

Anne loves her children : she desire to fortify them before the pilgrimage season begins again, for that period is of necessity less favorable to the piety of a portion of our parishioners owing to the great number of strangers who flock to Ste Anne. We are nevertheless confident that they will retain and benefit by the treasures of graces they have just received.



**Adoration during Shrovetide.**— The Retreat ended for Quinquagesima Sunday which enabled us to have the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament during Shrovetide. Every morning solemn high mass with exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, was chanted before a large number of the faithful and the Sacrament remained exposed until Benediction at 5 p. m. This Benediction consisted in reciting the rosary, in making honorable reparation to the divine Captive of our tabernacles and various other prayers alternating with motets and canticles.



**Ash Wednesday.**— The Angelus on Shrove Tuesday announced to the faithful the beginning of the paschal season.

On the morning of the following day at 7 a. m. the solemn and touching ceremony of the *Blessing of the Ashes* took place. Many heads were silently bowed under the priest's hand for *memento homo* destined to recall Christians to humility and penance. The blessing of the ashes was followed by the high mass of the day.



**The first excursion of 1899.**— On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February the first excursion of the year came down to Ste Anne de Beaupré. It consisted of about twenty persons from Newark (New Jersey) among whom were several Catholics. The excursionists visited the various places of devotion with deep interest and great satisfaction.



**Pilgrims.**— With respect to the ordinary pilgrims there are still but few owing to the cold weather and the difficulty of communication in the winter season. The paschal time, which has just begun, generally brings us a larger number. But we shall not have many until after Easter.

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