

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

**"OUT OF THE DEPTHS I HAVE
CRIED UNTO THEE"**

O listen and hear them appealing,
The voice of the spirits in pain,
In the chill that comes over us
stealing
With the sob of the pitiful rain;
The sobbing, cold rain of November,
Like the voice of one crying:
"Remember,
Remember the souls of the dead!"
In the midnight when others are
sleeping,
And the moonlight shines through
the dark
And a restlessness over us creeping
Makes us wakeful and watchful—
then hark!
In the lonely cold nights of Novem-
ber,
How they seem to beseech us:
"Remember,
Remember the souls of the dead!"
In the rustle of leaves that are
falling,
With a whispering sigh at our feet,
There's a voice from the Past softly
calling
Mournfully, pleadingly, sweet,
"O friends, in the month of
November
You at least who once loved us—
remember,
Remember the souls of the dead!"
'Tis the burden of Ocean's and
dirges,
A reproach that incessantly saith:
"We loved you while living," it
urges,
"O do not forget us in death!"
Not alone in the month of Novem-
ber,
But till you, too, need mercy—
"Remember,
Remember the souls of the dead!"
—The Fenwick Bulletin

THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD

November recalls, says The Catho-
lic Mirror, in the calendar of the
church, the memory of the dead—
recalls that many of our dear
departed are being saved as by fire,
to use the vivid phrase of St. Paul's.
It is no reflection on the faithful
departed to believe that many, when
the final call came, were not pure
enough to enter into the realm
were "nothing polluted, nothing
defiled by sin" shall enter; that
many were not adjudged saints at
the tribunal where even an idle
word must be atoned for.
For these souls, detained for a
time in Purgatory that their venial
faults may be atoned for, or that
the remains of mortal sin, the
habits of mortal sin, may be
removed from their souls, Mother
Church urges the members of the
Church militant to offer their
prayers and visits and Masses on
All Soul's Day and throughout the
month of November. This feast is
her annual plea to her children
"Pray for the Souls in Purgatory
as you would like to be prayed for,
if you yourself were languishing in
the purifying flames. Pray espe-
cially for your parents if they are
gone. Death does not destroy the
Fourth Commandment. Pray for
the members of your own family
who, if forgotten by you, will doubt-
less be forgotten by all.
"Pray for those whose sins you
were wholly or partially respon-
sible. In your charity, pray for
those who have none to pray for
them, for those who have been
longest in Purgatory, or for those
who are nearest to their release.
"Pray for the priests who gave
their lives to your service, and who,
perhaps, have none to pray for
them because they gave up home
and family to be spent for your
salvation.
Given the truth that it is a holy
thought to pray for the dead, all
these claims upon our prayers are
just claims. The "poor souls" as
Ireland affectionately calls them
have reason to be grateful to the
Church that on All Soul's Day and
throughout the month of November,
pleads their cause so eloquently and
so prayerfully in the pulpit and at
the altar. It is the very nature of
weak, fickle man, to forget his most
sacred obligations amid the dis-
tractions of a world that is too
much with us.
Politically we are forgetting our
great constitution and longing to be
free from its restraints. Socially,
we forget our friends within a few
days after their departure. Amid
the pleasure of bad companionship
and its attendant evils, we easily
forget the old parents at home,
waiting for us until the "wee small
hours." It is not to be wondered
at, then, that they are more quickly
forgotten when their voices are
stilled in death and their familiar
forms no longer await us at the
portals of the old home.
This inevitable forgetfulness,
Mother Church neutralizes by the
solemn reminder of All Soul's Day
and All Soul's Month. Perhaps an
All Souls' examination of conscience
might run something like this.
"How many times have I thought
of my dead since the festival of the
dead one year ago? How many
prayers have I said? How many
Communion have I offered for
them? How many Masses have I
offered? If our positions were
changed—if I were in Purgatory
and they were on earth would I
be satisfied if they did for me what
I am doing for them?"
The prayers and thoughts of
November are our golden oppor-
tunity to gain friends at God's
throne. No soul helped out of the
purgatorial fires by our suffrage
will forget their liberators when

their time comes. As we value our
own salvation and the intercession
of saints whom we helped to reach
God's throne, let us make Cardinal
Newman's prayer our own as our
November thoughts dwell on the
"poor souls."
Jesu, by that shuddering dread
which fell upon Thee;
Jesu, by that cold dismay which
sickened Thee;
Jesu, by that pang of heart which
thrilled Thee;
Jesu, by that mount of sins which
crippled Thee;
Jesu, by that sense of guilt which
stifled Thee;
Jesu, by that innocence which
girded Thee;
Jesu, by that sanctity which
reigned in Thee;
Jesu, by that Godhead which was
One with Thee;
Jesu, spare these souls which are
so dear to Thee;
Who, in prison, calm and patient
wait for Thee;
Hasten, Lord, their hour and bid
them come to Thee.
To that glorious home where they
shall ever gaze on Thee!

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

**INVOCATION FOR SUFFERING
SOULS**

For every time that with the key of
silence
I lock the portals of my lips today;
For every time that with a gentle
violence
I shut all harsh, unkindly thoughts
away;
For every time that at the door of
duty
I gladly greet the tasks that must
be done;
Deign Thou, O Lord, to ope Heaven's
Gates of Beauty
To captive souls redeemed by Thy
dear Son.
For every time that, self and ease
denying
For Thy dear sake, I turn to harder
things,
And on Thy Wisdom and Thy will
relying,
And on Thy Cross's arms, uplifting
wings;
For every time that, Faith, Hope,
Love professing,
With reverent hand Redemption's
Sign I trace,
Deign Thou, O Lord, to waft a balm
and blessing
To souls a-thirst to gaze upon Thy
Face.
For every time I tread the Via
Crucis
That for our sake our loving Saviour
trod,
Make it, through Thy sweet grace, a
Via Lucis
To lead our loved ones up to Thee,
O God!
For every time, Thy Holy Table
nearing,
I come, Thy Sacred Heart's invited
guest,
Though most unworthy of such
gracious hearing,
Oh, grant Thy suffering souls
eternal rest!
For every time I bend the knee be-
fore Thee,
For every prayerful thought I lift
to Thee,
And every breath with angels that
implore Thee,
I crave one boon:—Lord! set Thy
captives free.
Through all Thy sinless Mother's
pangs and anguish,
Through lone Gethsemane's woe and
Calvary's grief,
Stretch forth Thy arms of love to all
who languish
And give to all Thy suffering souls
relief!

ALL SOULS

All Souls' Day and Christmas
Day, unlike in almost every respect,
are like in this respect at least,
every priest is permitted to cele-
brate three Masses. This privilege
was extended to the Universal
Church by Pope Benedict XV. In
Spain and in many of the Latin
countries of America the custom of
saying three Masses on All Souls'
Day has long obtained. A petition
was submitted to Pope Leo XIII,
begging that a privilege so pious
and so laudable should be extended
to the Universal Church. It did
not seem good to the Pontiff to
acquiesce in the demand, but he
ordered a special requiem on Sun-
day, 30th of September, 1888.

The Church has always had the
practice of praying for the dead.
It is a tenet of Catholic doctrine
that not all who pass the judgment
of the Lord without condemnation
are immediately admitted to the
company of the just made perfect.
Some are detained in order to
undergo a period of purgation and
purification. The effects of their
misdeeds must be wiped away. All
through the history of the Church
we find reference to the prayers and
almsdeeds that are performed for
the benefit of the souls in Purga-
tory. The doctrine was common
enough in Shakespeare's day to
make him put into the mouth of the
ghost of Hamlet's father the revela-
tion that he had been

"Doomed for a certain term to walk
the night,
And for the day confined to fast in
fires,
'Till the foul crime done in my
days of nature
Are burnt and purged away."
Shakespeare's may have been a
poetic conception of the torments
of purgatorial purification. The
exact nature of the purifying pro-
cess is not clearly set forth in Cath-

olic theology. But we are taught
that the process is a dolorous one,
and that we, by our prayers, and
good deeds, can shorten its dura-
tion. Hence the commemoration of
All Souls, November, the last
month of the ecclesiastical year, is
now very properly consecrated to
the relief and to the charitable
felicity of those who have gone
before.—Catholic Transcript.

A FAMOUS PICTURE

All of us have at some time seen,
and most of us possess, a picture of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help; in-
deed, we are so used to it that we
forget the wonderful history of the
original painting. When suddenly
asked by a convert or by a child to
explain the picture, we have to
think hard for a moment before we
can remember that the original is
honored as a miraculous picture in
the Redemptorist Church of San
Alfonso in Rome, and that it is a
painting on wood, several hundred
years old.
This picture was, at one time,
held in great veneration in the
island of Crete. Then the Turks
invaded the island, and when they
started to burn all the churches a
merchant hurriedly secured the
painting and sought safety for it in
Italy. However, the devoted mer-
chant fell sick as soon as he reached
Rome. Realizing that he would not
live to set up the picture in one of
the churches of Rome, he besought
the man in whose house he was
dying to promise to do so.
This man made a solemn promise
to carry out the wish of the dying
merchant, but before he could do so
his wife conceived such a liking for
the picture that she persuaded him
to break his word. Several times,
in his dreams, Our Lady appeared
to him and warned him to keep his
word, but he delayed.

At last he himself became sick
and died before redeeming his
promise. Then Our Lady appeared
to his little daughter, and bade her
tell her mother that the picture of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help must be
given to one of the churches in
Rome and there honored. This is
how the name of the picture, which
had until then been called "The
Sorrowful One," became "Our
Lady of Perpetual Help." Our
Blessed Lady herself choosing the
title.
After several other warnings, the
picture was at last set up in the
Church of St. Matthew, a church
chosen by Our Lady herself to
receive that honor. There it stayed,
and was greatly venerated until
danger threatened it during the
siege of Rome in 1808. The
Fathers who then served that
church, removed the painting to a
place of safety, not long before the
Church of St. Matthew was totally
destroyed by the besieging army.
Some fifty years later, the
Redemptorist Fathers bought the
land on which were the ruins of the
old Church of St. Matthew, and
built the present Church of St.
Alfonso Liguori. There the
picture was once more set up for
public veneration and honor. To-
day, almost numberless thanksgiv-
ings testify to the gratitude of
clients of Mary who have invoked
her aid under her chosen title of
"Our Lady of Perpetual Help."
When we remember how "our
Mother showed her care of the
picture, and herself chose the title,
it is strange that we do not value
more the copies we ourselves
possess of the miraculous picture.
We sometimes hunt around for
something to do to please Our Lady,
yet here is a thing which she has
deigned to show that she desires.



Answers for last week: 6 & 5:
Gospel, 1 & 8: Jesus casts out a
devil, 3 & 7: the daughter of
Herodias receives the head of St.
John the Baptist, 2 & 4: Arch-
angel Raphael, Tobias and his, dog,
Oct. 24 feast of St. Raphael. (Ever
read Tobias?)



Certain young friends of mine
think some of the Puzzles easy.
Here's one for them! The upper
picture is one of the most beautiful
parts of the whole Bible. How and
where used this week? And the
lower picture, what is it and when
and where used in the Mass?
Rearrange the letters in each of
these five groups to get the name of
an important feast-day this week:
NASTIS NOMIS DAN DUJE
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honoring of her picture and the
invoking of her aid under her
special title of Our Lady of Per-
petual Help.—The Pilot.
A religious man is not a man who
merely says his prayers and sings
psalms; just as a poet is not a man
who merely writes verses. Both
require feeling, sincerity, faith,
and passion—without these they
cannot become either Christian or
poet.—Anon.
Truth must prevail over all other
considerations.—Gioberti.

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you "can't throw off"
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