

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

Christmas, I think, must be over. We have subtracted the wooden ornaments from the tree and put it out on the patio still in its standard to provide something green for the eye to look at in this cold and barren month. The kids have returned to school and I have polished off the last of the raisin and nut filled cookies that their great-grandmother sent from Pennsylvania, no mean feat even when averaging one or two a day.

But the clincher that signified the end of the holidays was the telephone call from my mother, glum and gloomy and full of dire warnings about traveling on icy roads, slipping in the bathtub and being overly friendly with the garbage men (or maybe it was the meter reader, I can't remember now).

On the afternoon of the same day a neighbor who had been extra busy entertaining and visiting family during the two preceding weeks burst through the front door and over a mug of hot tea confessed she's spent most of the previous day in tears.

Upon hearing from my children that their mother was super ornery she decided misery would love company. She was right.

Later I related the events of the day to the head of the house who

revealed that much the same tone and mood pervaded the office.

Those who weren't out of sorts had finally succumbed to colds and bugs they'd managed to fight off throughout the busy social season.

It's the post holiday blues, he offered gratuitously. "I don't know why people just don't plan on them as a matter of course."

That sounds sensible enough. As soon as next year's calendars come out I should take a pencil and in the Jan. 2 square jot down "one case of the dumps." Realizing that the let down from the holidays is a natural phenomenon, to be expected if not welcomed, might ease the condition.

But that is the insidious thing about being depressed, even mildly so. When afflicted it is difficult to remember a time when you weren't down and even more difficult to convince yourself that it is but a temporary condition.

The solution: I don't know what the experts are currently advising but another neighbor hit it on the head I think when she complained about the haphazard holiday schedules, and that she'd be glad to get back to a regular routine. Sometimes, of course, it's the other way around. It's the rutted routine you're in that's driving you up the wall. And if I remember correctly that version of the blues hits about mid-March when the snow and the slush won't go away and the weathermen keep telling you how balmy it is in downstate New York.

As a simple precaution I'm writing myself a note on this year's calendar about March 12 which should be just about the middle of Lent: "Keep your chin up kid. Only 60 more days until pea planting day."

workers. It was May 5, 1901, at the Church of St. Andrew in New York City. And, according to the book, special permission had to be secured from the Pope as Church law did not permit Masses before sunrise at the time.

The first Catholic church in the United States to be raised to the dignity of basilica is the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Victory in Lackawanna, right in our neighboring diocese of Buffalo.

The first Catholic parish church for "Negroes" (that's the book's terminology) was established at St. Francis Xavier in Baltimore Feb. 21, 1864. (Editor's note: There aren't that many more since.)

And this is the place to make a correction for a misleading headline in this very newspaper (a first in itself) when we intoned that Mother Seton would be the first American saint. The first American (naturalized) saint is Mother Cabrini.

We all know who was the first Catholic president and even the first Catholic presidential candidate. Which, incidentally, serves to point out that we don't have it as bad as our brethren among the Jewish or black ranks for even the first Americans who still await their first serious national contender.

Only last week, on WROC-TV Channel 8 at 8 p.m., Saturday, there it was, a short reminding one and all to give on Mission Sunday, Oct. 20. Too late or too early? I'd like to insert my Aunt Anne McCann's name in the newspaper because she died Dec. 17 and in all her 92 years probably never was so mentioned before though she led a very hale, hearty and Christian life. Hope all you Catholics who play elbows with the Mafia saw the Holy Father's strong condemnation in the C-J Jan. 8 march Saturday in the respect life parade and a good Martin Luther King day to you all!

THE SLOT MAN



Carmen Viglucci

I'd like to think that everyone got at least one book for Christmas. I did. It's called the Kane Book of Famous First Facts and Records. I cannot vouch for its veracity but I can say it is interesting.

There is a great deal of Catholic "firsts" listed. For instance:

"The first Catholic Mass in an airship over the ocean was conducted in the Zeppelin Hindenburg May 7, 1936, the feast of the Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel, by Father Paul Schulte of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate."

Like that one? Well then try this.

"The first Catholic Mass in an airship over the ocean by an American priest was conducted on the Zeppelin Hindenburg on Aug. 6, 1936, by Father James Renshaw Cox of St. Patrick's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa."

The Hindenburg might have provided some more firsts if it weren't for Lakehurst, N.J. on July 8, 1937.

There are other odd firsts concerning the Church. Did you know that the first Catholic Mass in the present territory of the United States was celebrated in June 1526 by Dominican priests on the Atlantic Coast?

Who cares? But how about the first Catholic Mass for night-

CYO Basketball Standings

ELEMENTARY DIVISIONS

Northeast		W	L
Mt. Carmel		6	0
St. Ambrose		6	0
Christ the King		5	1
Holy Trinity		4	2
OLPH		4	2
St. Cecilia		4	2
St. Salome		3	3
St. Stanislaus		3	3
St. Andrew		2	4
St. James		2	4
St. Margaret Mary		2	4
St. Rita		0	6
Southeast		W	L
St. Louis, Pittsford		6	0
Our Lady of Lourdes		5	1
St. John Fairport		5	1
Jewish CC		4	2
Corpus Christi		4	2
Good Shepherd		3	3
Blessed Sacrament		2	4
St. Jerome, ER		2	4
St. Joseph, Pen		2	4
St. Thomas More		2	4
St. John City		1	5
Greek Orthodox		0	6
Northwest		W	L
Holy Rosary		5	1
Most Precious Blood		5	1
Mother of Sorrows		4	2
St. Lawrence		4	2
St. Charles Borromeo		3	3
St. John Greece		3	3
Our Lady of Mercy		2	4
St. John Spencerport		2	4
St. Thomas the Apostle		1	5
Holy Name of Jesus		1	5
Sacred Heart		0	6
Southwest		W	L
St. Boniface		5	1
St. Pius X		4	2
Holy Family		4	2
St. Augustine		4	2
St. Monica		4	2
St. Christopher		3	3
Good Counsel		2	4
St. Theodore		2	4
Holy Ghost		2	4
St. Anne		2	4
St. Helen		2	4
St. Anthony		0	6
GIRLS		W	L
Mother of Sorrows		4	2
St. James		2	4
St. Margaret Mary		2	4
Holy Cross		2	4
Bishop Hogan		1	5
St. Pius X		1	5
St. Andrew		0	6

HIGH SCHOOL

Northeast		W	L
St. Margaret Mary		6	0
St. James		5	1
Holy Trinity		4	2
Christ the King		3	3
Mt. Carmel		3	3
St. Ambrose		3	3
OLPH		2	4
St. Cecilia		2	4
St. Rita		2	4
St. Stanislaus		0	6
Southeast		W	L
St. Louis, Pittsford		6	0
Good Shepherd "A"		5	1
St. Joseph, Pen		4	2
Greek Orthodox		4	2
Jewish CC "A"		4	2
Corpus Christi		2	4
St. John City		2	4
St. Thomas More		2	4
Annunciation		1	5
St. Helen "B"		0	6
Northwest		W	L
St. Charles Borromeo		6	0
St. Lawrence		4	2
Mother of Sorrows		3	3
Our Lady of Mercy		3	3
St. Thomas the Apostle		2	4
St. John Greece		2	4
Holy Cross		2	4
Sacred Heart		2	4
Holy Rosary		2	4
Most Precious Blood		2	4
Holy Name of Jesus		0	6
Southwest		W	L
Good Shepherd "B"		5	1
St. Helen "A"		5	1
St. Christopher		4	2
St. Theodore		4	2
St. Anne		4	2
St. Pius X		4	2
St. Anthony		4	2
St. Monica		4	2
Holy Family		4	2
Jewish CC "B"		4	2
Holy Ghost		4	2

Catholic Pupils Win Fire Honors

Pupils in Catholic schools took first and third place this year in the Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's 10th annual fire prevention essay contest.

Cheryl Loria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Loria of Old Meadow Drive in Greece, and an eighth grader at St. Lawrence School, took the first prize in the county-wide contest.

She was presented with a trophy and 50 silver dollars. In addition, the school's principal, Sister Francella Quinn, was given a trophy, which will remain in the school's possession for a year.

Taking third prize, 30 silver dollars and a trophy, was James Fischer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Fischer of Armstrong Road, and a seventh grader at Our Lady of Mercy School.

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

NEWS ITEM: Rochester, N.Y. — Rochester Amerks concerned about future in American Hockey League; look to checking out inferior North American League. "It's true we've drawn well and have not suffered major losses," says club spokesman. "But what happens when you have a bad year... we have to try and protect ourselves, too."

COMMENT: Other sports franchises in the majors should be as successful as this minor league franchise, which is making top dollar, has a sweet deal with Boston, and a nice rental agreement. Maybe the owners could make more switching to the NAHL, playing such boxoffice biggies as Cape Cod, Johnstown, Pa., Binghamton and Mohawk Valley; at \$4.50 tops. Maybe they could make it at Junior "A" level. What it's all about is crying with a loaf of bread under each arm.

NEWS ITEM: Washington, D.C. — Title 9 of Education Amendments Act should give women equal budget for college competition.

COMMENT: Call me a Male C.P., but splitting the budget would wipe out major college sports. Unless you can show me

how the women can put 106,000 people in the Rose Bowl? Women's college sports are not self-supporting, as are men's football and basketball. It can't work, but Title 9 could destroy.

NEWS ITEM: Houston, Texas — Houston Oilers assistant coach Joe Woolley fined \$25 for tampering with high school transcript records of two football players two years ago. Woolley since left job as assistant at Oklahoma. Sooners suffered two years of banning from bowl games and TV, also non-recognition in UPI poll by balloting coaches, despite 11-and-0 record.

COMMENT: The head coach of that Oklahoma season is in Boston, drawing \$150,000 a year, while the kids who were guilty of nothing pay the price. Woolley's defense attorney, incidentally, was the mayor of Houston. Perhaps the Oklahoma alumni will help Woolley scrape up that two-bit note.

NEWS ITEM: New Orleans, La. — Expansion New Orleans Jazz of National Basketball Association fighting for survival after only three month of existence.

COMMENT: The owners of the Jazz were told they had the best of all expansion worlds for their \$4 million initiation fee, split up by the Establishment clubs. They were coming into the NBA as a single, not sharing the draft popcorn with another new pigeon. So the Jazz owners gilded the lily by giving up a few years of top draft choices for Pete Maravich, who turned out to be a liability. The financial picture is bleak. Artistically? At this writing, the Jazz had struck these low notes: 36 games played, 33 lost — worst record in major league sports. Anyone else want an expansion franchise?

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