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PARISH NEWS

St. Joseph's, St. Monica's, St. Augustine's
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Immaculate Conception

Literary Cavalcade

By WILLIAM J. GRACE and JOHN J. O'CONNOR
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and profound truth in the familiar setting
A carpenter's apprentice's resignation,
Whom we have been at work here in the town
Day after day, a stripping without learning.

G. K. Chesterton in one of his shorter, yet one of his greatest poems, entitled "The Negative Child" is eloquent in his condemnation of the Pharisee who riveting his attention on the trivial, overlooks the real significance of the occasion.

The teachers in the Temple They did not lift their eyes For the blazing star on Bethlehem Or the Wise men grown wiser. They heeded not and title, They heeded not a jot The rending voice of Ramah.

The last line is a reference to the words of Jeremiah: "A Voice in Ramah was heard, lamentation and great mourning, Rachel bewailing her children and would not be comforted, because they are not." The Pharisee, hushed with their texts, have overlooked the crying injustices around them, the "red sword" of the rich, the "crying through the night," but neither that condition nor the tyranny of Herod bothered them.

They made their notes while naked And monstrous and obscene A tyrant bathed in all the blood Of men that might have been.

The wisdom of Christ is beyond mortal capacity, yet men through Grace may share it. Chesterton says in one of his essays, "The only test I know by which to judge one argument or inspiration from another is ultimately this: that all the noble necessities of man speak the language of strategy. When men are doing the three or four things that he was sent on this earth to do, then he speaks like one who shall live forever." Do we not know that we must be about our Master, Christ's business?

What constitutes wisdom? Leonid Bloy, a stringer of Frenchman who has so much to offer in the way of penetrating Christian criticism, says:

"I once knew a very poor girl - Voronika - as devoid of learning as much as anyone could be but whose heart shone like all the stars and constellations she knew nothing, except, her own nothingness and the unreassuring obedience that love demanded. Because of that she was raised to the exemplification of the glory of God and received such light that I cannot think of it without a dying of admiration and awe."

There are many paths to wisdom, but the common light of love must shine upon them all. Foolishness as the indifference arising from heeding not a jot "The rending voice of Ramah."

Good works are the demonstration of wisdom. To return to the words of Longfellow:

He hath appointed me to preach good tidings Unto the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, To comfort those that mourn, and to throw open The prison doors of captives, and to proclaim The Year Acceptable of the Lord, Our God."

And what of today? Are we wise in our generation? We conclude with a quotation from a philosopher-critic remarking on a new Christian humanism, which is a return to wisdom.

The new humanism begins where a new confidence in man begins, and this new confidence begins with a new and profound knowledge of redemption, of man's essential union with God.

Revealing that amazing paradox, "the mystery of Divine humanity," Christ astonished all by his divinity and yet he went down to Nazareth and was subject to his parents, and advanced in wisdom and age and grace with God and men.

Family Communion Sunday
St. Monica's Parish

ORGANIZATION NEWS

By MARY CALFIELD
The Rosary Society will hold its meeting for the month of January on Friday evening, Jan. 10, in the parish hall. All members are requested to be present on this occasion.

The Altar Society of St. Monica's Church held a desert bridge in the parish hall on Thursday afternoon. The many parishioners who attended declared the party to be most successful.

Members of the Senior Group of the Young Ladies' Sodality will hold their January meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 13. Miss Rosemary Collins, prefect of the group, will have several very important announcements to make at this time, and all Senior Sodality members are urged to attend.

The High School Study Club resumed its regular meetings on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Parents whose children are of high school age have been asked to cooperate with the parents by sending their boys and girls to this religious instruction class, which, together with the social program, terminates promptly at 10 o'clock.

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Party To Aid Expansion Fund

A busy schedule, climaxed by a party with the Central Bureau supplied with pertinent information on questions of the day.

The Annual Mass in memory of the late Rev. Jacob Staub will be offered on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 11 o'clock in Holy Redeemer Church. All delegates and members of both branches are requested to meet at 10 A. M. in the parish hall.

The regular meeting of the women's branch is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, 8 o'clock, in St. Joseph's Hall. St. Monica's Church will serve a lunch.

St. Andrew's Parish
NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED
Members of the Junior Holy Name Society met in the school hall last Monday evening for the symbolic installation of new officers.

Herb Platter handed the books over to Walter Strutz as recording secretary and Bob Cluff succeeded him as financial secretary. Roy Mitter took over the position as treasurer.

Holy Name was presented by the director Father Heimel, to the retiring officers and committee heads as a token of the gratitude of the Society for work well and faithfully accomplished in 1940.

Presiding officers then led the members in the recitation of the Holy Name Pledge after making their own pledge towards the faithful discharge of their duties.

Bob Glasgow announced the new heads of the committees: Eucharistic Society, Parish, Ed Kolb and John Ray Kohl Entertainment.

Central Verein Lists National Meet In N. Y.

NEW YORK - The Central Verein of America and the Catholic Women's Union of New York will hold their eighty-sixth annual convention here Aug. 16-20, according to plans made Monday at a meeting of the Central Committee in charge of the convention for 1941.

The meeting next summer will be the first national gathering of the Central Verein in this city since 1919.

The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will preside at the Pontifical High Mass, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, which will formally open the convention on August 17.

Among those present at Monday's meeting were William J. Spill, President of the Catholic Central Verein, Mrs. Mary Flisor Lott, National President of the Catholic Women's Union, Albert J. Sattler, Chairman of the General Convention Committee, Mrs. Catherine Schmidt, President of the New York Catholic Women's Union and William J. Kapp, President of the New York City Catholic Central Verein and Treasurer of the national organization.

Family, Communion Sunday
Immaculate Parish

PARENTS' NIGHT

By MARY WYNN
The Immaculate Conception Guild held its Parents' Night before the regular monthly meeting last Monday evening. Plans for a pre-Lenten card party were discussed.

Parents of the Boy Scouts are planning a parents' night to be held next Tuesday evening in the school. A spaghetti supper will open the evening's entertainment.

Moving pictures and cards will follow. It will be an opportune time for the Boy Scout parents to become acquainted with one another and to discuss troop problems and how the boys can be best helped.

Boy Scouts of Troop 13 of the Immaculate spent last week-end at Camp Cutler. Although there was no snow the boys enjoyed many other activities. Twenty-four Scouts filled the lodge to capacity. It is planned to have at least two more of these week-end camps during the winter season. Scout Masters John Hulbert and Elmer Koster say.

The Sodality of Our Lady held its formal dinner on Tuesday evening at the Orenbaco. Miss Margaret Kenny was chairman of the affair which proved most enjoyable. Rev. Charles V. Boyle was the guest speaker.

A testimonial dinner to the various groups of the parish was held during the holiday season. Attendees at the dinner were the priests of the parish, the trustees, Michael Shea and Charles Maloy, the audience, Fred White and Thomas Carroll, the choir under the leadership of Paul A. Predmore, Miss Mary Keeffe organist, members of the Rectory household and Mrs. Joseph Resch school nurse.

Family Communion Sunday
Avon Parish Men To Hear Ken O'Dea

Ken O'Dea of Avon, nationally known New York Giant catcher will recount interesting experiences in baseball at a baked ham supper to be served in St. Agnes Church school hall, Avon, Tuesday evening, Jan. 14.

The supper will be served at 6:30 P. M. under the auspices of the Holy Name Society for the men of the parish. Interesting movies on baseball will be shown. A large attendance is expected. Thomas Coyne, president of the Holy Name Society, will be toastmaster.

The fifteen group leaders of the Holy Name Society are working on arrangements. The supper will be served under direction of women of the Rosary Society. Mrs. Edward Moran, chairman, is being assisted by Mrs. Frank Light, Mrs. John McLaughlin, Mrs. William McIntee, Mrs. Steve Stoltman, Mrs. Peter Zifka, Mrs. Samuel Nesbitt and Mrs. Charles Barber.

Family Communion Sunday

Imperiled Flyer's Prayer Recalls Little Girl Who Received Tricycle

LONDON - In telling the story of Flight-Lieut. R. W. Ospring's prayer when his parachute got stuck as he baled out, the Universe recalls Archbishop Downey's tale of the little girl who prayed so hard for a bicycle that she got a tricycle.

Flight-Lieut. Ospring, who has won the D. F. C. for bringing down 10 enemy planes, told the boys of his old school, De La Salle College, Sheffield, that he baled out when he found the tail of his plane shot away.

On the way down he pulled the ripcord and found the ropes were twisted, and his left leg was mixed up with the strings attached to his harness.

The parachute opened partially, he said, "but I knew I was falling badly. So I prayed that I would land in a tree."

"Providence was kind and provided a whole wood."

Family Communion Sunday
Business Man Dies at Mass
Montreal - Thomas Sullivan, 67, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Canadian Ingersoll-Rand Company, died suddenly while attending Sunday Mass at the Church of the Ascension in Westmount.

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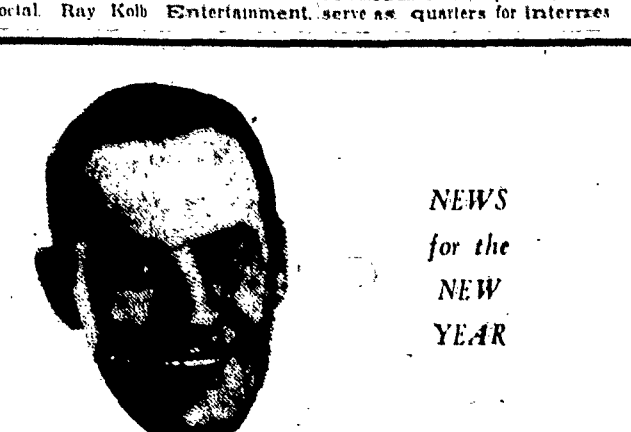
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