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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK FEBRUARY.

27.—First Sunday in Lent. 28. Monday—St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor.

MARCH.

- 1. Tuesday—Votive office of the Apostles. 2. Wednesday—Ember Day. Votive office of St. Joseph. 3. Thursday—Votive office of the Blessed Sacrament. 4. Friday—Ember Day. The Lance and Nails. Commemoration of St. Casimir, King. 5. Saturday—Ember Day. Votive office of the Immaculate Conception.

BRIEFLETS.

Rev. Father Cherrier sang the High Mass this morning at the Cathedral.

Rev. Father Blais, O.M.I., is still very weak and confined to his bed at St. Boniface Hospital.

To-morrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Easter falls on the 10th of April.

His Grace the Archbishop of St Boniface returned from the east last Wednesday, accompanied by Rev. Father George, O.M.I.

Rev. Father Cherrier went to St. Norbert last Thursday to organize a branch of the C.M.B.A. This new branch numbers eighteen members.

We regret to learn that Mr. Fitzsimmons, Deputy Warden of the Stony Mountain Penitentiary, is very seriously ill at St. Boniface Hospital.

During Lent the days on which meat is forbidden are: Wednesdays and Fridays, the Saturday of next week (Ember week) and Thursday and Saturday of Holy Week.

The largest congregation in the United States is that of St. Stanislaus Kostka, in Chicago, which has 30,000 communicants, two thirds of the population of Winnipeg. The Sunday masses are attended by more than 15,000 people.

Mr. Albert Betournay has been appointed organist at the Immaculate Conception Church. His accompaniments and voluntaries last Sunday were very much admired. The Tantum Ergo in the evening was really soul-stirring.

The Jesuit has, of course, put in an appearance in the Dreyfus case. M. Yves Guyo believes the condemnation of Dreyfus was all a Jesuit plot. It is an easy solution of the difficulty, which will recommend itself to our old friend the editor of the "Rock".—CATHOLIC TIMES.

Yesterday evening Rev. Father Lacasse, O. M. I., entertained the students of St. Boniface College with a most interesting talk about his varied experiences. His account of five days spent without food in Labrador, followed by an exciting cariboo hunt, was particularly thrilling.

Father Jansen, Superior of the German House of Missions at Steyl, has given details which show that Fathers Nies and Henle, who were murdered in China, were treated with great brutality. Their bodies were covered with wounds and Father Nies's entrails were torn out. They are said to have had a presentiment of death.

The Very Rev. Father McGuckin, O.M.I., having been obliged by continued ill health, to resign the Rectorship of Ottawa University, the Very Rev. Father Constantineau, O.M.I., has been appointed Rector in his stead. When His Grace the Archbishop of St Boniface was on the eve of starting on his return journey, it was hoped that the Rev. Father Fallon, O.M.I., Vice-Rector of the University, would accompany Mgr Langevin and reside at St Mary's, Winnipeg. Hence the item that appeared to that effect in our last issue and was received on good authority as we were going to press. But at the last moment, as we have since learned, it was found that Father Fallon's presence in the University was impera-

tive and that he could not be spared in term time. Let us hope that at some future day Winnipeg may enjoy the benefit of his ripe culture and eloquent preaching.

This is the third day of the special Carnival devotions at the Cathedral of St. Boniface. Yesterday and to day there was High Mass followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till the Benediction in the evening. All the services are crowded, at 7. 30 and 9 A. M. and 7. 15 P. M. More than six hundred have received Holy Communion. All the singing is in plain chant very well rendered.

Fishermen on the coast of North Carolina have lately made the discovery that the fish, instead of migrating during winter, as was hitherto supposed, to lower latitudes, simply retire to deep holes a few miles off the shore, where they are found in countless swarms. Since the discovery of these holes during the months of January and February the fishermen have made as high as \$70 each in one day.

It is estimated that the value of the presents receive by the Pope on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of his first mass amounted to 5,000,000 lire. Among the more valuable gifts were a cheque from the Duke of Norfolk for £8,000,100,000 florins from the Bishop of Austria, a similar sum from the Bishop Primate of Hungary, 100,000 lire from the Spanish bishops and 60,000 from the German Bishops.

Father George Searle, the famous New York Paulist, the astronomer who has made several important astronomical discoveries and the author of "Plain Facts for Fair Minds," is now on his way to take up the direction of the Vatican Observatory. It may be stated that one of the latest asteroids discovered, No. 416, has received the name of "Vaticana" in honour of Father Boccardi, of the Vatican Observatory, who computed its course.

The congregation of St. Albert's Polish Church, South Milwaukee, which last year set up as an independent Catholic church, has returned to the fold. At a meeting of the directors 54 against 4 voted to incorporate under the rules of the Catholic Church and to turn over all property and papers to Archbishop Katzer of Milwaukee. After the meeting adjourned the trustees met and were unanimous in endorsing the action of the congregation. The church will soon be consecrated.

The March intention for the Apostleship of Prayer is "Devotion to the Crucifix." Nothing helps man, woman or child to purity and self-denial like the sight of a crucifix. We pity the poor pain-racked patient in a non-Catholic hospital who has no image of his crucified Lord to look at. The American Messenger of the Sacred Heart recommends its readers not to be ashamed of the cross of Christ. It says: "To our mind, yielding never converts. We know of several Calvaries erected in public view, of course on private grounds, and they have been the object of much interest to those not of our faith. The one on the shrine land at Auriesville has stood there some ten years, and has always been treated with the greatest respect, although during eleven months of the year there is not a Catholic in the neighborhood."

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