

War Crisis Adds Special Significance To Lenten Rites Opening Ash Wed.

Churches List Added Masses, Devotions

With the nation at war, the special Lenten services and devotions in Churches of the diocese will have a more significant meaning to the faithful, this year.

The Holy Season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 18, which is Ash Wednesday, when the faithful will receive the Blessed Ashes on their foreheads to remind them of their last end and of the necessity of contrition and penance during the Lenten season.

Wednesday services, consisting of Rosary, Sermon and Benediction, will begin at 7:45 P. M. Stations of the Cross, every Friday, will be at 3:30 and 7:45 P. M.

Services in the downtown churches have been announced by the pastors, this week. Services of other churches are announced in the parish news. The announcements follow:

Old St. Mary's Church The Rev. Maynard A. Connell, Ph.D., of St. Bernard's Seminary, will deliver the Lenten series of sermons at Old St. Mary's Church, Washington Park, each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Topics of Doctor Connell's sermons will be: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18—"That Word—Remember!"

Wednesday, Feb. 25—"Miscellaneous Strategy."

Wednesday, Mar. 4—"Real Home Defense."

Wednesday, Mar. 11—"Propaganda."

Wednesday, Mar. 18—"Limitless Resources."

Wednesday, Mar. 25—"That Victory Symbol."

Lenten schedule of Masses at Old St. Mary's Church announced by the Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell, pastor, follows:

Weekday Masses—7, 8, 12:10 (noon).

Sundays—7, 8, 9:30, 10:15, 10:30, 11, 11:30 and 12:15 (noon).

St. Joseph's Church A Noon-Day Mass in St. Joseph's Church will be celebrated daily during Lent beginning Ash Wednesday at 12:15 P. M.

Our Lady of Victory Every day at noon, beginning at 12:15 P. M., there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction at Our Lady of Victory Church on Pleasant St.

Each Wednesday of Lent at 7:45 P. M. there will be a sermon on the Meditation of the Passion of Our Lord. Stations of the Cross will be at 7:45 P. M., each Friday.

Noted Authority To Talk On 'Farming Cooperatives'

Founder of Granger Project Coming For Lecture, Feb. 17

"Farming Cooperatives As An Aid to Christian Living," will be the topic of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Luigi G. Ligutti, LL.D., executive secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, who will address a public gathering in St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 402 South Ave., on Tuesday evening, Feb. 17, at 8 P. M.

Monsignor Ligutti, who is the founder of the Granger Homestead Cooperative Community in Iowa, will address a joint meeting of the Catholic Workers, the Rochester Catholic Labor College and other interested persons. There will be no admission charge.

Presenting the nationally known priest-pioneer in the cooperative movement will be the Rev. George C. Vogt, diocesan director of the Catholic Rural Life Bureau and spiritual director of the Catholic Worker Group.

Movements of the kind successfully carried on by Monsignor Ligutti are based on principles enunciated in the Papal Encyclicals. Those in charge of the lecture point out the following excerpts from the Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII as timely:

"The momentous seriousness of the present state of things just now fills every mind with painful apprehension; wise men discuss it; practical men propose schemes; popular meetings, legislatures, and sovereign princes, all are occupied with it—and there is nothing



Msgr. L. G. Ligutti

which has a deeper hold on public attention."

The cooperative movement has come to be recognized as, perhaps, the most radical—in the true sense of fundamental and profound—and the most practical Christian solution to the modern industrial problem.

It is the hope of Father Vogt that Monsignor Ligutti will develop an active interest in farming cooperatives in the minds of his hearers. "Catholics should be proud," the committee in charge states, "that one of the successful pioneers in this significant social movement is a priest."

Winter 'Mercedes' Is Out

Maintaining the high standard that has won numerous press association honors, the winter issue of "Mercedes," semi-annual magazine published by students of Our Lady of Mercy High School appeared this week. The issue is dedicated to Sister Mary Francesca, the school's principal.

Frontispiece is a unique presentation of "The Prince of Peace Walks the Earth."

Dedication states: "To Sister Mary Francesca, who has so wisely managed and incessantly labored for many years to make what was once every Mercian's dream—the reality that is Mercy today—we, her student body, dedicate our literary efforts as a token of our appreciation and a pledge of our unswerving loyalty."

The magazine is divided into well-written, timely and carefully selected articles, criticism, editorials, features, fiction and poetry.

The lead editorial on "Youth Faces a Crisis," states: "The Catholic youth of America possesses something that the average American youth does not. He has his faith to shelter him from a wave of hysteria, to guide him through a night of air raids and bombings and make him say, 'God's will be done.' The Church stands by him. True, both will sacrifice but neither will sacrifice God-given principles, and it will ultimately be the Church that will preserve the cul-

ture of the world and her own as well."

Recommended in the issue are "Dew Drops" from underclassmen, original and pithy comments.

Short and interesting fiction stories, articles on matters of the moment, and capable criticisms of current plays, concerts, radio programs and movies round out the contents.

The editorial staff is headed by Marian Hyland, editor-in-chief.

Class Leaders Named At Holy Cross School

Class officers have been named by Holy Cross School Eighth Graders.

Elected to office are these pupils: President, Dolores Denise; vice-president, Jack Dougherty; secretary, Aloysie Hahn; treasurer, Katherine Spagnola; class prophetess, Eleanor Chapuka.

For their motto the class has chosen "All for Christ." The class colors are blue and gold, and the red rose is their flower.

A sensible "youth movement" could be helpful, but who ever saw a youngster improve on a diet of pity?—Newport (R. I.) News.

Judges Announced

Judges in the \$125 prize contest are announced in this week's edition of the CATHOLIC COURIER. Full details of the contest are published on Page 5.

Acting as judges will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., Editor-in-Chief of the CATHOLIC COURIER; Rev. Lawrence B. Conroy, Vice-Chancellor; Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Schools; Thomas H. O'Connor, News Editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER, and Howard W. Klippert, Manager of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

An important change was announced this week. The closing of the contest has been extended for two weeks. Entries must therefore be postmarked not later than midnight, March 1, 1942.

Archduke Felix Doubts Nazi Influence In S. A.

By Helen Macchia

Hitler's great weapon in the Americas today is that of bluff. The number of Nazi propagandists really present in South America is negligible—Brazil, for example, has only 2 percent of Nazi sympathizers.

"The most urgent problem facing the democracies today is whether or not we shall be able to hold out in this defensive war until we are strong enough to attack German bases in Europe," said Archduke Felix of Austria in the sixth Christian Culture Lecture at Aquinas Institute, Sunday evening, Feb. 8.

"In the last two years," he said, "we have done much to remedy our lack of preparedness. With a unity of the whole civilized world against the Nazi allies, together with an increase in the mass production of armaments, we shall ultimately be in a position to begin the war on an offensive scale."

The Archduke expressed his surprise at the alertness and the preparedness of England. Until his recent visit to England, the speaker said he had no idea of the coastal efficiency which has been achieved there. He also mentioned the wonderful morale of the English people as a nation by saying that an invasion of England would be very difficult since there is both a spiritual and an actual defense on the island.

Believing that the last blow against the Nazi regime must come from a revolution within the occupied nations of Europe, the lecturer cited incidents which clearly expressed that the forces of rebellion are already gaining momentum. Austria, which he used as an example, united hundreds of thousands secretly during the first few months of occupation by Germany. Acts of sabotage are constantly menacing the Gestapo. "If only these subjected people had

the munitions and arms necessary for an open revolt, there would be 82 percent of them ready to fight." This last statement was made not long ago by the highest Nazi official in Austria in secret session, he said.

With regard to the present Russian advances, Archduke Felix believes that we should not overestimate these victories, for even if they have more success, Germany still has such a reserve of manpower ready to relieve the man at the front. He explained that today Germany has no man under thirty years of age fighting on any battlefield.

Quoted as Future in Europe: "What are we going to do with Europe?" was the next question considered by the Archduke. "The last time," he said, "we won the war, but lost the peace. We cannot do this again. In trying to find

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