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SENECA FALLS

MRS. MARY A. GREGORY

Seneca Falls, Nov. 6—Mrs. Mary A. Gregory, aged 84, widow of James Gregory, died Friday at her home, 22 Mynderse Street. She leaves four daughters, Mrs. Charles McCoy of Toronto, Mrs. William H. Burns, Mrs. Eugene Stahlnecker and Miss Irene Gregory of Seneca Falls; a sister, Miss Nellie Hughes of Providence, R. I., and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 9 o'clock Monday morning at St. Patrick's Church and there were many friends present.

East Bloomfield Graves Are Blessed on Sunday Afternoon With Impressive Ceremonies

The Rev. Francis Luddy of Rochester Preaches Sermon That Appeals to Large Audience—An Appealing Event.

A cool November afternoon did not deter a large assemblage of people in East and West Bloomfield from participating in the first annual Blessing of the Graves last Sunday.

The services began with a procession from the Church to the cemetery. Rev. Father Doud assisted by Rev. Francis Luddy, of St. Andrew's Seminary together with Howard Tobin and Stephen Tobin as Cross bearer and thurifer preceeded a large crowd of parishioners and friends to the cemetery adjoining the Church. The prayers for the Souls of the Dead were chanted by the Priests while the people recited the Rosary. After the Blessing of the Graves the procession returned to the Church to assist at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and to listen to an eloquent and appropriate sermon by Father Luddy.

Father Luddy after tracing the early history of the burial of the dead spoke in part as follows: "The Church understands the use of material things to direct the minds of men to their heavenly home. Men of the world venerate the relics of patriots and things which symbolized something in the history of their country. The Liberty Bell which peeled forth the glad tidings of liberty for the Colonists is visited and venerated by thousands of people every year in the city of Philadelphia. It is jealously guarded and preserved. It brings to the mind of the beholder the spirit which animated and inspired men to fight for their freedom. It means everything to the American people because it is a relic or a symbol of the trials, the fortitude, the joys and the happiness that were theirs when victory was won. So too the Tomb of the men from foreign lands place wreaths upon that tomb. The body of the soldier beneath that tomb is unknown, yet men pause awhile to pay their respects and honor the dust which lies beneath the slab of marble. Why do men do that? They do so to honor the spirit which actuated and inspired him to give his all for his Country. How thrilled is the stranger approaching our shores when entering New York Harbor he catches a sight of the Statue of Liberty with the Stars and Stripes flying aloft. Yet this is made of cloth, still men see deeper into this symbol of our country. They see behind it all everything for which America stands and understanding these things they reverence and honor that emblem of liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These are only a few of the common observations in life whereby men honor and reverence relics and symbols and all because they carry with them a deeper meaning.

As men use things in the world to convey a deeper meaning so the Church uses ordinary things to symbolize a deeper meaning and to draw the minds of men to higher and nobler things. When we walk in a cemetery we see the tombstones marked with a Cross, on the spires of her churches, over her altars we gaze upon a Cross. In the Holy Sacrifire of the Mass many crosses are made by the Priest, in the administration of the Sacraments or the blessing of religious articles it is always the cross which is used. All this is done because the Cross stands as the emblem or symbol of Christianity.

The Cross Represents

The Cross represents two things—the Death of Christ our Redeemer and Victory. It represents the Death of Christ because it brings to mind all that Christ suffered and died that we might live. It represents Victory because through Christ's sufferings and death sin was conquered. On the Cross Christ died and through His death He rose to glorious Resurrection and to Victory.

In the cemetery we are reminded of death and the resurrection of the body through the Cross. The Church wisely keeps her dead around her not because of their value now but because they were once the temple of the Holy Spirit, because some day that same Holy Spirit will be reunited to those bodies at the General Resurrection. In our day we see men denying things pertaining to the Supernatural life, we behold them blaspheming things sacred and we hear of them abandoning all faith and hope. Amid all this chaos is it not consoling to see the Church standing like a sentinal pointing out the way, the means for man's happiness in this life and in the next? Telling man in no uncertain language of his mortality and of his immortality.

How different is the picture when we behold the good Catholic man or woman who through life entertained God in their bodies, through the reception of His Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Altar; how contented and peacefully they accept the summons of God at the close of their life. They are so disposed because always they had faith and hope in His word that they would not taste death forever. How resignedly they face the hereafter fortified with the Sacraments of God's Church. Is it any marvel that the Church teaches us reverence for the living body as well as for the dead when all these sacred and beautiful things are brought to our minds? Is it any any wonder that the Church teaches us to venerate the bodies of our dear departed and loved ones who now lie cold in death when we know that on the last day they will again be reunited with the soul in a glorified state? None of these things are strange because we realize the sublimity of it all, because they raise our hearts and minds in this life to fight on and to courageously face death, because as our dear departed relatives and friends hoped and prayed to God in this life and are now reaping the rewards of their good deeds so we too some day may when God calls us also enjoy the fruits of our deeds with happiness in Heaven.

To all this the cemetery consecrated with the Church's solemn prayers is the answer, the belief in the Resurrection of the Body. To those who have faith in God's words there is a Heaven, there is a Purgatory, there is a Hell where God's justice will be vindicated."

K. C. Officers Are Installed For New Year

District Deputy Timothy V. O'Donnell and Staff of Albion officiated — Active Season Planned.

Officers of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, recently elected, were installed on Thursday evening this week in the Columbus Civic Center, with District Deputy Timothy V. O'Donnell of Albion and staff officiating.

The following were installed: Grand Knight, John A. Doyle; Deputy Grand Knight, Dr. Walter B. O'Neill; Chancellor, James E. Cuff; Advocate, Frederick J. Mix; Recorder, Thomas H. O'Connor; Financial Secretary, Paul A. Predmore; Treasurer, George W. Henner; Warden, Leo F. Rombaut; Inside Guard, William A. Kunz; Outside Guard, Angelo Di Nieri; Trustees, Andrew J. Schell, Cyril J. Statt and William J. Hauser; Lecturer, George J. Law. The Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen is chaplain of the Council.

Following the installation, a regular meeting of the Council was held. Lecturer Law outlined activities for the coming Winter. He announced that each Saturday afternoon in the K. of C. Club rooms in the Columbus Civic Center there will be a discussion on some current topic of interest.

FAIRPORT

MAHONEY—McDONNELL

Fairport, Nov. 6.—Many friends here are interested in the marriage on Oct. 21 of Miss Cecelia E. Mahoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Mahoney of Kenwood Avenue, Rochester, and Charles J. McDonnell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. McDonnell of Fairport. The ceremony took place in the Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron officiating, assisted by the Rev. Leo V. Smith.

The bride wore a gown of ivory satin and her ivory tulle veil was arranged in cap fashion and caught with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Anita Mahoney, sister of the bride, was her maid of honor and wore pink satin with matching hat, mitts and pumps and carried an arm bouquet of pink roses tied with tulle.

Tom McDonnell was best man for his brother and the ushers were Frank Mahoney and John McDonnell.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served for members of the immediate families at the home of the bride. The couple will have the best wishes of many friends for a happy married life.

Chicken Pie Supper Sat. Eve. In Scottsville

Scottsville, Nov. 6—A chicken pie supper—one of the finest and best to be found—will be served in Windom Hall, Scottsville, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. this Saturday evening, November 7th, by the women of the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption. All present and former members of the parish, and all friends of the parish, men, women and children, are cordially invited to attend this supper. The cost will be reasonable, the service fine, the hospitality of the best.

This supper will mark the 21st anniversary of the pastorate in this church of the Rev. P. J. McArdle, one of the best beloved priests in the diocese. Father McArdle has endeared himself to all people in this community during his long residence here, and he will receive many congratulations and good wishes on his anniversary. A big crowd is expected to be on hand to join in these felicitations Saturday evening.

Parish News

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MRS. CHARLES H. CAMERON

Mrs. Bessie Harris Cameron, wife of Charles H. Cameron, died Saturday after a long illness and was buried on Tuesday from the Immaculate Conception Church. There was a large attendance at the funeral, including a number of priests. Mrs. Cameron was a well beloved young woman, devoted to her family and friends, and the memory of her love and goodness in life will not soon be forgotten. Her death has brought sincere sorrow to many hearts. Besides her husband, Charles H. Cameron, she is survived by two sons, Robert E., Charles J.; two daughters, Betty E., Eileen M. Cameron; seven brothers, William J. R., Emmett, Frederick J., Harold C. of Rochester, Samuel J. of Greenwich, Conn., D. Walter of Chicago, Ill., and George F. Harris of Los Angeles, Cal.; one sister, Mrs. Gardner C. Kavanaugh of Rochester.

Parish News

CORPUS CHRISTI

DWYER—MURPHY

Miss Margaret Mary Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Murphy of Elton Street and Edward D. Dwyer of Macedon were married in Corpus Christi Church Tuesday morning, October 20 at 9 o'clock. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hart, pastor of the church, officiated. Miss Helen Ankner played the organ.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Miss Helen Murphy, sister of the bride, was her maid of honor. Miss Marie Dwyer, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. John L. Dwyer, brother of the groom, was best man and the ushers were John J. Murphy and James M. Maxwell.

The wedding breakfast was served at the Green Lantern Inn, Fairport, for the immediate families and the bridal party.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer left for a trip to New York and Philadelphia and on their return will be at home at 63 Chili Avenue. They will have the best wishes of their numerous friends for a happy married life.

Immaculate Conception Annual Supper To Be Held Tues. Eve., Nov. 17

A sauerkraut supper will be served at Immaculate Conception Auditorium on Tuesday evening, November 17, 1931. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Culligan as Chairman and a large committee of men and women of the parish are working to make this a very pleasant affair. Serving will start at 5:30 P. M. Music and dancing will follow. Tickets are 60c and should be secured before the date set. For information call Gen. 6568 or Main 5284.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Walter A. Callhan of Westminster Road went last week to Ithaca to be present at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cornell Alumnae Corporation. Mrs. Callhan was accompanied by her daughter, Betty Anne.

Oliver Boucher is a patient in St. Mary's Hospital, where he recently underwent a minor operation.

Miss Marie L. Dwyer and Joseph J. Spahn will be united in marriage in Corpus Christi on November 14th, and the marriage will bring forth the good wishes of many friends for the couple.

Nazareth College News

The meeting of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae was changed from Wednesday evening, November 4, to Thursday evening, November 5, at Nazareth College. This meeting was held for the purpose of organizing the Rochester circle. Miss Alice Wilman, governor of the New York State branch of the Federation, was present to help organize. The regent of the western New York circle, Miss Dorothy McGrath, president of the Nazareth College Alumnae, is in Washington at present, and Mrs. Lois Foley Daly took her place.

The Alumnae of all Catholic high schools and academies, and the representatives of all Catholic Colleges, holding membership in the Federation, who reside in Rochester were cordially invited to attend this meeting.

On Monday afternoon, October 26, the Freshmen entertained their sister class, the Juniors at a Hallowe'en party. A short entertainment was given which was followed by a lunch and dancing.

Nazareth College will give its annual play on the evenings of November 23 and 24 a Nazareth Academy auditorium under the auspices of the Dramatic Club. Philip Barry's "Holiday" has been chosen and work on it is now well under way. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Josephine Koch, Miss Mary Fraher who head the ticket committee or from any student of the college.

Blessed Sacrament

Blessed Sacrament—Oxford Street; the Rev. Thomas F. Connors, Pastor. Hours of Masses: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00.

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