

# Bishop Kearney's Appointments For the Month of March

- 3 Friday — St. Patrick's, St. Monica Sodality Mass — 8:00 A.M.
- 4 Saturday — Carmelite Convent, Religious Profession — 9:00 A.M.
- 5 Sunday — St. Joseph's, Knights of Columbus Annual Communion Mass — 7:00 A.M.
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- 20 Monday — Nazareth Motherhouse, Solemn Pontifical Mass in honor of St. Joseph, Patronal Feast — 11:00 A.M.
- 21 Tuesday — St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, Mass — 7:00 A.M.
- 22 Wednesday — Holy Rosary, Confirmation — 7:45 P.M.
- 23 Thursday — St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, Tenth Anniversary Dinner — 6:00 P.M.
- 24 Friday — St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York — Commemoration of Bishop-elect Christopher J. Weldon — 10:00 A.M.
- 25 Saturday — Niagara University, Address at Plenary Session of Lake Erie Regional Congress, National Federation of Catholic College Students.
- 26 Sunday — St. Patrick's, Annual Communion Mass of the Nocturnal Adoration Society — 7:45 A.M.
- 27 Monday — Holy Family, Confirmation — 7:45 P.M.
- 28 Tuesday — St. John's, Spencerport — Confirmation — 7:45 P.M.
- 29 Wednesday — Old St. Mary's, Confirmation — 7:45 P.M.
- 30 Thursday — Holy Redeemer, Confirmation — 7:45 P.M.
- 31 Friday — Craig Colony, Boyce — Confirmation — 8:00 P.M.

## Editorials

### An Invitation to an Intellectual Feast

Indications of a Real Religious Awakening  
Let Us Pass From the Desert of Temptation  
By Mrs. William M. Hart

### Your Catholic Forum

Not too many among us have the valued opportunity of occasional attendance at forums where Catholic leaders address us on subjects concerning the Church and its teachings. Bishops and priests and lay leaders, both men and women, at such meetings give the best of their trained minds and experienced judgment to all their hearers. There is a thrill in partaking of their mental riches, a lasting satisfaction in learning wisdom from their mouths.

Every one of us carries away from such meetings a sense of satisfaction. We have sat with the masters, we have listened to the leaders, we have rubbed shoulders with God's gifted disciples. Mind and heart rejoice in the new knowledge and better understanding of how God's eternal truths meet so fully and so adequately the problems of our age, even as they have met problems of every past age and shall meet whatever problems future ages shall produce.

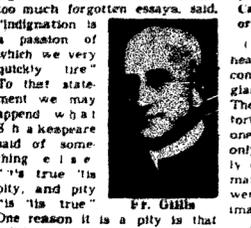
But all of us, in our diocesan newspaper, have the equivalent of a forum of learned and zealous thinkers to bless us each week with their writings on religious themes, and on secular themes that call for religious discussion.

The Courier-Journal brings into our homes each Friday morning the very best minds in the Church today. Besides the noble list of priests, laymen, laywomen, labor students, recent converts and columnists, who give us weekly articles on current Catholic topics, we have the constant series of addresses, sermons and allocutions that come from the Holy Father, leading Churchmen and Prelates from abroad together with the occasional offerings of our own Hierarchy, and particularly of our own Bishop and neighboring Prelates.

Every issue of the Courier-Journal unites with its coverage of significant religious events in the diocese, the menstred commentaries of capable and accepted leaders in Catholicism, on events both local, national and world-wide.

## LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

By Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P.



Bishop John Lancaster Spalding in one of his brief brilliant, too much forgotten essays, said, "Indignation is a passion of which we very quickly tire." To that statement we may append what St. Augustine said of something else: "It is true, it is pity, and pity is the true indignation." One reason it is a pity is that politicians and tyrants calculate upon our quickly-changing enthusiasms and our swiftly fading indignations. Relying upon that trait in our nature they get away with murder — politicians metaphorically tyrants literally.

The politician who for office piles up promises in September and October knowing that few if any who vote to him will find his pledges in his face in January or February.

"The people," said our American "statesman," "are too dumb to understand." He might have added "and too fickle to remember." Even when for a brief moment a wave of honest wrath sweeps over the country, upon the disclosure of some shocking event, the wave quickly subsides.

NO IT IS in nature. An earthquake is all over in a minute the wind dies down, the sun shines again in an hour. As a nature of things people we blaze for a few minutes with anger but passion dies down as quickly as it arose. A moment ago we were fire, now we are ashes.

Take, for example, the case of Cardinal Mindszenty. A year ago a feeling of horror swept over the world because of the injustice done to that good man, and the sadistic cruelty

## 'Guilty' Movie Will Keep the Flame Alive

By Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P.

try to seize them all and hold them all. We pick out one or two or a few and concentrate.

Since we are "built that way" when it comes to remembering and suffering, we need someone to remind us that there are things we must not let in conscience forget. For this we need the powerful persuasion of great men.

In ancient Greece when Macedonia threatened, there was Demosthenes who kept up a perpetual harangue in his "Philippics" against the king who threatened from the north. In Rome there was Cicero who thundered again and again against Catiline who was the Hiss or the Fuchs of his day. It is our misfortune that we have no orator today to warn us of our dangers, to indicate the enemy, to stir up our indignation and keep the flame burning.

BUT THAT was a year ago. The fire in our hearts flickered, our indignation petered out. Some of us even confessed to a kind of weariness if the name Mindszenty was spoken. One or two persons in high position in America evoked the columny of a newspaper writer and radio speaker who had called the Cardinal "Sard" and "Anti-Seattle." If our anger flared up again for a moment at that vicious lie we promptly became apathetic again.

Perhaps we excuse ourselves. We said "the world moves on" and we have to move on with it, there are so many atrocities these days that we have to get rid of the thought of one to make room in our mind for the next if we let horrors accumulate in our memory we shall go mad."

Yes there is always an excuse for apathy. The truth is of course that if we dismiss a thousand ugly memories we could still hold on to one. We do something like that in regard to other things — our pleasures, for example. We don't

WHAT HAPPENS, providentially, however that just about the time when we are about to forget the horror that took place in Hungary a year ago, there has come a reminder, not in the voice of a Demosthenes or a Cicero, a Patrick Henry or a William Lloyd Garrison, but in the shape of a motion picture.

Those who have been growing lukewarm about the Mindszenty case should go to see "Guilty of Treason." It is horrible but not too horrible. It will stir you but not stun you. It seems to have been toned down considerably out of consideration of our weakness. But it is strong enough to rekindle the flame of indignation.

That flame must burst into fire again. If it doesn't we shall have in effect admitted that atrocities can be done in our world and that we will accept them apathetically. It must not be. Go see that picture. Keep the flame alive.

## WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

## Thrills and Chills on The Oats-eating Circuit

By Marie Weidman

All over the land our junior citizens are busily spooning into their naturally rounded little mouths that... (text continues)

THUS HAS the romance of the Old West gripped today's children. Hopalong Cassidy has replaced Tom Swift and the Rover boys as the hero of America's young and the parlance of the plains now echoes forth from every third grade in the country. In every generation some fantasy figure has served to stimulate children's imaginations, to give them an ideal through which a certain amount of childish aggression is spent.

The vagaries of the Hopalong-happy set are just as charming, as foolish and as maddening as when Jesse James or Huck Finn held

new bombs and other dangers to the child's security in his home — all of which, God knows, is enough for adults to ponder.

This discussion as to whether the wolf in grandma's nightgown is worse for children than Superman saving his skin ray on his enemies, has gone on for some time without any decision. Some say that it is all fantasy material, serving to make children articulate about their own problems, and therefore good.

However, despite the bias faction in which the kiddies take most of this make-believe violence, one need not know very much about the emotional dynamics of children to be certain that some impressions and attitudes are being formed.

Although good does triumph after a fashion in most of these presentations, it is the dwelling upon evil, so graphically delineated, that will remain with the child after the last simulated scream has died.

Actually, children will listen to any good story if it is well presented. Nowadays we are inclined to make childhood very complicated, forgetting how simple children are by nature. While not demanding the Green Hornet leering at them, once they have been so overstimulated, it is no wonder Miss Muffet looks ridiculous to them. Children do not require the grammar sleuths and two grade B movies per week to develop restraint in their upbringing would help though, with or without the Oatmeal for breakfast.

## Religious Awakening

Believers in God rejoice at the current indications of a real religious awakening throughout the world. Even behind the Iron Curtain, news leaks out of the faith of millions that refuse to be blotted out by pagan persecution. Russia, after many years of materialist attacks on religion, still records in the hearts of its people an abiding faith in God, a persistent attachment to religion.

Our list of best-sellers contains a salutary succession of books that seek to give men what they are fervently seeking, a better knowledge of God, a fuller understanding of His teachings, a deeper realization of the part He constantly plays in the world as Creator, Preserver, Redeemer. Catholic books are sought out avidly by men of the faith, and by hungry minds that have been deprived of religious truth in the passing reign of materialism and unbelief. Monsignor Fulton Sheen's best-seller continues constantly to go into the hands of readers hungry for God and God's truth. Other books not so well known are attracting new groups of readers, while Thomas Merton's gifted writings make every day a new record for heavy sales.

Religion matches on. Never conquered, never overcome, it has with it the eternal power of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost works in the hearts of men always, works in His ordinary ministrations in the Church. In this year of the Great Return He is calling men to God, to membership in God's Church, to the life of faith which alone can sanctify men on earth and bring men to heaven. Pray that the religious awakening in all the world may be a proper preparation for the Great Return!

## THE TOP OF MY MIND

By Gretta Palmer



One of the most extraordinary proofs of God is the tireless energy with which unbelievers stalk the Infinite. In some very unlikely places, to be sure, but their unwearied effort to sit down and enjoy the senseless pleasures they have carefully arranged for themselves, be they whose and whose posterity that materialism can ever satisfy.

The "happy hedonist," exulting in his wine and licking his chops over his fine food, is encountered in only one place in the world: within the pages of imaginary literature, including the productions of writers on philosophy. If you take a look at a hedonist in real life, you find a very different creature. You find, in fact, the harassed modern man.

There he sits, in bars, in restaurants, in living rooms with the television going strong. He has by his own definition all the important things there are. But if you talk to him for five minutes, you will discover that his mind is not on any of these props of the good life. He is heartily bored, and he is singing in the song the pretty girl is singing in the television screen, not on the features of the pretty girl nor on the highball in his hand. He is not lost in contemplation of the enjoyment of these things; he is not savoring their delights. His thoughts are far away, on something else.

THE "SOMETHING ELSE" which fills the minds of most unbelievers concerns either the future or the past and both of these are in a sense, infinite.

Look at the face of the people you see around you in the trains and restaurants today and you will see reflections of the kind of thoughts that are concealed within.

You will soon conclude they are not happy thoughts, and if you distrust your own powers of reading faces, you may consult the doctors. They tell us that our unhappy patients who come to them today with physical complaints are really suffering from maladies whose origins lie in the mind. And if you still suspect the evidence, regard the sales of books which offer advice on how to stop worrying.

THE PEOPLE who do the worrying have for the most part absolutely nothing "real" to trouble them. They worry in warm houses, with a good food at hand as they wish. Nobody is chasing them with a shotgun. They are suffering no excruciating pains of the body. They are, from the materialists' viewpoint, sitting pretty. But they are prey to a banquet convention of fears.

Things remote in time or in space cause the men and women of today a degree of misery

## Forget God and You Invite Worry

By Gretta Palmer

which far outweighs the pain of real and present difficulties.

Their universes are low roofed... there is no infinity in the Heavens towards which they may direct their thoughts when present circumstances allow them to wander. And so the thoughts which invade vistas to the right and left of them.

ENERGY SUFFICIENT to run a million Boulder Dams is expended in the vain attempt of the brain of troubled man. They try to fill minds meant for truth and truth with the material and as a result of this false enthronement, the material snags back at them, so that they cannot enjoy the soft chair, the pipe of tobacco.

The only real hedonist of the only man who knows how to wring the last ounce of honest enjoyment from the good things of earth... is the man whose feet move surely among the temporal things because his head is in the clouds, where it belongs.

The man who sees all things as gifts of God is the only man who can get much out of things. The man whose eyes are fixed on eternity is the only man who ever can rest comfortably in the present moment.

## TOWARD INDUSTRIAL PEACE

## Advantages of Making Little Ones out of Big

By Richard M. McKeon, S. J.

There is a constantly growing opinion that big business as such is not for the better economic and social interests of the nation. This is seen in the stronger anti-trust legislation and judicial action of the government. It is also evident in the progressive policy of certain companies. Accordingly it is well for our citizens to understand and appreciate this movement for decentralization of industry.

Testimony before congressional committees aims to prove that monopoly, as practiced at present, will defeat democracy and capitalism without much aid from the communists; that mass strikes call for a limitation on the size of both industries and unions; and that further concentration of business will invite government control.

It is advocated that the principle of the Public Utility Holding Company Act controlling big utilities be applied to big business companies. Proposals to extend the operation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the greater aid to small business have been made.

try expands, the fixed costs go higher. These include rent, insurance, taxes, research, maintenance of machinery and so on. When production goes down, these fixed costs remain.

Mergers are largely responsible for many big industries. By a merger of real competitors there is no need to emphasize efficiency as before for monopoly prices can make up the deficit. Frequently the value of the merged firms has been overestimated. This means that eventually the consumer must pay a higher price for the product.

MASS PRODUCTION through big industries has affected the worker. Up to recent years the machine seemed more important than the man. That is why Pius XI wrote in 1931: "While the dead matter leaves the factory unaltered and transformed, men are corrupted and degraded."

Because of modern machines the worker has lost a sense of responsibility and initiative. His creative powers are dulled. With less satisfaction in his work there are bound to be inefficiency, less production, and consequent loss to the company.

The contrary will be truer in a small firm where he has more personal control in actual production and more intimate contact with interested management.

## Desert And Mountain

Into the desert Christ went to fast and pray; into the desert went the devil to tempt Him. The devil wanted to satisfy his curiosity. Who was this man of prayer, who was this new preacher? Was He the looked-for Redeemer? Was He the Son of God? Three times did the devil tempt Christ to reveal Himself and three times did Christ refuse the devil.

Up to the summit of the mountain Christ went; up with Him went three men, Peter and James and John. They were men of faith; they knew Christ as the Son of God, as the Redeemer of the world. They had no curiosity concerning Him; all their inquiries about Him, His mission, His divinity and His humanity had long since been satisfied. They believed in Him! They were asking no questions, they had no temptations to put before Him. They did not ask for the glory of the Transfiguration as a demonstration of His divinity.

Up to the summit of the mountain! Three men dealing with Christ. Three honest men, three pure men, three men of faith, three chosen men!

He was transfigured before them! His face shone as the sun, His garments were whiter than snow. The glory and majesty of His divinity penetrated the veil of His humanity, glowed forth through the clothing that hid the humility of His human nature. Moses and Elias were with Him. The Father spoke words of truth over Him: "This is My beloved Son." The devil offered Him pride and power and possessions as bribes from one who knew not God. Peter and James and John, who knew He was the Son of God, yearned to erect to Him a shrine, a tabernacle in which He could dwell as a lasting and living testimony that He was the Lord and Master of all things. Moses and Elias were to have lesser tabernacles — worthy of men whom God had chosen to be His messengers.

Desert and mountain! May Christ's rejection of the devil's temptations in the desert help us to overcome all temptation. May Christ's glory on the mountain lead us to seek His transfiguring grace to bring out in shining brightness the likeness of God in which we were created. Let this be our work for Lent, to pass from the desert of temptation unto the mountain of Transfiguration!

## Bishop Kearney's Press Appeal

February 22, 1950

My Dear People:

We are renewing at this time the subscriptions to the COURIER-JOURNAL, our diocesan weekly, and we urge once again your generous support for this publication.

It is important that there be in the diocese some official publication where Catholic events can be described and Catholic positions be presented on the current problems of the day. THE COURIER-JOURNAL also serves as a source of information on the various events in our parishes, information which experience has taught us our people are very much interested in reading.

Then, too, I consider our editorials superior to any appearing in the country. If the COURIER-JOURNAL did nothing else but bring these choice studies of the activities of the week into our homes, it would be worth the subscription price alone.

As you know, publishing costs have continued to rise, thus making the maintenance of our Catholic press a difficult matter. Your generosity in supporting us is our only hope of continuing the fine service our paper gives you now.

May I ask, then, your generous support to the efforts of your pastor to bring the COURIER-JOURNAL into every home in your parish. Only your support can make this possible.

With a blessing, I am  
Your devoted Shepherd in Christ.  
+ Bishop E. Kearney  
James of Rochester

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