

# CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

## Special Parish Party Tuesday

Although these parties are held each Tuesday night, arrangements are being made for a special program at next Tuesday's Parish Party. Besides the increased list of awards there will be an entertainment and other special awards. The spirit of the coming Christmas season will prevail throughout the evening. Parishioners and their friends are invited to attend!

Those who are planning on evening shopping will find ample time after their shopping to attend next Tuesday's party. Buses at five-minute intervals stop in front of our hall and assure you of quick service from downtown.

Admission is 50 cents at the door. Refreshments are available during the evening.

**Midnight Masses**—As in past years there will be Mass at Midnight in both our church and our church hall chapel. The doors will be closed after confessions on Thursday at 9:15 and reopened at 11:30.

The other Masses on Christmas Day will be at the usual Sunday hours of 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12:15. The 11 o'clock Mass will be a Solemn High Mass.

Music at the Midnight Masses and the 11 A. M. Mass will be by the Men's Choir with Edward Finck directing and Miss Cecelia Kalb

at the organ. The Corpus Christi Junior Choir will sing at the Midnight Masses in our Church Hall Chapel.

Confessions in preparation for Christmas Holy Communion will be on Thursday in the afternoon from 1:30 to 4:00 and in the evening from 7:30 to 9:00. Holy Communion will be given out immediately after the Midnight Masses and at the usual time at all the other Masses.

**School Collection This Sunday**—Our regular monthly collection for meeting the expenses of our parish school will be taken up at all the Masses on this Sunday.

**League of the Sacred Heart**—This society will meet in the East Chapel after the Novena services on next Monday evening.

## Holland Parents Stop Youth Joining Nazis

NEW YORK.—Failure of "hundreds of thousands of boys and girls in the Netherlands" to join the National Socialists was blamed to the opposition of "conservative and embittered parents" and "ecclesiastical and secular teachers" in a short-wave broadcast from Berlin in Dutch heard here.

## Catholic Near East Welfare Association

Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, D.D., President  
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 Rev. John J. Carrigan, Assistant Secretary

### God With Us

Emmanuel—God with us—that, in brief, is the story of Christmas. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." May He be with you at Christmas and throughout the year is our prayer and the prayer of our missionaries.

### UNITED AT THE CRIB

For nearly everyone—even many not professedly Christian—Christmas is a day of "good will" and joyous festivity.

On that day we may well ask with the Psalmist, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?" So small, so unimportant we seem when compared with God, Who created "all things visible and invisible" and who rules "the stars in their courses." Yet God in His mercy and love became man on Christmas, raising our human nature to a dignity only less than His own.

In all parts of the world men find this common ground on Christmas night. Then as at no other time they realize that they are truly the sons of God. At that time there is no East, no West, no distinction of race or nationality. Christ came to free all men from the curse of sin. Christmas inspires the hopes of free men everywhere.

This year many will be far away from their loved ones who are defending our liberties. Yet they will be close to us when we and they kneel before the Crib and when we receive the Infant Saviour into our hearts. All are united at Bethlehem.

May all our members, our friends and their loved ones share abundantly in the blessings of Christmas day!

### EASTERN CUSTOMS NO. 2

If you saw a Catholic making the sign of the Cross from right to left would you think it strange? It was done thus everywhere in the early centuries, and that is how the Orientals do it today, holding the thumb and two fingers together symbolizing the Holy Trinity, and pressing the other two fingers into the palm of the hand, symbolizing the two natures in Christ. What counts is not how one makes the Holy Sign, but what he believes as he makes it. Oriental Catholics hold the same faith as we do.

### BE ONE OF US

Our members are doing a great work in helping the Holy Father bring back the 162,000 separated Christians of the Near East to the Catholic Faith. In gratitude they are remembered in 15,000 Masses every year. Be one of us. The dues are only One Dollar a year.

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