

CALENDAR OF FEASTS

By N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE
Sunday, May 31—St. Petronilla, virgin, is said to have been a daughter of St. Peter, who was martyred before he was called to become one of the Apostles.

Monday, June 1—St. Justin, martyr, born in the first year of the second century, sought the true source of wisdom among the many diverse schools of philosophy. The Scriptures and the constancy of the Christian martyrs led Justin from the darkness of humanism to the light of faith. At Rome he sealed his testimony with his blood.

Tuesday, June 2—St. Potitus, Bishop, governed the See of Lyons during the persecution that brooked not in that city in 177 during which many were martyred.

Wednesday, June 3—St. Clothilde, Queen, was the wife of Clovis, King of the Franks. By her virtue and wisdom she converted her husband to the Faith and with him the entire nation. She died in 545.

Thursday, June 4—St. Francis Caracciolo, born of a princely family, after being miraculously cured of leprosy left his home entirely for the priesthood. He founded an Order of Clerks Regular who maintained one of their number always in perpetual adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday, June 5—St. Boniface, Bishop and martyr, was born in Devonshire, in 680. Receiving authority from the Pope, he preached the Faith in Bavaria, Thuringia, Hesse, Friedland and Saxony. While on some newly-baptized Christians, he and his attendants were attacked by a troop of pagans. The saint forbade his attendants to offer resistance and he and fifty-one others were slain.

Saturday, June 6—St. Norbert, Bishop, after leading a life of dissipation at the court of the Emperor Henry IV—that was not devoid of sin—abandoned his former life and established the Canons Regular of the Strict Observance commonly known as "Trappists," founded in 1080 in France.

Besides the three usual vows of abstinence the Trappist makes two others: (1) stability—a vow to live and die in the monastery where he makes his profession; and (2) conversion of manners, a vow that obliges him to strive continually after perfection.

Of their observances the most notable are perpetual silence and abstinence from flesh meat, fish and eggs except on the days of Lent.

The schedule of their daily duties is changed three times in the year. When I gave the retreat it was the following for weekdays for choir religious:

The Daily Regimen

2:00 a.m. Rise. Little Office of Blessed Virgin

3:00 a.m. Canonical Mass, Interval

3:30 a.m. Prime, Chapter, Funeral

4:00 a.m. 12 o'clock, bread, Interval

4:45 a.m. Hours, High Mass

Sext, 5:15 a.m. End of work, Interval

5:30 a.m. None, Popular Feasts, Angelus

6:00 a.m. Holydays, 6:30 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m. First Friday, 9 a.m., Daily, 7:30 a.m.

ST. BONIFACIUS

Gregory St. 11, Rev. Msgr. J. P. Neppel, Masses: Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, 6:30 a.m.; Daily, 7:30 a.m.

ST. MARGARET MARIA

Robert Parkway, Rev. C. J. Broderick, Masses: Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m., Daily, 7:30 a.m.

MASSES in the Rochester Diocese

RECEIVED SACRAMENT

October 20, 1935—St. John's Church, Monday, 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, 5:30 p.m.—Holyday, 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, 5:30 p.m.—Tuesday, 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, 5:30 p.m.—Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, 5:30 p.m.—Thursday, 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, 5:30 p.m.—Friday, 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, 5:30 p.m.—Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, 5:30 p.m.—Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, 5:30 p.m.—High Mass, 12 noon.

CORPORAL CHRISTIA

Mass St. 100, Rev. Msgr. W. J. Hart, Masses: Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m., Daily, 7:30 a.m., Daily, 7:30 a.m.

HOLY ROSARY

Lakeview Ave., Rev. W. A. Powers, Masses: Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Daily, 7:30 a.m.

TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Plymouth Ave., Rev. Msgr. J. S. Cameron, Masses: Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m., Daily, 7:30 a.m., Daily, 7:30 a.m.

A Special Gift

For those of moderate means, we think that the following makes a very beautiful gift for a mission chapel: A Crucifix for the Altar A Set of Candlesticks

All these can be given for twenty-five dollars. The crucifix will be placed on the Altar, the candlesticks will be used at every Mass, and the candles will burn at all the Masses and devotions during the year.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

After Our Lord ascended into Heaven, the Apostles, including the twelve, returned to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Ghost. This took place on Pentecost, ten days after Our Lord's Ascension. This is the Feast we celebrate next Sunday. Many have recalled the birthday of the Apostles during the active work of preaching the Gospel. No longer fearful and cowardly, they went out and mingled with men. They cared nothing for the hostility of the Jews, and the more they were persecuted, the more did they preach. St. Peter, in his sermon on the Day of Pentecost, ten thousand converts were won over to the Truth. The Church grew and the Apostles resided in their success. Opposition was everywhere, but guided by the Spirit of Truth, they transmitted the Gospel throughout the world.

All this happened in the Near East. Today, Political and Social forces have indeed met that the Apostles accomplished. Pray for our priests and do what you can for them.

FIVE MONTHS

The month of May is over and June about to open. Five months have passed since New Year's Day. Time goes quickly.

How far we are from you since the first of the year? We have missed some old friends. Do not forget our missionaries. They are working hard under very difficult conditions. Anything you do for them is a help.

MASS VESTMENTS

Twenty Dollars will purchase a set of vestments in the style of the New Mass. Many parishes pastored by us would be grateful if they received an offering to buy a set of vestments. Some are wearing vestments that are patched beyond the point of being respectable.

CHALICES FOR NEW MISSIONS

New missions will be opened and newly ordained priests will take care of them. Chalices are needed for these new missions. Please consider purchasing one in the Near East.

FOR YOUR DECEASED

Remember your deceased. Enroll them in this Association. All our members, the living and the dead, share in fifteen thousand dollars every year. Besides these there is a special offering a Mass every morning for the deceased.

ORTOGONIAN MASSES

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MEMBERSHIP IS EASY

Are you a member? You must be a member of the Society in order to receive these notes. Enroll today. The dues are One Dollar a year. There are the special appeals or letters.

OUR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION

New York, N. Y.

Trappists' Lives In Kentucky

By REV. BRUNO HAGSPIEL, S. X. D.

The result of one of my interviews with him gave birth to this article. I say "the apparent lack of interest and sympathy for contemplation" because that is only affected. My real sentiments are just the contrary. I only assumed that position in order to draw Father Guerier out. This he did admirably.

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"Not long ago the writer gave a retreat to the Trappist monks of the Abbey of Getsemani.

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"Father Guerier Explains

"According to our constitutions," answered Father Guerier, "we seek the perfection of the spiritual life by means of contemplation and evangelical perfection. Thus our proper end is evangelical perfection. The first means to attain this is contemplation. Contemplation is nothing other than union with God."

"The contemplative, then, is a man who daily finds God in God, in His mystery, and His attributes, of His heart to love Him, and of His will to serve Him."

"A cursory glance through our rules will clearly show that our daily life is arranged primarily with a view to prayer, union with God. There is no mention of the outer world or external duties, but the divine office, prayer and psalm reading, which form the exercises of the contemplative life, occupy the major part of our day."

"In addition the Rule counsels us to devote ourselves frequently to prayer and to have ever before our minds the thought of God. Mental labor tranquillizes the soul and disposes it to resume its converse with heaven, or rather the beatific vision, which is never disturbed, allowing us to lead a life of continual prayer. Fasting, watching, mortification, and obedience detract the soul from lower things, disengaging it from the sway of the senses and enabling it to wing its flight to God without impediment."

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