

OUR WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR.

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ST. PATRICK'S.

PARISH SOCIETIES.

FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH.—Holy Scapular Society, instruction and investment in scapular, immediately after Vespers in the Church.

General Communion of Sacred Heart League at 8 o'clock Mass.

SECOND SUNDAY.—Meeting of Temperance Society, instruction and giving of temperance pledge, after Vespers in Church.

General Communion of Holy Name Society at 8 o'clock Mass, registration of office of Holy Name at 7.30 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY.—Holy Rosary Society after Vespers, instruction in Church, after which society business attended to in large sacristy.

FOURTH SUNDAY.—Children of Mary, general Communion at 7 o'clock Mass, meeting in hall of St. Patrick's (girls') school after Vespers.

Promoters of Sacred Heart League hold meeting in large sacristy at 2.45 p.m., distribution of leaflets, in library, 92 Alexander street; on 4th Sunday, 3 to 6 p.m., and after evening service, and on 1st Friday, after evening service.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS.—The Blessed Sacrament is solemnly exposed all day in St. Patrick's on every first Friday, solemn Benediction and Act of Reparation at 7.30 p.m., followed by short instruction.

LADIES OF CHARITY meet every Tuesday at 2 p.m., again at 8 p.m., to make garments for the poor. There are some sixty members, many of whom attend regularly every week to join in this highly charitable and meritorious work.

PARISH REGULATIONS.

BAPTISMS are attended to each Sunday and week day (except Saturdays) from 2 to 5 p.m. in the sacristy. Baptisms should not be brought on Saturday afternoons, on account of confessional work, except in case of urgent necessity.

MARRIAGES.—Parties intending marriage should see the priest in charge before deciding on the day and hour for the ceremony. In this way many inconveniences can be avoided.

Your marriage may not be the only one to be arranged for. Many matters in connection with a marriage are likely to be known only by the priest, and it is your interest as well as your convenience to allow him reasonable time to attend to them.

Banns are received any day from 4 to 5.30 p.m., except on Saturdays, Sundays and eves of holidays. Outside of these hours they are received only by appointment arranged beforehand.

Each contracting party should bring a reliable witness, and when available, parents are preferred. According to the civil law, the consent of parents is necessary for the marriage of minors or those under 21 years of age.

Those who are to be married should go to confession some days at least beforehand, and tell their confessor of their intended marriage, so that he may give them advice and direction suitable to the occasion. They should also ask him for a certificate of confession, which they have to present to the priest who marries them.

Notes of the Week

SACRED HEART LEAGUE.—At the monthly meeting of the promoters of the Sacred Heart League on Sunday last, it was announced that henceforward the League year would begin on December 1st, instead of June 1st, as heretofore.

Dues and subscriptions to messenger need only be collected in November next.

On account of the procession of tomorrow the monthly Communion of League members is postponed until the following Sunday.

THE ORPHAN ASYLUM.—It is proposed to make a number of much needed repairs in this institution. Both the interior and exterior of the building will be renovated. The work will be under the personal supervision of Rev. Father Leclair, the director of the Asylum.

The orphans held their annual pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Bonsecours on Friday, May 23rd.

CHILDREN OF MARY.—The pilgrimage of the Children of Mary took place on Monday morning. In spite of the rainy weather, there was a goodly number of members present.

CATECHISM CLASSES.—The senior boys and girls of the catechism passed their written examination in religious instruction on Tuesday morning.

EVENING EXERCISES.—There will be evening service in the Church from Thursday, May 29th, to Friday, June 6th.

FETE DIEU.—As announced in last week's calendar the procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place to-morrow morning, weather permitting, and will leave Notre Dame Church at 9 o'clock sharp. There will be no 10 o'clock Mass; but immediately after 8 o'clock Mass

the different societies of our parish will form in front of the Church and proceed to Notre Dame via Alexander and Craig streets.

Three parishes only take part: The Congregation of St. James, being the junior of the three, leads the procession then follow St. Patrick's and Notre Dame.

Should the weather prove unfavorable, the procession, of course, will not be held.

It is not customary of late years to postpone the Corpus Christi celebration later than the afternoon of the appointed day.

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART.

The solemnity of Corpus Christi coincides with the first day of June.

There could not be a more fitting and auspicious inauguration of the month of the Sacred Heart.

The object of the devotion to the Sacred Heart is the person of Our Lord Himself, who is to be found really and substantially present in the Sacrament of the Altar.

The heart has always been among men the emblem of love; we honor a mother's heart because it tells us of a mother's love, and the Christian honors the Sacred Heart, because it represents the boundless love of Jesus for men.

But nowhere is this Heart more intimately present, nowhere does it glow with more fervent love than in the Tabernacle.

The Most Blessed Sacrament is therefore the centre of true friends of the Sacred Heart.

THE FEAST of the Sacred Heart of Jesus falls upon Friday, June 6.

There will be general Communion at 7 o'clock Mass, after which the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed.

In the evening, sermon on the Sacred Heart, Act of Consecration and solemn Benediction.

Sunday, June 8th, is the solemnity of Friday's feast.

The Vespers of the Sacred Heart will be chanted in the evening at 7.30, and followed by a solemn procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament around the Church.

All the children of the First Communion will take part in the ceremony, and will be solemnly consecrated to the Sacred Heart.

Persons are particularly warned against the danger of missing Mass on Sunday next on account of the procession.

There is no 10 o'clock Mass on that day. The last Mass is at 8 o'clock.

OUR DEAD.—The following persons were recommended to the prayers of the faithful on Sunday last: Mrs. Michael Donovan, of St. Anthony's, Catherine Monica McAnan.

On Monday morning at 7.30 an anniversary service was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Burgess.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

HINTS FOR THE PROCESSION.

1. All are invited to walk in the procession; young people especially who can easily bear the fatigue are urged to make this open profession of their faith.

2. Persons who do not belong to any society may join the ranks of the Holy Name Society or the Living Rosary.

3. Members of the different sodalities should be at the Church no later than 8.30 a.m., and pay special attention to the directions given them, so that each organization may be assigned to its place without delay or confusion.

Much difficulty is experienced and a great deal of time is lost by the neglect of the above rules.

4. Once the ranks are formed they should maintained till the end of the procession; that is in a single file on either side of the street. The middle of the road is reserved for the marshals and banner-bearers. This order should be rigorously adhered to, as it is the only means to ensure a well organized procession.

5. For those who cannot take part in the procession by accompanying the Most Blessed Sacrament, the next best thing is to assist at it religiously; not through any vain curiosity or desire of seeing friends that are walking, or much less of attracting their attention, but with the express purpose of adoring Our Divine Lord as he passes by and of asking His blessing.

6. It is expected that our section of the route will be well decorated, and reflect credit upon the parishioners who are fortunate in having their residences so favorably situated.

FIRST MASS IN ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.

THANKS to the zeal and loving watchfulness of our great archbishop, an increased provision for their spiritual needs is always keeping pace with the augmenting numbers of the Catholic population of Montreal. So many Irish and other English-speaking Catholics have during recent years taken up their abode in the north end of the city that it has been found necessary to organize a new parish for them. The first Mass in this new parish was sung on Sunday morning last by the Rev. Father Kiernan, the pastor. Until the Church, which is to be under the patronage of St. Michael, has been built the Holy Sacrifice will be offered up and other devotions will be held in the large hall over the Fire Brigade Station at the corner of St. Denis street and Laurier Avenue. The hall was filled, every seat being occupied, and many being obliged to stand.

The preacher was the Rev. M. McGarry, C.S.C., Superior of St. Laurent College, who, in the course of an eloquent sermon, said: This extraordinary gathering marks the opening services of the new parish of St. Michael's. You are all, I am sure, delighted to have a parish of your own; to have a church, temporary though it is for, I hope, only a short time, in which you can hear the word of God in your own language, in which your children will be taught their catechism in their own tongue, and in which the sacraments will be administered. Several things are necessary in order to organize a new parish. There must be the people, and the pastor to take charge of them; and there must be a church, in which the people will assemble, to attend Mass, to hear the word of God, to receive the sacraments, to pray. Your parish having been or-

ganized in due form, all the proper formalities having been observed, what now remains to be done, and that without delay, is to build a church. It requires the united efforts of people and pastor to carry out this good work. If all the people in this parish would speedily contribute their mite towards this object it would soon be attained—a Church, a handsome Church, even a grand Church, would quickly rise, as if by magic. You know the words of the poet:—

"Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land."

Be assured that, whatever you give towards the fund for the erection of the church, you will be none the poorer for it. On the contrary, it will be returned to you, with the blessing of God, a hundredfold. Those who give generously will receive more of God's love than those who give stintedly. There are Catholics who are constantly complaining that the priests are asking for money all the time; but if anybody takes the trouble to inquire closely into the matter, he will find that these grumblers are the very people who give little or nothing to the Church; but spent their money in other ways. I do not say that there are any of these grumblers in this parish. Take the case of an average family, for example. When the affliction of sickness comes, what large sums of money are often paid to physicians and druggists, and sometimes to nurses as well!

The Church is the house of God. We read in the New Testament that Our Lord, when He entered the Temple of Jerusalem and expelled from it the usurers, He said: "My temple is a house of prayer." In Exodus we read that while Moses was on the mountain communing with God and drawing up the commandments the people of Israel fell into idolatry. God would have punished them in His wrath if Moses, who knew His goodness, did not intercede for his people. God spared them, and said: "They shall build me a sanctuary, and I shall dwell in the midst of them." You, too, will build Him a sanctuary, and He will dwell in the

midst of you. When you go home reflect on the fact that God has not yet a house in your parish. Our Saviour is anxious to come and dwell in the church that you are going to build for Him; to sacrifice Himself on the altar to His Eternal Father for the atonement of your sins and the sins of mankind; to enchain Himself, so to speak, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar by the links of His Divine love. The Mass is offered up for four purposes—to give glory to the Eternal Father by offering to Him adoration worthy of Him. We sinners can offer Him nothing that is worthy of Him. St. Augustine says that it is the Victim and Him to Whom that Victim is offered that give dignity to the sacrifice. In the Sacrifice of the Mass it is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who sacrifices Himself to His Eternal Father, offering to Him the same sacrifice which He offered on Mount Calvary. It is offered up to thank God for the inestimable benefits. He conferred upon mankind when He exalted it almost to a Divine dignity by taking upon Himself our human nature. We offer it in atonement for the sins of humanity. It is also a sacrifice of supplication. Do not, then, keep God long waiting for a house in your new parish. The city has generously provided you with a temporary Church. It deserves your gratitude for this act, which is a testimony to its Catholic spirit.

By contributing at once to build a Church you will help your pastor to promote the glory of God, and to perform the great work of the salvation of souls. His Grace, the Archbishop, has sent you a good pastor, whose zeal, energy and devotedness are well known to me. He is a class-mate of the Archbishop. His Grace has made an excellent choice, as you will find out when you become better acquainted with him. Co-operate heartily with him, I beseech; to use a common expression, put your shoulders to the wheel, and a church will soon be built here to the glory of God and to the honor of St. Michael, the great archangel, who defeated the rebellious angels and their leader and drove them out of Heaven, who was the guardian angel of Our Lord in His human infancy, who is the guardian angel of the Church, and who will at the

last day blow the trumpet that will summon all men to final judgment.

The Rev. Father Kiernan then made a few remarks. He said: It is twenty-four years since I was ordained, and I never felt the responsibilities of a priest more keenly than I do on this occasion. The Rev. preacher has congratulated you upon having attained the realization of your ambition to have a parish of your own. You have formed part of other congregations, and have come and fixed your homes here in the north, where you have hitherto mixed with friends, it is true, but among whom you were in a small minority. In this new parish there are a people, a pastor, but no church. What has been done to-day is due to my able and very willing assistant, Father McGinness. I have been sent here by the head of the archdiocese, and I must obey. With your prayers and your help I see success in the future, the near future. I thank those who have assisted in organizing the parish. The precious gold chalice with which I am about to celebrate the first Mass in the parish is the generous gift of Mr. McNulty. This morning the Archbishop gave us his blessing, and he expressed to me his best wishes for our success. With this blessing, with the help of St. Michael, whose name is synonymous with victory, and with our prayers, there is no reason to fear that we will not be successful. I have courage and confidence in the future. If God be with us, who shall be against us? Father Kiernan then announced that on Sunday Mass will be said at 8 and 10 o'clock. He also announced that already \$300 worth of gifts had been presented to the Church; and he suggested that he and his assistant should be consulted before any more presents were given.

In the evening there was a renewal of baptismal vows, followed by Benediction.

A hopeless man is deserted by himself, and he who deserts himself is soon deserted by his friends.

Time breathes its mists on the vast ocean of ages, and rolls along the surface, the dark, impenetrable fog of forgetfulness.

ST. ANN'S PARISH.

The attendance in St. Ann's Church last Sunday night was a grand manifestation of the deep love to the Mother of God, that obtains in the old parish. The different parochial societies for men and boys to the number of about 800, bearing lighted tapers walked in procession in honor of the "Queen of May." The Cadet Corps led the way, these were followed by St. Ann's Young Men Society, headed by their banner. Four young men carried a statue of "Our Lady of Perpetual Help." Then came the St. Ann's T. A. and B. Society, and the members of the Holy Family Society with flags and banners. The Rev. Clergy surrounded by the sanctuary boys, bearing lighted candles, completed one of the most edifying processions seen in St. Ann's Church for many years. Solemn Benediction was given by Rev. Father Caron, rector. Mr. P. J. Shea presided at the organ, and the young ladies' choir, under the direction of Miss McArthur, rendered music that seemed borrowed from a higher sphere. We regret we are unable to give the names of the young ladies who sang so beautifully "O Salutaris" and "Ave Maria." The sermon, which was delivered by Rev. Father Dominic, O.F.M., we are obliged to hold over until next week.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

St. Mary's parish was the first of our Irish parishes to organize a Holy Name Society. That it has been successful and enjoys the confidence of the parishioners was put in evidence on Monday evening, 19th May, when the members held their

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annual meeting and elected officers for the ensuing year. The society is doing excellent work. Once a month, the third Sunday, the members receive Holy Communion in a body, and on the third Monday a meeting is held at which important matters concerning the society are discussed.

The election of officers for the year resulted as follows:—
Director—Rev. Robert E. Callahan.
President—F. C. Lawlor.
Vice-President—J. Cogan.
Rec. Secy.—W. F. McEniry, re-elected.
Fin. Secy.—W. J. Coughlin.
Treasurer—Patrick Keys.
1st Consulter—Jas. Mullaly.
2nd Consulter—S. J. Cavanagh.
Marshal—Henry Cavanagh.
Sacristan—Peter Dunn.

Emulation and not rivalry seems to be the spirit that now animates the boys of our schools. When the prizes are awarded at the close of the term it would seem as if the boys who did not receive the honors were as proud of their successful companions as these latter could be themselves. This is a healthy and encouraging disposition. The old-time rivalry that so frequently marred the joyousness of such occasions appears no longer exist, and the feeling of fellowship that permeates all classes of pupils speaks well for their training, as well as for their future prospects in life. In this connection our attention has been called to the generous act of the Mount St. Louis Cadets Band in attending one of the dramatic performances of St. Ann's Cadets, and contributing a number of delightful musical selections. This is the right kind of a spirit.

PEW RENT.—The second term of pew rent in St. Patrick's is due June 1st. The usual limit of 10 days for payment expires on Tuesday, June 10th.