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Memorial Day 1945

America's appreciation of the devoted service of its men in arms has been shown traditionally by the national Memorial Day. Down through the years she has honored her glorious dead, men who have died on the field of battle, and retired veterans who have answered the call of death from their homes. The Civil War, the War of 1898, the First World War, have each in its time supplied new names for Memorial Day honor. Into the thousands and even millions the numbers have mounted.

And now World War II adds its new millions to the number heretofore cited for Memorial Day honors. The largest army that America has ever known, the largest Navy the world has ever seen, and casualty lists in proportion to the new numbers, furnish a roster for Memorial Day services larger than in any former year. For we feel that Memorial Day concerns not only those who have passed on, but also the living survivors of our soldiers and sailors. First thought on this day goes, of course, to the departed. We hallow their memories; we sing of their valor and patriotism, we stage stately parades in their memory, we place flags and flowers on their graves. But foremost in planning and carrying out the plans for each succeeding Memorial Day are the living brethren of our fallen heroes.

We look forward to the day when most of our men in arms shall return to civilian life. Victory has come in Europe, is on its way in Asia and the islands of the Pacific. God speed the day of complete and lasting victory in all the world! Memorial Day of the present year and of the future years shall mean more at the close of World War II.

Every Catholic at this season does more than honor the memory of our beloved dead; sincerely and devoutly he offers up a prayer for the repose of their souls. On Memorial Day and on the other days of the year, he makes his own the prayer of Holy Mother Church: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them."

The Silver Year of Jubilee

The twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood falls this week for six priests of the diocese. For them and for their families and friends, it is a time of rejoicing, of solemn jubilee. For them and for their fellow priests, it is a time for congratulations. For them and for their charges in parish and school and community, it is a time for celebration.

For a quarter of a century, six men of God have given every energy to do all that Christ would do for His children. They have gone at His command into the highways and byways to seek out souls. They have preached His word; they have been ministers of His grace, to thousands of souls. They have been "Other Christ." Each with the charity of Christ, with a love for souls like to that of Christ, has borne his burden, has performed his duties, has rejoiced as a giant to run his course.

Our congratulations and best wishes for many fruitful years ahead to the Silver Jubilarians: Father John M. Bakrys, Father Robert A. Keleher, Father William E. Hayes, Father Francis J. Lane, Father Patrick A. Moffatt, Father J. Edmund O'Brien. May God's blessing be upon them in this, their Year of Jubilee.

Month of June

The days of June are indeed rare days! Sunshine and warmth with the renewed face of nature making its appearance for perfect days. No more confinement to the house, no more need of bundling up as we step forth, no more fear of inclement winds and wintry blasts. All the world is for us a place of joy.

But there is another reason why Catholics rejoice to welcome the month of June. It is the Month of the Sacred Heart. The very warmth of the sun on a day in June as it sends its vivifying rays into mother earth, reminds us of the Sacred Heart, burning with love for us. The peace that can be found only by those who know the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is the greatest treasure during this month. As we accept the gifts of the Sacred Heart ministered to us in the Sacrament of Penance and fruit, let us not forget to seek likewise the precious gifts of grace that He has prepared for those who love Him.

As we are initiated in Holy Baptism the obligation of Jesus Christ. His is the love that has His.

The Bishop's Appointments



JUNE

- 1 Friday — St. Mary's Hospital — Low Mass — 8:30 A. M.
Hotel Sherman — Luncheon: First Friday Club — 12:15 P. M.
- 2 Saturday — Nazareth College — Benediction — 3:00 P. M.
Powers Hotel — Graduation Dinner, St. Agnes Institute — 6:30 P. M.
- 3 Sunday — Nazareth Convent, Pittsford — Solemn Pontifical Mass, Nazareth College — Baccalaureate Ceremony — 11:00 A. M.
St. Patrick — Confirmation — 7:45 P. M.
- 4 Wednesday — Carmelite Monastery — Religious Profession Ceremony — 9:00 A. M.
Nazareth College — Commencement Exercises — 4:00 P. M.
St. Francis, Phelps — Confirmation — 7:45 P. M.
- 7 Thursday — Sacred Heart Academy — Graduation Exercise — 10:30 A. M.
- 8 Friday — Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston, Mass. — Episcopal Consecration of the Most Rev. Louis Keleher, D.D. — 10:00 A. M.
- 16 Sunday — Most Holy Trinity, Mamaroneck, N. Y. — Jubilee Sermon — 12:00 Noon.
- 17 Sunday — Our Lady of the Assumption, New York City — Jubilee Sermon — 11:00 A. M.
- 21 Thursday — St. Agnes Institute — Low Mass for Graduates — 8:30 A. M.
Corpus Christi Church — Graduation Exercises, St. Agnes Institute — 8:30 P. M.
- 22 Friday — Our Lady of Mercy High School — Low Mass for Graduates — 9:00 A. M.
Our Lady of Mercy High School — Graduation Exercises — 8:30 P. M.
- 23 Saturday — Nazareth Academy — Low Mass for Graduates — 9:00 A. M.
St. Charles Borromeo — Graduation Exercises, St. Joseph's Villa — 7:30 P. M.
- 24 Sunday — Holy Sepulchre Cemetery — Field Mass, Knights of St. John and Ladies' Auxiliaries — 10:00 A. M.
St. Patrick, Elmira — Graduation Exercises, Elmira Catholic High School — 3:00 P. M.
Aquinas Institute — Graduation Exercises — 8:30 P. M.
- 25 Monday — Eastman Theatre — Graduation Exercises, Nazareth Academy — 8:30 P. M.
- 26 Tuesday — Holy Family Hall, Auburn — Graduation Exercises, Holy Family High School — 8:15 P. M.
- 27 Wednesday — St. Francis de Sales, Geneva — Graduation Exercises, DeSales Institute — 8:00 P. M.

JULY

- 1 Sunday — U. S. Naval Training Center, Hampton — Solemn Pontifical Mass — 10:00 A. M.
- 2 Monday — Nazareth Convent, Pittsford — Religious Profession Ceremony — 9:00 A. M.
Our Lady of Mercy Convent — Religious Profession Ceremony — 3:00 P. M.

It is the boast of the Catholic Religion that it has the gift of making the young heart chaste; and why is this but that it gives us Jesus for our food and Mary for our nursing mother?—Cardinal Newman.

We need men and women of superior intellect, but unostentatious, of even temperament and placid disposition, pursuing wisdom and sharing it with others, having much to say and knowing how to say it.—Mother M. M. Agatha, O.S.U.

"IF THERE IS one lesson that the history of the rise and decline of peoples teaches, it is that a sound family ethic is the rock foundation of permanence."—Bishop Joseph P. Hurley.

The Eucharistic Supper

The parable of the man who gave the great supper to those who were invited within the Oubliette of Corpus Christi. For that was the Great Supper which Christ has prepared for all men, to which He has invited many, all of whom He is eager to welcome. In the parable many made excuses, alleged reasons why they could not come. A new form, some new case, a recent marriage, made it impossible for them to answer the invitation to the Great Supper. The poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame were then sent for, and the man from the highway and hedges. None of the man first invited, the man who made excuses, were to taste of the supper. What a perfect picture of the attitude of men toward the Great Supper Christ has prepared for all! Weekly hundreds of souls are sent away from the table because they should give to Christ's invitation. Some poor in spirit, called by His blood to the light of revelation, stumbling along in a shuffling, aimless way, are called by the Lord, called in to abundant worldly ways that they may attend the Great Supper. Common sense is appealed to, to come to the table of divine love for them. Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the Great Supper Christ has prepared for us, to which He is constantly inviting us. May the parable of the Great Supper teach us to love the Blessed Sacrament, to receive Holy Communion frequently.

Summa Corda By Rev. James M. Gillis, CSP.

'Renew the Face Of the Earth'

Now that the war in Europe is over we must not await the conclusion of the war in Asia before starting to rebuild this badly shattered world. Nor must we fix our mind too narrowly upon the kind of rebuilding that can be done with stone and steel, brick, copper, brass, lumber and what not.

We have seen at least in photographs a vast deal of devastation, and we know that it will be a stupendous job to construct material things to take the place of what has been blown to bits or burned away. But that job — formidable as it seems — is the easiest part of the work we have to do.

What needs reconstructing is not so much visible objects but the invisible, intangible, vastly more real thing which we call civilization. At least two thousand years, and indeed many thousands more, went into the making of what we fancied was a civilized world, but we have come close to destroying it in a few years.

Any statesman worthy of the name will see that to rebuild dwellings, shops, city-halls, court-houses, railroads, docks, reservoirs, power-plants and other such appurtenances of modern life will only be folly unless we dig down deep and lay a new foundation. As a matter of fact we shall have to go down to bed rock. Bed rock is God. Now since I have used that word let no reader exclaim, "here he goes pietistic; here the priest takes over from the journalist."

Not at all. One need not be pious or even professionally devoted to religion to see that without God all the world will go to smash again, and perhaps the next time irreparably. Voltaire was not pious and no priest, but speaking as an observer of human affairs he declared that we must have a God. Proudhon was — a hundred years ago — a communist, but he was sharp enough to see that there is a theology underneath all political systems.

Even in atheistic systems there is a god. We have often heard the paradoxical man not country a statesman — I mean no cheap politician — must see the need of God if only for utilitarian purposes. Napoleon did. As for the pagans, Plato (no doubt echoing Socrates) said, "unless the State is established in God it will totter." Strange how that expression anticipates the axiomatic utterance of the great Jew Gamaliel (St. Paul's preceptor) who said, "If this work be of God you cannot destroy it; if it be of man it will come to naught."

Pardon the digression, but I didn't want anyone to drop this piece with a toss of the head, a sniff with the nose and the exclamation, "He brings in God to political affairs; it is because he is a priest." You don't have to be a priest. All you need is a little philosophy — not theology, just philosophy — or for that matter a little common sense and at least a smattering of history, to know that we can neither build nor rebuild a civilization with bricks and mortar, metals and textiles. If God is not mixed in with the mortar, so to speak, if God is not in and around and about and under and over every material structure it will not stand. "Unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it," said David who wasn't a priest but a king.

A king should know. So should a diplomat. So should a delegate to a conference, who meets with other delegates from all the world to plan a permanent peace. Recently we were edified by hearing our President and his Secretary of State speaking with warmth and conviction the name of God to the San Francisco Conference; but we didn't enjoy the not so edifying silence about God, once the meetings got under way. Some people thought that we Catholics complained because the Pope or the Pope's representative had no seat at that Conference. That was not our grievance or the cause of our misgivings. The real blunder was that God was not invited. His being excluded doesn't prove that He wasn't needed. It only proves that the delegates were only politicians, or at best diplomats, and not bona fide statesmen.

Along about this time — Pentecost — we pray in a special way to the Holy Ghost. "Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth." The reference is, as all Bible readers know, to the first lines in Genesis where we read that the Spirit of God brooded over chaos and it became an organized world. Once again we have chaos. If the Spirit of God doesn't hover over it and breathe upon it, the face of the earth will not be renewed.

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Feast Days

- Sunday, June 3 — SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- Monday, June 4 — ST. FRANCIS CARAMACCOLO
- Tuesday, June 5 — ST. BONIFACE
- Wednesday, June 6 — ST. NORBERT
- Thursday, June 7 — ST. BOREY
- Friday, June 8 — SACRED HEART OF JESUS
- Saturday, June 9 — ST. PIERRE AND PIERRE