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Hibernians Will Go To Communion In a Body Sunday

The Ancient Order of Hibernians and Auxiliaries will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 7:30 o'clock Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday morning. All members are requested to meet at the Cathedral School at 7:15 sharp, and go in a body to the Cathedral. A cordial invitation is extended to all people of Irish blood, men and women, to join the Hibernians in this annual Communion Sunday.

The 7:30 Mass will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hera, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. The Bishop will also preach the sermon. It is expected there will be a large audience, and the officers of the Hibernians are anxious to have all members of the A. O. H. and the auxiliaries present on this occasion.

Shamrock Club's Annual Dance Saturday Evening

The Shamrock Club will hold their annual St. Patrick's Dance at the K. of C. Ballroom on Saturday evening, March 15.

Among the guests of honor will be Chief of Police Andrew J. Kavanaugh, District Attorney William F. Love, Leo A. MacSweeney, and County Attorney James E. Cuff.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Hospital Aides Plan Bridge Party To Purchase Books

A subscription Bridge Party will be held next Monday afternoon, March 17th, beginning at 2:30 o'clock in the Nurses' Home, St. Mary's Hospital, for the benefit of a fund with which to purchase new books for the hospital library. The Volunteer Aide Corps of the Hospital will be in charge of the party, and it will be the first benefit conducted by this newly organized society.

Mrs. Frank J. Collins and Mrs. Louis A. Whalen will be in charge of the party, and there will be prizes for every table. They will be assisted by the following committees: Publicity, Miss Elaine Yawman, Mrs. John Burns, the Misses Margaret McEwen, Monica Walsh, Helen Louise Whalen, Mary Louise O'Reilly, Theresa Daus, Catherine Strouger, Katherine Doyle and Mrs. Edward J. Doyle; prizes, Mrs. A. W. Waffie, Mrs. Perry Rapp, Mrs. Robert F. Schanz, and the Misses Elizabeth Murray, Marion Jensen, Katherine Atkinson, Jean McLean, Catherine O'Reilly, Constance Hogan, Elvira Scornetti and Etta Naughton; arrangements, the Misses Ruth Howe, Rose Dunn, Monica McLean, Catherine Howe, Lucille Naylon, Florintra Jensen, Dorothy Cashman, Edna Ryan, Cyrella Kimmel and Anita Hogan, Mrs. Vincent Moore, Mrs. Lindsay Morrison, Mrs. Harry Heisler, Mrs. William Knipfer, Mrs. Irving Thins, Mrs. William Brownell and Mrs. Thomas F. Hanna.

Commandery 106 And Auxiliary 262 Active on March 17

St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, will be a great day for Commandery No. 106 and Auxiliary No. 262, affiliated with St. Patrick's Cathedral. In the morning the Knights of the Commandery, together with every available member of the Rochester Regiment in full dress uniform, will escort the Right Rev. John Francis O'Hera, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, and participate in the solemn celebration to be held in the Cathedral. Rev. Charles F. Shay has announced that seats will be reserved for the ladies of Auxiliary 262.

In the evening the auxiliary, which was formed only recently, will hold a St. Patrick's party in Cathedral Hall after their regular meeting. They have invited the Knights of the Commandery to join them in their festivities.

The Divine Reward Played On March 16 St. Boniface Hall

"The Divine Reward," a dramatization of the life of the venerable Sister Catherine Labouré, will be played in St. Boniface Hall on Whalin Street on Sunday afternoon and evening, March 16, with matinee at 3:15 and evening performance at 8:15. It will be played by the Blessed Clete Unit. Matinee prices will be 15 cents for children, 50 cents for adults. The evening price will be 50 cents for everybody.

Part of the proceeds will be sent by the Porto Rican Mission Circle to the Rev. Francis Brennan, C. S. R., and the balance to the starving people in Porto Rico. Father Brennan is in charge of the mission in Aguas Buenas, where the late Rev. Raymond Seru, C. S. R., a Rochester priest, lost his life in an attempt to save two persons from drowning.

Clete Lochner is the dramatic director of the play. Doris Flinnegan will take the part of Zoe Labouré. Edith Seru, sister of the late Father Seru, will take the part of Antoinette Labouré. Zoe's sister, the Porto Rican Mission Circle is indebted to the Sisters of Charity and to the Blessed Clete Unit for their kindness.

Tickets may be obtained from the following people: Frank Voelki, 626 Maple Street; Leo Zeller, 870 Jay; Joseph Hoffman, 659 Maple; Edna Meyer, 322 Hague; Tom Sarge, 115 Ferris; John Rohn, 377 Grand Ave.; Fred Ritz, 24 Benton; Bert Ehmman, 100 Howard; Francis Moran, 248 Richard; Charles Purcell, 225 Cypress; Charles Bayer, Jr., 616 E. Main; Mrs. E. Heindl, 8 Garson Ave.; Mrs. Geo. Held, Jr., 157 Mulberry; Miss Florence Sattler, 71 Almeron; Miss Elizabeth Ehmman, 275 Caroline; Miss Julia Schenk, 26 Welder; Miss Edith Metzger, 41 Burkhard place; Miss Esther Heisler, 99 Alexander; Miss Dorothy Leinen, 128 Navarro road; Lawrence Peartree, 267 Richard; J. George Schenck, 66 Crawford; Miss Agatha Ruffin, 135 Richard; Robert Kahl, 185 Pearl; Miss Clara Kiehnans, 2 Radlo; Miss Catherine Cook, 246 Cypress; Miss Teresa Flugler, 808 Melgs.

St. Mary's Junior League Officers Are Re-Elected

St. Mary's Junior League, at a meeting last week re-elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. George Kannan; vice-president, Miss Grace Keenan; secretary, Mrs. Joseph H. Engel; treasurer, Mrs. Glen O. Williams.

The first event on the year's program will be a card party in the ball room of the Columbus Building shortly after Easter. Miss Edna Ryan is general chairman of arrangements.

Irish Social Club Will Hold Party St. Patrick's Night

Ireland's Own Social Club will celebrate St. Patrick's night with a dance and luncheon at Hibernian Hall, 198 Main Street West.

All Irish societies are invited to attend. They can make reservations by calling the chairman, Mrs. P. J. Mackey, 91 Congress Avenue, Genesee 543.

Judging from the way the tickets are going, all lines of traffic will lead to Hibernian Hall on the evening of March 17th. All members are requested to attend the regular meeting on Friday night, March 8th. A luncheon will be served. All who have tickets are asked to make returns on Saturday evening, March 15, at Hibernian Hall, when a social time will be held.

This will be the last day on which you can make reservations. Hibernian Hall is the best place to celebrate St. Patrick's night with the old-time Irish dancing and singing. A selection from Moore's melodies on the Irish bagpipes will be a feature of the evening. Make reservations now.

100th Service For St. Patrick In Church Sunday

Services in honor of the patron saint of Ireland will be held for the 100th consecutive time in Mother of Sorrows Church, Mt. Read Blvd., Sunday evening, March 16th. Rev. Henry Mooney, pastor of the Church of Christ the King, Buffalo, will deliver the panegyric of the saint. Rt. Rev. Monsignor Hart will officiate at Benediction.

The first observance of the natal day of St. Patrick in this church was held in 1830. Many of the Irish immigrants who gathered for that first service have carved their names indelibly into the Catholic history of the State. Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will attend the services Sunday eve. Hon. Fred J. Slater, Hon. Wm. F. Schmitt, and Messrs. Walter, Donald and Ben Wielehan will act as ushers.

An Illustrated Mission Lecture For the C. D. of A.

Rev. Leo C. Mooney will give an illustrated lecture before the members of Court Rochester, Catholic Daughters of America, Thursday evening, March 20th, in the Columbus Club Fourth Degree Room. Rev. Charles F. Shay, spiritual adviser, will also be present. The pictures to be shown will illustrate the work done in northern China by the order of priests known as the Dutch Discalced. They are especially interesting, showing not only the spiritual but the social work as well, which consists briefly in caring for foundlings and the blind, the educating of children in primary school work and trades, showing the work of carpet weavers, at which the children are especially skillful, and many other departments.

This meeting has been arranged by Mrs. Charles W. Mayer, social chairman, and will also be in the nature of a get-acquainted assembly. Members of Court Rochester are invited to bring their friends.

Book For March Is "Gloucestermen" By J. B. Connelly

Announcement has come from the office of the Catholic Book Club, located at 46 Eighth Avenue, New York City, that its March selection is "Gloucestermen," by James B. Connelly. Commenting on the monthly choice, Rev. Francis X. Talbot, S. J., Editorial Secretary of the Club, said:

"The author of 'Gloucestermen' must be specially commended because his book is not only entertaining, which is one of the first duties of a novel, but pictures a scene too little recorded."

"How Kind God Is"

How kind, indeed, God is to us, For giving us the Spring, When flowers bloom and fields are green, And song birds sweetly sing.

He gives to us the summer, too, With fields of golden grain; He gives to us the food we eat, The sunshine and the rain.

He gives to us the Autumn time, When Summer has grown old; It is then we see the maple leaves in hues of red and gold.

The winter, too, He gives to us, With fleecy flakes of snow; Yes, God is kind, indeed, As down life's way we go.

So, let us render thanks to Him, For He to us is kind; Let us thank Him for all days to come— And for days left behind.

—JOHN A. TWANLEY.

Catholic Lenten Literature

With Lent now here, our thoughts turn to Lenten practices. Three things especially should be accomplished—a mortification, a prayer, and some extra little act. Now, about that extra little act.

It seems to me that reading would fill in very properly. It would fill in far more properly, if one weren't accustomed to reading Catholic literature. There are any number of Catholic magazines—"The Extension," "The Sacred Heart Messenger," "The Lamp," "Tabernacle," and "Fugate," all interesting and beneficial reading matter. Next come novels—"The Little Cardinal," by Olive Parr; "The Victim of the Seal of Confession," by Father Spellman; "The Gates of Olivet," by Lucille Borden; then biographies—"Life of Father Doyle," "Lives of the Saints," etc.

Does everyone know the life history of her patron saint? If one has already read books that should not have been read, what could be a better way to account for this than to read a book worth reading? Help spread Catholic reading material by asking for Catholic books at the Public Library. If they have Catholic books, well and good. If they have NOT, it's up to us to see that they have. Let's all work together on this by reading Catholic literature.

KATELEEN WHITEFIELD, Junior Class, Nazareth Academy.

Hungary's Regent Aids St. Emmer's Centenary Fete

Vionna, March 14.—Admiral Nicholas Horthy, Regent of Hungary, a Protendant, will witness the great Eucharistic procession of ships along the river Danube, to be held this August as a highlight of the observance this year of the ninth centenary of the death of St. Emmer, son of St. Stephen, founder of the Christian Kingdom of Hungary.

Admiral Horthy will attend in his capacity as deputy of the royal head of the State. He already has placed at the disposal of the committee on arrangements, the large balconies and terraces of the royal castle, which, occupying a splendid site by the river's side, will accommodate some 6,000 distinguished spectators on this occasion.

The observance of the centenary will begin this Spring, and will continue until the Autumn. The crowning events of the commemoration will come with the great international festival, to be held between August 19 and 21. The Eucharistic procession of ships along the river Danube will take place on August 19, the eve of St. Stephen's Day. Budapest is making arrangements to accommodate hundreds of thousands of visitors among them distinguished Catholic prelates from many lands.

There is to be unveiled shortly in one of the most fashionable streets of Budapest, a monument to St. Emmer, which is the work, in bronze, of the Hungarian sculptor, Kifaludi-Strobl. The monument is the gift of Archduchess Isabella, wife of Field Marshal Archduke Frederic. This section, henceforth, will be known as St. Emmer's Suburb.

St. Frances of Rome

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of St. Frances of Rome, one of the greatest mystics of the fifteenth century. She was born at Rome in 1381 of a noble family. From her very earliest years she desired to enter religion, but her father was strongly opposed to her entering the convent. Finally she consented to marry an Italian nobleman at the age of twelve. With her husband's permission, St. Frances practised continency and advanced in a life of contemplation. She is known for her remarkable charity to the poor and her zeal for souls. Through her efforts many ladies in Roman society abandoned a life of frivolity to lead a life similar to that of the religious. St. Frances organized the Benedictine Oblate Congregation of For di Spechi.

This holy woman often had visions which were in the forms of dramas enacted for her by heavenly personages. It has been recorded by historians that she had the gift of miracle, saw the bodily vision of her guardian angel, had revelations concerning purgatory and hell, and foretold the end of the Western Schism. St. Frances is noted for her humility, obedience and patience.

After the death of her husband St. Frances sought admission to the Oblate at For di Spechi. Within a short time after she entered the oblate, she was made superior. On a occasion of a visit to her son, she fell ill and died on the day that she had previously foretold, March 9, 1440. She was venerated by the faithful. In 1608 she was canonized. The Pope assigned March 9th as her feast day.

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