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2 COMMUNION BREAKFASTS TO BE HELD

This year, as every year, two Communion Breakfasts will be held; one for the women and the other, for the men of the Parish. The fair sex will have their Breakfast on Sunday, March 4. The women will receive at the 9 o'clock Mass, after which they will retire to the School Auditorium. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Charles Casserly, Administrator of Mount Virgin Church in Garfield. Tickets are available from any of the PTA members, who are sponsoring the Breakfast or at the Rectory.

The men will have a Father and Son Communion Breakfast on March 11. Each male adult is asked to bring some young boy - his son, nephew, god-child, or neighbor - to both the Altar Rail and the Breakfast. They, too, will receive at the 9 o'clock Mass, with the meal to follow in the Auditorium. They will have two guest speakers; Dr. Frank Vander, former Chief Prosecutor in Hungary, will speak in Hungarian. Rev. Joseph Regan, Assistant Pastor at St. Michael's Church in Newark, and former Navy Chaplain, will speak on "The Christian Family" in English. The men can obtain tickets from any of the Holy Name Members, who are sponsoring this Breakfast, or at the Rectory.

Since all of us have the obligation of making our Easter Duty under, as usual, the pain of mortal sin, it might be well to take part in one or the other of these Breakfasts. Let's have a fine turn-out at both these affairs. God will well reward you for your sacrifice and generosity of charity.

In times such as these, it should be all the more clear to us how right our divine Saviour was when He said: "Without Me you can do nothing". It stands to reason that with Him, we can do all things. Let's all approach the Altar Rail and find out for ourselves.

"GET HIM BACK HIS BALL"

There is a neat little poem written by a John Bannister Tabb, usually read around Christmas time, but we thought it would not be out of place to quote part of it here. Part of it goes like this:-

A little Boy of heavenly birth,
But far from home today,
Comes down to find His ball,
the earth,
That Sin has cast away.
O Comrades, let us one and all
Join in to get Him back his
ball!

It's a lovely thought regarding the earth as the little ball of the child Jesus that has been lost through sin, and one which He wants back so badly. But the most beautiful and most important part is the job we have in helping Him get back that ball.

With all the troubles in the world, we have been getting more and more self-centered. We don't worry about anything except in terms of "How much do I get out of it" or "What's in it for me".

We might, as long as we are so selfish and mercenary, as the same question about helping God get back his little ball, the earth. What do I get out of leading a good Catholic life and doing all I can to give back the world to God after I have snatched it from Satan. Well, friend, don't get the idea that the only reward will come in heaven.

As long as we are doing our share, as long as we are on the right side of the fence, God will give us peace and happiness right here in this world, too. It's not like getting a check at the end of a long, hard week of work. God gives us our share even during the week. But first of all we must do our share of the bargain, getting his earth back to Him. Promise Him as you go to Communion that you will do this, and then you will find out how much there is in it for you!

FELLOWS, MEET STEPHEN CELMER!

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

It was in Passaic on August 16, 1916, that Andrew Celmner and Violet Bashinsky became proud parents for the second time with two more such occasions to follow. This visit by Sir Stork, as all the others, resulted in a boy, this one to be christened "Stephen".

When he grew up to be old enough to lug schools books, Steve was trotted off to School #11 and from there later to #12. Upon completing his grammar school training, he spent two years at dear old Passaic High. At this stage, Steve decided to clean up in the world and so he got himself a job in a laundry where he worked for a little more than a year. Short as that time may seem, it was long enough, for it was here that a budding romance began.

In between starchings he had enough time to get acquainted with Helen Palinkas. In fact they got so well acquainted that they decided to make a go of it for themselves on the matrimonial sea. It was right here at St. Stephen's that they exchanged "I do"s on July 8, 1939.

They then established their residence at 38 Outwater Lane where they still enjoy life as man and wife. Shortly after marriage, Steve switched to the Empire Box Company, but after a year he got himself a job with General Motors. For a short time he worked for an auto body repair place, but then returned to General Motors, whence he still gets his checks to this day.

Steve has endeared himself among those who were "raised" in the Parish. He is currently a collector in the Parish and is not only a Charter member of the Holy Name but also one of the two Delegates to the Diocesan conferences.

Like all good men, he enjoys being around the house most of all. He does find a little time to take movies and to bowl. By and large, Steve is the silent, dependable type, one who will take a job and turn it into a success. We surely enjoy having men of his zeal and capabilities around with us.

4 - PTA COM UNION BREAKFAST for all the women of the Parish. Receive Communion at the 9 o'clock Mass with Breakfast to follow in the School Hall.

11 - HOLY NAME COM UNION BREAKFAST for all the men of the Parish. Receive Communion at the 9 o'clock Mass with Breakfast to follow in the School Auditorium. Monthly meeting of the Holy Name at 8 P.M., Religious Discussion Club to meet at 7:30, before the meeting.

21 - **Spy** Wednesday

22 - Maundy Thursday

23 - Good Friday,

Services each of these nights at 7:30. On Good Friday, the Three Hours Agony services will be held from 12 to 3.

24 - Holy Saturday

25 - Easter Sunday.

A special detailed schedule for Holy Week will be mailed to every parishioner. PLEASE keep it handy, so you won't have to phone the rectory as to when what is going on!

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 22, - Mrs. Frank Kaleta Sr. (Birthday)

Mar. 11 - Frank Kaleta Jr. (Birthday)

HOLY NAME TO SPONSOR EASTER DANCE!

Under the capable chairmanship of Frank Farkas, the Holy Name Society will again hold an Easter Dance, on Easter Sunday, March 25. The orchestra of Rudy Hurst has been engaged for the affair, and we know that all will have a good time if they come down. The newly decorated school auditorium will add charm to the affair.

Tickets are available now and we ask that you mark that date in your little red book. We know that last year's crowd will be back again! How about joining us this year. A feature will be the 50-50 Club drawing. Let's see who the Easter Bunny will favor with a check this year. It may be you, so get that ticket, too.

JOTS AND TITLES

It certainly was nice to see the grand turnout we had for the last meeting. Before it, the boys went to the Funeral Chapel to pay their last respects to the mother of one of the brother members, Steve Volman's mother, Mrs. Anna Volman. We want to extend our sympathy to the other members of the family and assure them of our continued prayers in her behalf....It was a pleasant surprise to see John Szilasi at the meeting despite the fact that he has recently moved out to Fairlawn. There's a real member for you....If Joe Szilasie had only given up his bingo with the missus that same night, he would have won the jack-pot prize at the meeting. Let that be a lesson, boy!....Aside to Mrs. John Bayus:- The boys promise not to take John for any mussels anymore if you will let him go bowling. She's afraid of the bad influence, and we can't blame her....Ben Godri has so far gotten three of the Holy Name men jobs at F.T.&R. At that rate, they will all be working there soon. How about getting them into the K. of C, Ben?....If there is any girl from our Parish who would like a job as typist, please contact Joan Griffin at U.S. Rubber, or else call her at Cliffside 6-6906. They could use one right now....To prove that it pays to concentrate, watch Tom McPherson on the bowling alleys. He is in his first year and is consistently in the 150's. Wait till he gets more experience! (Move over, Falcaro!) Frank Kaleta will have a birthday on the 11th, and his life is still that of a bachelor. Any one want him?....If you have a copy of the March issue of Coronet, you will see Father Molnar along side of Cardinal Spellman in one of the pictures. My, my, aren't we getting up in the world. Father Molnar says he will autograph the picture on Sunday after the Masses....The mail bag brought a letter from Joe Godri who is still in England. Things are O.K. but oh that rationing. John Militello better mail him some spaghetti or else the poor boy won't last....See you at the Communion Breakfast, huh?....

"TEEN-AGE TEMPEST"

Howdy!...Well, I trust you all received a "lush" valentine from THE one and by now are fully recovered, and once again down to earth. At least we know Irene Furesz is. She's studying evenings at Drake's Business School, and doing very well, too....Margie Barany sure is an expert in potato sack racing. She really went to town at the Sodality's Valentine Party the other night and she also walked off with the door prize. (Capitalist, you know!)....Say, do you hear wedding bells in the distance? (Bet you thought your ears were ringing.) Well, they could be ringing for Irene Horvath, who recently announced her engagement, and we wish you all the luck in the world, Irene, but until that guy claims you for good, let's see more of you, huh?....No more bargains at the Bakery counter at Mohican Market. Cecilia Ament has left her "position" and things will not be the same any more. (Boy, it must be something to be able to retire so young!)....Lest we forget - the Sodalists have claimed a "Club" room in the basement of the Church and are now scouting around for used furniture. If you have any at home, please contact any of the members. (Can't you see Peg Zechmeister carting a sofa on her back down the hill of Outwater Lane?) Perhaps this latest project of her little angels is what is giving Sister Dorothy that worried look lately....Congratulations are in order for Ethel Szarvas who sold the most copies of Catholic Literature in the vestibule of the Church during the period known as Catholic Press Month. You're a good business woman, "Et", bargains and all....Josie Eslinger and "Tootsie" Urbach are beginning to regard Father Molnar as a slave-driver, but bless them, they are always on hand when there is work to be done in the work room of the rectory. And many a laugh they have, too....Have you picked up any of those Teen-Age pamphlets in Church? You should; they are really good, and written right in our own language, too. Try one, and we know you will enjoy them. Bye now!....

With this column, we begin another feature about the boys in service. If you have any addresses or news about them, please drop the little tid-bits off at the rectory, and we shall be more than happy to print them. The latest news about two of our men speak of promotions. Captain Al Panyko, stationed at Spokane, Wash, is now to be addressed as Major Panyko. Not to be outdone, Captain Frank Novak also made the grade as he, too, became a Major...Sgt. Lewis Molnar of the Marine Corps was home recently while his mother's trial was on. As you may remember, Mrs. Molnar had lost one leg in the accident. The Sarge is now back at Camp Del Mar, Calif....Pfc. Tommy Kleszo who was seriously wounded in Korea can be seen a lot around town lately. He suffered serious injuries from machine gun fire. Since then his hand is still in a sling but as one of the boys said, "You can't kill a Hunkie!" We hope you will be up and around in complete health soon, Tom!...Well, that's about it for now, but if you have any news about the lads in service, do as we requested - drop all the info at the rectory. But above all, don't forget to stick in a little prayer for the boys everyday; and also keep writing them. Send them a copy of the BULLETIN, or if you wish, we will do it for you, if you give us their name and address.

DR. MORROW TO ADDRESS OUR WOMEN

On Wed. night, March 7, Dr. Laura Morrow, M.D. will give a talk on children to the parents of the parish and their female friends. Every woman of the Parish is welcome to come. After the talk, Dr. Morrow will also show some movies to further illustrate her address.

SELF DENIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

By now every Parishioner should have his self-denial card. Please use it during Lent and then during Holy Week return it with your Lenten offering.

One of the things that most young people forget in preparing for marriage, is the fact that marriage, like the priesthood, is a vocation, a vocation, involving life itself and preparing their souls for all eternity. Too often the teen-agers are hunting for attention and popularity and often they are willing to get these at any price. To many courtship and marriage seems to be a mere game in which they may try their luck.

The qualifications for marriage are distorted. Good looks, fine clothes, nice cars - these are the things that seem to count most. According to a questionnaire of High School students, the ideal qualities in a boy friend are "right height, dark eyes, curly hair and a car". The girls in turn should have "nice complexions, beautiful figures and fine clothes".

External things are emphasized. Spiritual and intellectual qualifications are overlooked. Those gals didn't worry for instance about whether or not their true love was honest, persevering, capable of supporting a family and managing a household. They were satisfied if the boys spent freely, looked nice, and showed them a good time. None of the boys seemed interested with his girl's charity, intelligence or industry, at least not to the extent of his finding out whether she knew how to make a home or prepare a meal.

Such modern ideas of courtship and marriage make it clear why so many modern marriages have gone on the rocks within a few months or years. From the very beginning most of those unfortunate husbands and wives were not prepared for the step they took. During courtship they didn't make the effort they should have made to find out whether they were suited one for the other. Courtship is the time to find out what your prospective husband or wife is like. To find this out after marriage is too late and might prove to be disastrous. Next month we shall consider tests whereby we can find out more about the boy friend or girl friend, tests that will help in getting THE one.

THE KIDDY CORNER

Very soon, dear boys and girls, we shall be celebrating Easter Sunday. We shall be all dressed up in all our nice new clothes; but we must remember that before Easter Sunday, our dear Lord, Jesus, had to suffer a lot. And so, we too must suffer before we shall get our crown of happiness in heaven.

We would like to tell you today a story about a dog named Rex. If his master put a piece of meat in front of him and said: "Now it is Lent", Rex would not eat the meat, but would stand there with his big eyes gleaming until his master would say: "Now it is Easter". Then, Rex would gobble up the meat and bark very happily. Rex found out that he got a lot more meat this way than he would get any other way, so he even learned the trick in three different languages.

From Rex we can learn a lesson today and everyday. It is the lesson which the Church has been trying to teach us since Lent began. The Church wants to teach us that we must have the fast before the feast, and the cross before the crown. If we learn this lesson now and remember it all the days of our life we can save ourselves a lot of trouble. It means that we must not always be looking for an easy way out of things. Our Lord could have chosen the easy way out, but He did not.

King Charles V once called his young son before him and gave him a choice. On the table he placed a sword and a crown and then he asked his son, "Which do you choose?" The son thought for a while and then picked up the sword. "Why do you pick the sword?" asked his father. The son took up the sword and pointed it at the crown and said, "With this sword I can get that crown." So it is with us. With the sword of penance we can gain the crown of eternal life, but the cross comes before the crown.

Once Hercules stood at the crossroads wondering which way to turn. Two guides came up to him.

One said, "Follow me. This is the road of pleasure and the easy way." The other said, "This is the road of effort, the hard way. This is the hard way, but it leads to happiness." Hercules chose the hard road and made a wise choice, because the cross comes before the crown, the fast before the feast.

King Cyrus of Persia was leading his soldiers against the enemy Media. At one point, the soldiers were tired and wanted to go back home. Cyrus stood up and said to them, "If you fight the enemy now, the work is short but the reward is great and long." He was right and that is the lesson we must try to learn, that Lent comes before Easter, the Crucifixion comes before the Resurrection, the fast before the feast, and the cross before the crown.

Yes, boys and girls, there is a lot more to Easter than just wearing new clothes. We must try to realize that those people are the wise people who suffer with Jesus here on earth, because they are the only ones to be happy with Him forever in heaven. It may be hard sometimes, but think of how much Jesus suffered for you, and then it will be easier for you to suffer for Him.

Of course all of you know that we must go to Confession and Communion during the Easter time. We will have one Communion Breakfast for the men and one for the women. Show God how much you love Him by making sure that your Mother and Daddy, and everybody in your family goes to Communion at that time. For the date look on the first page of the BULLETIN.

There are many boys and girls who should go to our Church on Sundays but do not. Remember that this is your Church. You should not go to another Church because it is closer. We don't go always to the nearest beach or the nearest movie, and so we should go to our own Church every Sunday. Tell the other children, too, that they must come here on all Sundays!

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PLEASE DO NOT READ THIS ARTICLE!!!!

Unless you are interested in Your Parish, we do not want you to read this article. But if you are really interested then consider a few things. This is your Parish. When it comes time to getting a job we do not look for the closest place of employ. No matter how far it may be, we will travel miles to get to work. We know that many of you have Churches close by. But remember this is your Parish. It may mean a little additional sacrifice to travel here, but if you come here, you will see others who have come from further distances. Aside from the financial loss we suffer by people going to other churches on Sunday, we are losing the spirit of fellowship and common prayer. Let's try to get all St. Stephen's Parishioners to go to St. Stephen's Church. The sacrifice will be well worth it.

Nemsokára husvét lesz, úgy várjuk mint a tavaszt, de örök tavaszt... Elő kell készülnünk rája, mert azt meg kell érdemelni és szolgálni. A nagybőjttel, vagyis a boldog és kész önmegtagadással. Lehet boldogan böjtölni? - igen. Böjt más - szóval szenvedést, kívánságaim megtagadását jelenti. Lehet örömmel szenvedni? - igen, ...kérdézzétek meg a mamát, aki most várja kis magzatát. Örömmel szenved, mert új életet hoz a világra, ...pont ez az oka, amiért mi a böjtöt fogadjuk örömmel, mert életet és pedig örök életet kell a világra hoznunk. Ugye, így könnyebb lesz a kis önmegtagadás???

Március 18-24-ig nagyhét lesz. E hetet különösen szenteljük a jó Istennek. Lelki családunk programja ez lesz... Szerda este félnyolc órakor Jeremiás Siralmi, ugyanaz csütörtök és péntek este is.

Nagycsütörtök az Oltáriszentség rendelésének napja, reggel 8 órakor szt. mise lesz, utána a harangok nem szólnak nagyszombat reggelig. Nagypéntek Jézus szenvedése és halála napja, csónkamise reggel 9 órakor. Délben a szt. Agonia kezdődik Jézus három órás halálküzdelme és szenvedése emlékére. Minden hívem hivatalos a három órára, vagy annak egy részére. A szt. beszédeket az idén Ft. Vella Dezső kínai misziós atya tartja. Este fél-nyolc órakor Jeremiás Siralmi. Nagypéntek szt. sirt állítunk az Oltáriszentség kitételével. Jó hiveim ört állnak egész délután a szt. sir előtt. Este Oltáriszentség eltétel.

Nagyszombat marc. 24. Reggel 7 órakor husvét tűz, gyertya és vízszentelés. Délben husvét bárányszentelés a nagybőjt vége. Ujra husvét bárányszentelés 4..5 órakor. Este 7 órakor feltámadási körmenet. Minden hívem hivatalos, annál inkább, mert kimegyünk és nyilvánosan hitvallást teszünk az Oltáriszentség mellett. Istenem, mit tennének jó rokonaink ha kimehetnének, mint régen és énekelhetnének Feltámadt Krisztus e napon, Alleluja.... Mi tehetjük boldogan és nyilvánosan, legyünk itt.

Minden felnőtt hívem kötelessége elvégezni husvétit szt. áldozását most és maj. 20-ka között. Már megtetted? ha, nem, ne várjál. Hogyan lehetne szívedben tél, halál, amikor mindenünnen hangzik..... Alleluja, hogy lehetne nálad egy holtest, a halálos bűn állapota, amikor ébredés, tavasz, madárdal minden odakint. Ugye, ez ellenmondás? Tehát gyérünk, hadd térjen vissza a tékozló fiú... hadd ismétlődjen meg Magdolna, szt. Péter esete. Jézus oly boldog megbocsájtani, hiszen azért ment a keresztre.

Husvét vasárnap este szt. Név Társulatunk mindenkit vár kis szórakozásra. Jól esik majd egy jól végzett és eltöltött nagybőjt után kissé kinyújtózkodni és őszintén szórakozni. Nincs korhoz kötve a részvétel, minél többen vagyunk, annál jobb. Talán vonzóbb lesz résztvenni azon, ha kihirdetjük, hogy minden cent haszon adósságtörlesztésre megy.

Külön kérésem volna a régi magyarjainkhoz... napról-napra több és több hontalan, hat év vándorutas honfitársunk érkezik. Hozza Isten mindnyájukat, és minél többet. Nagynagy szükségünk van rájuk. Otthon kell, butór kell, kis berendezés kell. Ezeket nem tudják önmagukat teltetni, rájuk vár a feladat, hogy segédkezet nyújtsunk. Nem kérnek pénzt, nem áldozatot. Mit tehetünk tehát? Ezt... van-e üres szobád amit nem használasz, vagy nem használtál már régen? Légy jó, jelentsd be nálam. Szeretnék lakót szerezni nem ingyen, pénzért. Szívesen fizet- gyen otthon. Nincs-e butór darabod? amely már hónapok vagy évek óta nincsen használatban, sőt utadban van. Kérlek, jelentsd be nálam, sok-sok aggodalmat szüntethetsz meg ezzel. A szállítás az én dolgom. Ebben a pillanatban igen sürgősen kellene egy használt gyermek-kocsi. Egy szegény anya, hogy a gyermekét a mi iskolánkba járathassa, 20 percet gyalogol naponként. Egy gyermek a kezében a másik a kezén. Csak azt kéri, hogy a kicsit kocsiban tolhassa. Van kocsi? Isten fizesse meg.

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