

BISHOP BOLAND BLESSES CONVENT

On Sunday, Jan. 22nd, we were honored to have with us our Most Rev. Bishop on the occasion of the blessing of the New Convent. His Excellency was here for the 11 o'clock Mass together with the visiting clergy, including Msgr. Wm. Louis, Chancellor of the Diocese & Rev. Gabriel Stone, of St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic. Father Gaspar was the Celebrant of the Mass, assisted by Father Molnar and Father Anthony Kurzynowski of St. Joseph's Passaic. One of our own boys studying for the Priesthood, George Macho, was Master of Ceremonies.

Following the Mass, the procession led to the Convent where the Bishop blessed the new home of the Sisters. At the Mass, he praised the Parishioners for their sacrifices in ever bringing about new developments around the Church.

Sisters from many other Convents were also present, including our old friend, Sister Angelina, now in Trenton. The Postulants and Sisters of Arrochar sang in the Choir for the Mass.

God bless our own Sisters, and we hope that they will be very happy in their new home.

HOLY NAME HAS SPAGHETTI DINNER

After the last meeting of the Holy Name on Jan. 9th, a real special treat was in store for the members when John Militello cooked us a delicious spaghetti dinner, complete with meatballs and all. No comments were heard during the repast because the boys were busy cleaning up the plates preparing for seconds and even thirds. Diets were dispensed with on that night and truly everyone enjoyed the meal very much. We can't thank John enough for the grand job he did, but then that is typical of the spirit that the Holy Name men have. We wish more men of the Parish would join us but soon!

"REMEMBER, MAN THAT DUST THOU ART".

On Wed. Feb. 22, which will be Ash Wednesday this year, the priest will again place Holy Ashes on our forehead and say in Latin: "Remember, man, that dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return". This is a grim reminder that each of us is getting closer and closer to the grave with each tick of the clock. It is a memory refresher that God has made us for one thing alone - to be happy with Him in heaven someday.

On Ash Wed. which is the beginning of our spiritual fiscal year, we are to take our inventory and see whether or not we have been doing a good job at this business of saving our souls. "Remember, man, that dust thou art" - remember whatever you have, don't take full credit, give some to the God that made you and gave you the things that you have. "Unto dust thou shalt return" - don't place your bets on sure losers; God is the only sure winner.

During this Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, let's follow the Divine Master as we have never before followed Him. Let's not play up to the Joneses, or follow the bad example of others, but rather let's answer Christ's call of: "Come follow Me".

Sooner than we think each one of us is going to be before the judgment chair of God, and, brothers, on that day bowling averages won't mean a thing, neither will a fat bank roll, or membership cards to exclusive clubs; only one thing will count - have you followed Christ or not.

Let's be sure to follow the Laws of Abstinence and Fasting. It may be a little tough giving up that porkchop or hamburger, but think of Christ who gladly gave His life for YOU. He gave His life for you; what will you give?

FELLOWS, MEET FRANCIS SWINARSKY!

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

It was on Sept. 10th, 1917 in the Marion Section of Jersey City, that a bouncing baby boy was born to Mr. & Mrs. Martin Swinarsky (Anna Nowicki). At his subsequent Baptism he was given the name Francis. Evidently the competition was too great from Mayor Hague, for at the age of 12, Francis and family moved to East Rutherford, where he completed both grammar and high school training.

His first job was that of a bus driver with Consolidated. We could "go Hollywood" right here and say that he used to give free rides to a girl named Ethel Weisz until such time as she consented to be a co-pilot on the bus of matrimony, but the simple truth is that they were married on Feb. 16th, 1941.

He then switched to U.S. Rubber as a shipping clerk until 1943 when he joined the Army. With the 4th Army Infantry Division, he took part in the Normandy invasion, winding up the deal with a Purple Heart & five combat stars. After a 3 year hitch in the Army, 6 months of which was spent in the hospital, he became a machinist in U.S. Rubber again thru the Government Rehabilitation Program, a job which he still holds.

Francis is a very active lad about town. What with being the Financial Secretary of the Passaic K of C; recording Secretary of the Liberty Hungarian Society, and Charter Member of the English Branch of the Holy Name Society of the Parish. He is also a Trustee of the Parish.

His hat rack is located at 103 Trimble Ave., Clifton, where he lives in addition to his wife with his two children, Gerald and Francis Daniel. His two hobbies are bowling and golf. In the Wed. Nite League he is currently sporting a 128 average, while in golf he brags that he once broke 90 (years ago).

His congenial smile is his trademark. He is willing to help at anything and will do a swell job at it. It's his way of proving himself a true friend. God bless you, Francis and the family. We need more guys like you in every Parish.

- Feb. 7 - Senior Sodality - 7:30 PM
13 - Holy Name - 8 PM
14 - Sweetheart Dance (Holy Name Members Only) 8 PM
19 - PTA Cake Sale after each Mass - School basement
22 - Ash Wednesday - Ashes after each Mass and 7:30 PM

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays:

- Feb. 20 - Marilyn Vitale
21 - Fred Seeley Jr.
22 - Mrs. Anne Hendricks

Wedding Anniversaries:

- Feb. 16 - The Francis Swinarsky's
28 - The John Militello's

SENIOR SODALITY REORGANIZES

There will be a reorganization meeting for the Senior Sodality of the Parish. All girls of high school age or over are eligible to join. The girls should consider it an honor to be among the chosen admirers of our Blessed Lady. Every Catholic young girl who has any degree of love for the Mother of God will be at the meeting, Tues. night, Feb. 7th at 7:30.

CYO TO REORGANIZE

On some evening as yet undecided the young boys and girls of the Church are asked to attend a meeting to reorganize the Catholic Youth Organization in our Parish. The purpose of the club is to afford a place for the younger set of the Parish to have a lot of fun in the Catholic sense of the word and still be doing a grand job of saving their souls. Our Parish has ample facilities for recreational and social activities - let's take advantage of them.

We ask the parents to see to it that the youth of our Parish join the club. Your youth will look for entertainment - if they are in the CYO, you'll know they are traveling in good circles. If they are with us today, we can guarantee that they will not become the delinquents of tomorrow.

It was nice to see Frank Heck up and around again Sunday at Church...The other night Steve Bayusz became the first man in ABC History to bowl a strike - without pins, that is.....Father Molnar attended a PTA meeting recently & was his face red when they began discussing how to iron shorts.... did you notice Francis Swinarsky's new bowling ball; we wonder if he is out now to beat Frank Zurey.... the Bugle & Drum Corps' are sure to balance again next year. Frank Wasko was reelected Treasurer. Congrats, Frank...John Bayusz, Sr. really enjoys the "special" meetings which follow the regular meeting....We wonder if John Militello is married; we never see his Missus. Any baby-sitters? If so see John....Give us the good old days when Steve Bayusz was holding down 1st base, Marty Schwartzinger was behind the bat, Bill Hudak was chasing flies, and beer was 5¢ a glass....John Reynolds is very busy these days at school. Could it be that he is taking a course in Child Psychology in anticipation of a visit from Sir Stork in the near future?...The reason why John Reichardt is always smiling is because he believes in killing 2 birds with 1 stone. With the same smile he makes new friends and advertises his product (false teeth). ...It is good to see Frank Farkass active again in Parish Circles. We've missed him long enough.... Rumor has it that all of the boys are quitting their jobs to become bus drivers after they saw the new home of Ben Kopacz. Now that we've seen the outside, Ben, how about having one of our "meetings" in the inside? Maybe Bill Hudak who lives at the same address can talk Ben into seeing things our way.... Speaking of new homes, our own Dr. Johnson has one of the best equipped and most modern office in these parts....Isn't it about time we had the Paterson delegation of Fett & Fett come to one of our meetings?...A medal of honor should go to Joe Schwartzinger for his heroic rescue of his daughter. We are thankful it wasn't more serious.

WHY IS IT FORBIDDEN FOR CATHOLICS TO EAT MEAT ON FRIDAY?

We are happy this question was asked, especially since Lent is just around the corner. To all Christians, the notion of making sacrifice means a very important thing - without sacrifice there is no Christianity. Thru sacrifice we prove the love that we proclaim up to that point only with our tongues. A girl is never satisfied with the simple "I love you" but wants that love proved by the way the boy treats her and her family. We prove our love by our actions. That is why Christ died on the Cross, because He wanted to give us the best proof of His love for us. The Bible says: "Greater love than this no man hath, than to lay down his life for his friends". Thru His passion and death, Christ proved to us His love.

Since Christ died on Friday, Good Friday to be exact, we should try to show our love for Him in a special way, especially on that day. The Church has shown us the way to prove that love, namely by abstaining from the eating of meat on that day. So, on a Friday, a Catholic can say to God: "Dear God, I love you very much for all You have done for me. I also love meat an awful lot, too, and so to prove my love for You today, Friday, I am going to make a sacrifice - I'm going to give up the pleasure of eating meat, so that I can have the pleasure of proving my love for You".

The Church has placed this abstinence under pain of mortal sin, for surely each of us has a serious obligation of proving our love for God from time to time.

Some people say: "Yes, but I get hungry on Friday". Don't we all; but if we don't feel the sacrifice a little where is the sacrifice. There are many other foods we can substitute. If we can go on diets for other reasons, why not for love of God?

Send all questions to the Rectory, anonymously if you wish. An answer will appear in this column.

WOT HOPPEN?

Jan. 9th Meeting

Mr. Frank Kaleta spoke at the meeting regarding the Boy Scouts, now sponsored by the Holy Name. The members agreed to sponsor a Troop Rally and Parent Night on Feb. 12th in the School Hall for the benefit of sending 2 Boy Scouts to the National Jamboree to be held at Valley Forge State Park, Pa., during the 1st week of July. Tickets are only 35¢ - do your share - help make this affair a success for the Boy Scouts.

The TV set should be installed by the time this is printed. It will be in the School basement for the enjoyment of all.

Attendance prize of 50¢ was won by Steve Celmer; Jack-Pot of \$2.00 was won by Joe Godri

PTA CELEBRATES 4TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sun., Jan. 29th, the PTA celebrated their 4th Anniversary with a chicken dinner. Before the dinner, the new officers were installed, and a gift was presented to Mrs. Wm. DeLorenzo, the retiring President. After the meal, a short talk was given by Fathers Gaspar & Molnar. Mr. Wm. Cruise gave a wonderful talk as the guest speaker.

Entertainment followed which featured various games conducted by Bill Cruise as only he can do. All the members had a very enjoyable time and expressed a keen desire to make next year's dinner really the talk of the town. Congratulations to the outgoing officers for a job well done. Good luck to the new officers! A hand of praise to the Committee for a wonderful affair.

PTA TO SPONSOR CAKE SALE

On Sun., Feb. 19th, the PTA will sponsor a cake sale in the School Basement. The folks are asked to drop in after all Masses. If you are interested in helping the PTA and getting some good cake at the same time, pay them a visit on that day. We are sure that you will not be disappointed.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR 1950

HOLY NAME SOCIETY English Branch

Pres. - Ben Godri, Jr.
1st Vice-Pres. - Paul Bacsardi
2nd Vice-Pres. - Andy Henyecz
Sec. - John Militello
Treas. - Joe Sipos
Marshall - Bill Hudak
Delegates - Steve Celmer and Joe Godri

BUGLE AND DRUM CORPS

Pres. - Bill Ondo
Vice-Pres. - Pete Hollis
Sec. - Bill Jurkofsky
Treas. - Frank Wasko
Quartermaster - Joe Jurkofsky
Historian - Fred Yarosz, Jr.
Trustees - Art Kender, Tony Taran, and Joe Puskas
Sgt. at Arms - Bill Moore

PTA

Pres. - Mrs. Jos. Sipos
Vice-Pres. - Mrs. John Szilasi
Rec'd. Sect. - Mrs. Frank Papp
Cor. Sec. - Mrs. E. Horvath
Treas. - Mrs. J. Konz

BOTTOMS UP, TOES UP

If you are a married man who absolutely must drink booze, start a saloon in your own home. Give your wife \$20 to buy a gallon of whisky. There are 128 ounces in a gallon. Buy your drinks from your wife at retail. When the first gallon is gone, your wife will have nearly \$60 to put in the bank, and \$20 to start in business again. If you live 10 years, buy all the whiskey from your wife, & then die with snakes in your boots, your wife will have enough to bury you respectably, bring up your children, buy a house, marry a decent man, and forget all about you.

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PAMPHLET RACK

Please spend a few minutes at our Pamphlet Rack in Church. We are sure you will find one you like. It is one way of knowing your Religion.

CSALÁDLÁTOGATÁS...Mindkét lelkeszünknek nehéz napja szokott lenni Január. Már hónapokkal előtte szoktunk gyakorlatozni, hogy essek túl nehezen a sok lépcsőjárás. Isten segítségével és következetes nehéz munkával, a vége fele érünk. Szeretném őszinte hálámat kifejezni hűveimnek a szeretetteljes fogadtatásért, az udvariasságért, amelyben mindkettőnknek részünk volt a hosszú téli utonkon. Ha igénybe vehettük volna csak felében a sok és kedves hívást, vendégszeretetet, nem végéznénk egy év alatt sem. Istentem, de sokszor eszembe jut az első és második évi látogatásom, volt jó Kántor urunkkal, Molnár Andrással, bizony nem egészen így fogadtak sok helyen bennünket. Kitartottunk és következesek voltunk és a jég megtört. Tudtam mindig, ha megismerjük egymást, akkor megszeretjük egymást. Hiszen egy dolgot akarunk mindketten, virágzó magyar katolikus Egyházat és ezen keresztül lelkünk boldogságát. Az első már itt van. Lelkileg, anyagilag egyaránt minden évben rekordot verünk; hűveim a templom látogatásban, a szentségekhez való járulásban. De boldog lehet Patronusunk, ha lenéz ránk és látja azt a sok küzködő nehezen dolgozó egyszerű magyar embert.

Sajnos panaszkodnom is kell. Vannak családok, akik nem érdemlik meg a magyar nevet. Elhagytak, másheva mentek. Inkább hajlandók megtértek lenni és konyor helyet elfogadni, mint a maguk egyházában büszkén és felemelt fejvel tisztelni Istenüket. Nem vesztettünk többet velük, mint amennyit a másik nyert, mi pedig nem gratulálunk csatlakozásukhoz. Minden esetre fáj mert nem lesz magyar ember, aki helyüket elfoglalja. Szokszor eszembe jutnak magyarjaink, akik évenként csak egyszer jutnak magyar isteni tisztelethez. Ünnepp nap nekik a hétköznapi is, csak édesanyjuk nyelven hallják a jó Isten nevet kiejteni és magyar nyelven végezhessek szent gyónásukat. A hűtlenség kissé szégyeljük magukat és ne felejtsek el, ajtonk nyitva van, várjuk őket vissza.

Mire a sorok napvilágot látnak, küszöbön lesz a böjt. Az év kedves része minden háziasszonynál a tavaszi nagytakarítás ideje. Nemcsak testből állunk, de hordozunk egy halhatatlan lelket is; ez is kívánczik tavaszi tisztogatás után. Amilyen a tavasz, rendesen olyan a nyár és az ősz.

Az aratáshoz kell vetés, gondozás, meleg napsugár, bőséges öntözés és akkor várhatunk nehéz munkánk mellett eredményt.

A gondolatok járnak eszemben most amikor hamvazószerdára készülünk. Anyaszentegyházunk ilyenkor felkiált: Mentsd meg a lelket... ezt hirdeti minden missziós kereszt... bár megérténénk. Nem tudjuk a jó Isten hány tavaszt, hány nagyböjttöt enged még megérni, egyet tudok, egyszer eljön az utolsó. Nem tudjuk az időt, helyet, sem a módot, ahol és ahogy hazamegyek, egyet tudok, hogy egyszer kell mennem. Készen vagy? Ha nem, akkor ragadd meg ezt az alkalmat. Hogyan ragadjam meg? Bűnbánat és böjt által.

Minden felnőtt, aki már betöltötte 21 életévét tartozik böjttölteni. Értéke csak akkor van, mint felnőtt és szívesen tesszük. Másképp úgy hívjuk, hogy éhezni, de nem böjttölteni. A böjt nem új dolog, sajnos a tengeren túl némelyek már öt éve böjttölnek és még mindig nem tudják, mikor lesz husvét! Nem szégyeljük magunkat kissé azok mellett? Pedig nem tehetnék róla, talán jobbak és szentebbek nálunknál és mégis tart nem 40 nap, hanem már feltizedes böjtjük. Nemde asszonyaink hiúságból sokszor böjttölnek, hogy kisebb ruhába tudjanak belebújni, vagy más hiúsági okból. Nem tudnak mi szintén egy igaz és bűnbánelőkészületet csinálni az idén? Hidd el, jól esik majd, egészségesebb leszel, kevesebb lesz az orvosi számla és a patika.

Mesterünket utánozzuk ez önmegtagadással. Bármikor nagy dolog előtt állott, böjttel és imádsággal készült elő rája. Neki kellett tudnia mit akar Miatyánk, ki a menyekben van.

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