, the Rev. Fr. Maria Ocha, Bishop of Valencia, Venezuela, has been forced to leave his country because he "violated the Constitution in preaching against civil marriage."

In commenting upon civil marriage on the occasion of the re-marriage of Governor Fonseca following a divorce, Bishop de Ocha is said to have declared that civil marriage is only a formality and that for a Catholic the only valid marriage is one contracted before a priest.

Authors Commend Eddy Biography

New York, Jan. 10.—A council meeting of the Authors' Guild of the Authors' League, meeting here yesterday, commended Scribner's Sons for the publication in face of opposition of Edwin Franden's "Dakin's 'Mist Mind,' the Biography of a Virgin." The resolution also opposed extra-legal efforts made to suppress any volume.

Mr. Dakin and Mr. Scribner have asserted that Christian Scientists attempted to prevent publication of the biography.

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