

St. Stephen's Mens Communion Will Be Offered for Mothers

Geneva.—For the double purpose of commemorating Mothers' Day and observing the regular Holy Name Sunday, the members of the Holy Name Society of St. Stephen's parish will receive Holy Communion in a body Sunday, May 14, at the 7:30 o'clock Mass.

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Activities in Auburn

By PAUL W. PINCKNEY More than 100 members of the Young Ladies Sodality of St. Mary's Church attended the annual Communion Breakfast Sunday morning in the Pompeian Room of Hotel Osborne. After the 8:30 o'clock Mass at which the society receives Holy Communion in a body, the young ladies marched to the hotel. Rev. Armand Benoit, assistant pastor, celebrated the Mass.

Addresses were given by the Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, pastor; Rev. Timothy McGrath, assistant pastor; and spiritual adviser of the sodality; and Mrs. Joseph L. Barry, who spoke briefly on "Leadership." Vocal solos were rendered by the Misses Margaret Gaynor, Mary Dunn and Lucy Holster with Miss Elizabeth Scollan, accompanist. The Misses Helen and Anna Crawford also gave a short skit entitled, "Mille and gulle."

Symbolic of sports awards earned during the first season of organized basketball, block athletic letters were presented to 19 members of the first and second teams of the Holy Family High School squad Friday afternoon in the Holy Family Auditorium. The stage was decorated with the same colors, purple and gold, and gift of the first graduating class in 1934, hung over the center of the platform. The assembly period opened and closed with music by the new high school orchestra under the direction of Mr. Finch.

Rev. William E. Davie, principal, introduced the speakers including Coach Joseph Curtin and Very Rev. Dean John A. Conway, pastor of Holy Family Church. The following received block "HF" letters: First team—Rocco A. Impaglia, Francis J. Kelly, John A. Lyons, Adolf L. Leide, Victor J. Leide, Robert E. McDonald, Ronald J. MacTaggart, John J. Poole, William J. Muldoon, Raymond T. Wise; second team—James L. Carroll, John F. Hickey, William E. Johnson, Robert P. Marron, Daniel D. McCarthy, William A. Morgan, Bernard F. O'Hara, Joseph M. Quigley, and Theodore P. Welgoss.

The Young Ladies Sodality of St. Alphonsus Church held a social and entertainment Monday evening at the Church Recreation Hall, 11 Water Street. The program was presented under the direction of Miss Kay Salzer, assisted by Margaret Bennett, Mary Steigerwald and Carolyn Casper. Others who took part were Rita Boyer, Helen Fritts, Veronica Hyland, Margaret Dorsey, Jane Salzer, Millie Weaver, Cap Tyler, Arlene Hudson, Christine Steigerwald, Margaret Harris, Irene Delaney and Gertrude Webber.

Forty Hours Devotion

MAY 14 St. Mary's, Rochester; Avon; Seneca Falls; St. Mary's, Corning; St. Aloysius, Auburn; Mendon; St. Thomas, Summerville; Newark Valley; St. Ignatius Loyola, Hornell.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

Within The Law

Radio Talk Given by The Rev. William J. Mahoney, C. M. J. C. D., Over-Station WHAM, Sunday, May 7

Last week we endeavored to prove that Ethics is a science of right living. Right living connotes living according to a certain rule of righteousness or law. Today, we undertake to explain the nature of this law. In so doing we will show the science of our subject and that man is within the law.

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Many Attend Funeral of J. Francis Callahan

Auburn.—One of the largest attended laymen funerals, here for many years was held at St. Mary's Church when people from all walks of life were present at the final rites of J. Francis Callahan, prominent Auburn contractor, who died suddenly of heart disease last Thursday morning at Canton, N. Y. More than 50 automobiles carried the mourners, many of whom are widely known in this city and throughout the state.

A solemn high Mass of requiem was read by Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen, the pastor, as celebrant. Rev. Dr. Edward Byrne of St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester, deacon; Rev. Timothy J. McGrath, subdeacon; and Rev. Andrew DiStefano of Lyons, master of ceremonies in the sanctuary were Rev. John Newcomb of Rochester, Rev. John Neary of Montezuma and Rev. Donald M. Clary of Holy Family Church in Terment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

The natural law is the eternal law made known to a rational creature whereby to measure his own free acts. But is there anything definite to this law? Does it command or forbid anything specifically? The answer to this question is found in studying the content of the law. With the first flush of reason in the child—there appears to him the most general or primary precepts of this law. "Do good and avoid evil." "Lead a life in accord with reason." These are some of the first notions of morality that appear with the dawn of reason on the mental horizon of the child. And as reason begins to develop with the accumulation of ideas and judgments from this knowledge of the primary principles, there emerges immediately the secondary precepts of the law. These moral truths flow immediately and necessarily from the first general formulae: "Adore God," "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother," "Thou Shalt not Steal." In fact all the ten commandments, with the possible exception of the third, wherein the Sabbath is designated as the Holy Day, pertain to this secondary class of precepts.

The ten commandments written upon stone and given to Moses were not only the seal of divinity upon them, they were simply a more explicit codification of the law already written on the fleshly tablets of man's heart. And with these primary and secondary principles as a basis and with reason as a guide, the scientist of morals proceeds to show the rightness and wrongness in every moral act of man. From the simple to the more complicated problems does he cautiously advance. He does not arrogate to himself claims of mathematical certitude in the solution of a moral problem. But he carefully weighs the arguments for or against an opinion, and gives his own weighted with sufficient reason as to decide the moral quality of an act. Thus he argues: "Evil is to be avoided"—"But murder is evil"—"Therefore, murder is wrong." It is commanded: "Thou shalt not kill"—but the moralist scientifically distinguishes between a justified killing as would occur in a just war and an unjust killing as would be the act of a gangster. Problems of duelling, divorce, birth control, capital, labor and others he attacks with the same precision and unbiased reason. And thus we see the natural law made manifest to man by the light of his own reason. And by virtue of this same light we see its general principles resolving themselves into particular rules for all his moral actions.

Implanted in Nature

All men who enjoy the use of reason know the general prescriptions of the natural law. It is morally impossible for any man, no matter how low be his intelligence quotient, to remain for any length of time in ignorance of these principles. They are implanted in his very human nature and compel recognition as soon as reflective thinking functions. The savage may not be able to recite the commandments as a boy in Sunday school, but nevertheless he has an in-born sense and a reasonable appreciation of the substance of these commandments.

All men know the natural law. They are aware moreover that they are under an irresistible necessity to live according to its precepts.

Man sees himself drawn to God as his ultimate end. He sees that end as the only adequate satisfaction for the cravings of his rational being. He knows to attain that end he must do the will of God. And God's will for him finds articulation in the natural law. The awe-inspiring signs of divine sanction that accompanied the giving of the ten commandments on Mount Sinai merely confirmed man's already felt sense of obligation to observe the precepts of his nature-born law.

Within the law man finds himself. He can no more escape it than he can the other limitations of his created existence. It is the will of God binding him as a man to certain lines of moral action. It is impounded in his rational nature. It is revealed to him by his right reason. It directs him to his last end. It is the natural law.

ITHACA ITEMS

By LOUISE PATRICIA PAUL The 19th anniversary banquet of the Court Santa Maria, 240, Catholic Church when people from all walks of life were present at the final rites of J. Francis Callahan, prominent Auburn contractor, who died suddenly of heart disease last Thursday morning at Canton, N. Y. More than 50 automobiles carried the mourners, many of whom are widely known in this city and throughout the state.

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The Parent-Teacher Association of the Immaculate Conception School was organized recently at a meeting in Parish Hall held under the auspices of the Ithaca District of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Officers chosen for the year 1933-34 were: Mrs. Ralph Lent, president; Mrs. Charles Purter, vice-president; Mrs. H. M. Peters, secretary; Mrs. Patrick Howley, treasurer; and Mrs. B. L. Mellberg, auditor.

The Study Club on Church History of the National Council of Catholic Women met Wednesday afternoon, May 10, at the home of Mrs. John Dedowitz, 202 Delaware Avenue. The club will suspend its activity during the summer months on completion of the current history.

The Volunteer Sewing Group meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons at the Knights of Columbus Home, 114 South Albany Street. The group, which has been collaborating with the Red Cross and the Family Welfare Society, has been directed by Mrs. R. L. Sullivan.

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