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PARISH TO FETE PASTOR ON NOV. 25

On Nov. 25th, St. Stephen's Parishioners will honor our Pastor, the Rev. Father John Gaspar, on a double anniversary - the 30th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood, and the 18th Anniversary of his Pastorate at this Parish.

Father Gaspar will offer a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on that day at 11 o'clock. The preacher on this occasion will be the Rev. Benedict Biro, O.F.M. of St. Emery's Parish in Fairfield, Conn.

Promptly at 1:30 in the afternoon, Father Gaspar will be the honored guest at a banquet to be held at the School Hall. Father Molnar, will be the Toastmaster, while the speakers will include the Rev. Father Galambos, Pastor of St. Mary's, Throop, Penna., and Stephen Wachtler, President of the Hungarian Branch of the Holy Name Society. Several of the clergy and the local City Fathers will be present.

Tickets for the banquet may be obtained from the presidents of all Parish Organizations, at the Vestibule of the Church, or at the Rectory. The sale of tickets will end on Nov. 18th. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER THAT DATE, SO PLEASE OBTAIN YOUR TICKETS BEFORE THAT SUNDAY.** In the program book will appear the names of all those who personally contributed towards the purse that will be presented to Father Gaspar. Since the copy must be at the printer's on Nov. 15th, these contributions must be given to Father Molnar before that date to insure inclusion in the book.

The Trustees of the Parish compose the Chairmanship, while Mrs. Andrew Ginter will be in charge of the kitchen. All organizations will have representatives working for the success of the affair. Every family should have someone present to show our gratitude to our beloved Pastor.

NOVEMBER, THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

In the hustle and bustle of our daily life, we are so easy to forget those who once were so close to us, so loved by us - those who now may be suffering in Purgatory. If we could, but for a moment, remember how much we cried when some dear member of our family passed away, how it broke our heart as the coffin was lowered into the grave, how we breathed a sad farewell to one whom we would not see any more in this world, if we could remember these scenes, we would certainly not be so easy to forget.

The only conclusion one can draw from this, is that we did not really love them as much as we thought we did, for certainly if our love was all we professed to be, they would still be foremost in our memories.

We never seem to forget the weekly bowling night, the card party we must attend, the tickets we have for that New York Show, or the contributions we make to our favorite charity, but in all sincerity, isn't it a shame the way we forget to make a daily remembrance of our dead. We have time for TV and the movies, but little or no time to drop in at the cemetery. We have money for cigarettes, liquor, magazines, and other non-essential things, but we have so little when it comes to making an offering in the form of the Holy Mass on the anniversary of our beloved's death or birthday.

In justice and in charity these poor souls in Purgatory have every right to expect help from us. The "old folks" did not forget, but the younger generation was very much in absence on All Souls' Day. We still have this month and the rest of our lives to make it up to them. Prove your love for your deceased by your actions here on earth, so that they can thank you in heaven!

In far off Zemplen Megye in Hungary, there was a great deal of rejoicing in the household of John Bayus and Rose Varga on Sept. 15, 1900. You see it was on that day that Sir Stork paid its third and last visit to the family. Although the two previous arrivals had been boys none had been named after the father, so it seemed only proper that this new baby boy be given the name of John.

After a short time, the family moved to the States and took up residence in Passaic for a few months, and then migrated to Garfield, where the subject of this month's discussion remained until the time of his marriage. As was the custom in those days, John went to work after he completed his grammar school training, and his first venture was in a Match Factory, now defunct. Following this John worked at Forstmann Hoffmann for about 7 years, and then became a truck driver at Passaic Terminal and Transportation, where he has been for the past 22 years.

It was at this parish on Oct. 10, 1925 that John and Catherine Herzog exchanged "I do"'s and from their marriage two girls resulted, Marion and Joan. All of them reside at 59 Russell St., Clifton, where you can find John usually watching TV, especially pursuing his favorite pastime, gazing at the football games. His only active sport at present takes place at our bowling alleys, where now John is trying to better his 148 average of last year.

As for organizations, John is attached to only one society, and that is the Holy Name. Besides this, he is one of our old faithful Collectors in Church. Most of us kid around with John a lot because we know he can take a joke. We also know that at times he can make one as well. John's willingness to help at any time plus his pleasant company makes him always welcome in our midst. It would be hard to picture ourselves without him!

- 12 - Holy Name Meeting at 8 P.M.
- 13 - Sodality Meeting at 8 P.M.
- 18 - Holy Name Square Dance, beginning at 8 P.M.
- 18 - 50-50 Club Drawing.
- 19 - 50-50 Club Committee Meeting at 8 P.M.
- 22 - Thanksgiving Day. Masses at 7 and 9
- 25 - Mass of Thanksgiving by Father Gaspar at 11 A.M. Testimonial Dinner at 1:30 P.M. in School Hall.
- 25, 26, & 27 - Forty Hours' Adoration.

ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:-

- 14 - Joseph Godri
- 28 - Mrs. Violet Sipos

WEDDINGS:-

- 15 - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kalota, Sr.
- 26 - Mr. & Mrs. Martin Schwartz-zinger.

If you have any anniversaries to announce for the BULLETIN please had them in or mail them to the Rectory in care of the BULLETIN. We shall be more than happy to print them.

SODALITY TO EDIT THEIR OWN PAPER

On Nov. 18 a new paper will appear for our Parishioners. The Sodality in keeping with their program will print their own paper to be named "The Coronata". Ethel Szarvas and Gloria Winter are co-editors of this monthly edition. Other members of the Sodality will also write articles. The paper will appear on the 3rd Sunday of each month and will be distributed without charge. We congratulate the Sodality on this, their latest venture and wish them the best of success. We also urge the Parishioners to take an active interest in the Sodality and their paper, and give them all the encouragement and support they need and deserve. As one group of columnists to another, "The best of everything to you. Keep your date lines and your patience!"

JOTS AND TITLES

Orchids to Bill Hudak, John Militello, Steve Celmer, and Frank Kaleta, Jr. for the food that was so well prepared at the Pig Roast. Three of them are married, but we can't understand why a swell cook like Frank can't land a wife for himself. Speaking of Steve Celmer, we would like to ask his wife how come Steve drank so much coffee that night. Does he always drink that much coffee or is it just that he didn't want to leave the slick chicks that were very much in evidence?... We saw Ben Godri trying to assist Steve in entertaining the "Hired Help" (free, of course)... By the by, we see where Rod La Farge (who reportedly is Ben's cousin) has been hired by the U.N. Folk Dance Committee. Now, Ben, don't forget to declare your commission on your income tax report... Word has reached us that Celmer and Militello recently received their First Degree in the Knights of Columbus. We shall see to it that more of us K. of C. members be on hand as they receive their subsequent degrees... It can now be reported that Rafter Molnar was not on retreat or on vacation during the past two weeks. He had an operation and in our last news flash we hear he is getting along fine... Since there are not too many parades these days, the Drum and Bugle Corps has taken up painting. If you have anything to be painted just call Paul Bascardi, the Boss Painter, for the terms of contract. If you want to see a sample of their work, take a peep in the Kindergarten some day. (Oh, if Swinarsky had only known this a few weeks back, what trouble he could have saved himself)... Seems as though this painting business is contagious. The Boy Scouts have also been painting like mad in the Church basement, remodeling their headquarters. Perhaps we can promote a prize for the best painting... Now that the 50-50 Club is on again, we see Steve Volman and Al Petro smiling. Wonder why?

"TEEN-AGE TEMPEST"

Greetings to all you Guys and Dolls (Note:- I use the word "dolls" loosely.) At any rate I hope all's well with you. I am happy to report that the Socialists had a huge success at their Wienie Roast. (Those gals are really going to the dogs)... Barbara Borbely is quite a capable fireman and cook and those dogs were well worth the trouble of plowing thru the smoke screen to get them. Marion Barton managed to "mustard" her way thru all evening and really had Rose Waldorf worried. After all, she didn't "relish" the thought of feeding her bicarbonate all night. What a bunch! At their last meeting poor Marion Barton had to resort to the Girl Scout salute to be recognized. Margie Barany kept "bea-ing" all night, and Marion was desperate. Finally, everything was copasetic. (How's that for an amateur?)... Golly, but our men looked snazzy in the Holy Name Parade. It was swell and even though some of our gals felt sort of, shall we say "dirty-looking" for applauding at the wrong time (or shall I say person), they liked it nevertheless. We're anticipating an even better showing next year when our Parish leads the parade... Guess by now all of you have heard about our gals forming a Baby Sitters Club. Wondering what the customers' requisites are? Well:- "a sleeping babe, a TV set, a well-stocked icdbox" - don't forget. So now there's a union.... Did you get a gander at those snazzy P.P.H.S. uniforms Cecilia Ament and Gloria Winter are sporting these days? Trying to make us jealous, that's all. Can we help it if we came out of the Big House before they came into being?... Well, after a recent, careful survey made by the gals themselves, statistics show Martha Lakatos to be the official door-opener and Dolores Soos to be our CHAMP "Gum Chew"... Did you see Betty Szabo's new outfit? The clothing drive must have been O.K.... We extend our deep sympathy to a new member, Barbara Borbely on her dad's death.

PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

On Friday, Nov. 9th, the Safety Patrol of our Parish received the bronze plaque which they had won in the Memorial Day Parade bringing with it the honor of being the best School Patrol of the City of Passaic. In the absence of Mayor Pashman, his Secretary, Joseph Keegan, offered the official congratulations of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. William Cruise, our old friend, was also on hand as was Sgt. Joseph Nemetz. Patrolman Dante Mecca, Commander of the Passaic American Legion Post, made the award. We offer hearty congratulations to the new "Champs":- Chief Wolfgang Samay, Captain Gary Ruppert, Lt. Stephen Adam, Sgt. Donald Dolgas, Quartermaster Thomas Holovacs, and the Patrol consisting of Gary Horvath, Ronald Lukacs, William Salisky, Richard Volk, William Wallace, Elaine Janosko, Veronica Krohlik, Joyce Motiel, Barbara Nosal, Elizabeth Silvers, and Margaret Waldorf. Here's hoping you win again next year!

Chairman Joe Szot wants us to remind everyone about the Square Dance to be sponsored by the Holy Name on this Sunday, Nov. 18 at the School Hall. Rod La Farge will supply the music. If you have never been at our annual Square Dances, we know you'll enjoy yourself at this one. For a night of frolic and fun, be there, won't you?

With Thanksgiving coming up, who couldn't use a little extra cash? Somebody will get just that when we have our first current 50-50 Club drawing on Nov. 18th. If you haven't made your returns, do so now! We urge the Parishioners to sell as many tickets as possible. The more tickets sold, the bigger the prize, and the more the Church gets. So please just don't buy one ticket; get a few extra tickets at the Rectory or the vestibule of the Church and sell them to your friends. Good luck to all.

Congratulations to the PTA on their fine bazaar that netted over \$1,000.00 profit. Thanks to all the hard workers, to those who made donations, and to those who proved themselves to be true Parishioners and friends of St. Stephen's by coming down to the affair.

A word of thanks to the men who took part in the Holy Name Parade last month and to the women who greeted them from the sidelines. A word of shame for those who found other things more important than this annual pledge of loyalty to the Sacred Name. We hope they make up for it next year when our Parish will lead the Parade.

We would like to know where the young men and women from our Parish were last Sunday when we made the Holy Year Pilgrimage. It's a good thing that our parents, arthritis and all, turned out. Those of us who weren't present should feel very much ashamed of ourselves and also most proud of our ageing and ailing parents, who found no obstacle to keep them back.

Nov. 25, 26, & 27 brings Forty Hours' Adoration to our Church. Here, too, the younger generation of our Parish is very much in absence. Let's make a resolution that this year, it will be different. Let's be in Church at least for a few minutes to show Christ that we love Him and that we deserve those blessings that we are daily asking of Him. It really shouldn't be necessary to be reminded, but then again, honestly, don't some of us need to be reminded?

Will there be a New Year's Eve affair this year as in the past? That depends on YOU! Before we go into it, we would like you to tell the men of the Holy Name whether or not they should have one. If there is enough interest, we shall have one. We must know whether we can afford to venture it.

The month of November, as you boys and girls know is the month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory. During this month each one of us should especially remember to pray for all the people who are suffering for their sins in the place we call purgatory.

As you know from your Catechism, those people who die without a single sin on their souls go immediately to heaven, where they will be happy with God forever and ever. Those people who die with mortal sin, or big sin, on their soul go immediately to hell, where they will suffer for ever and ever for their sins.

But what about those people who die with small sins on their souls, or those people who during their life did not make up for all the sins they had committed while they were yet alive? What happens to those people?

Well, they can't go to heaven, because they are not clean enough in their souls. They can't be sent to hell, because they have already confessed their big sins and now only have small sins on their souls. Certainly God would not punish them with hell if they don't deserve it.

Well, what does happen to them? In that case, God sends them to a place called purgatory, where they suffer until God feels that they have made up for all their sins and that they have been punished long enough. Then, they are permitted to go to heaven.

So you see we do not have to help those people who are in heaven, because they do not need our help. We cannot help those people who are in hell, because they will stay there forever and ever. But the poor souls in purgatory not only can be helped by us, but must be helped by us.

Everyone of us has someone who may be in purgatory, and it is the duty of each one of us to pray for them. They are like people who are drowning and don't know how to swim. We, thru our

Masses and prayers, throw them a spiritual life-saver and so help save their souls for ever.

How would you like it if you were down at the seashore and all of a sudden began to drown. Suppose you began to yell for help, and although the people, even your own family, saw you drowning, did nothing at all to help you or try to save you? You wouldn't think much of them, would you?

Then, how do you suppose those poor people in purgatory feel, when we don't pay a bit of attention to their cries for help? We have many friends who have died. We have relatives who have died. But how many times have we prayed for them since their funeral? How many times have we gone to visit their graves in the Cemetery? How many times, have we had Masses said for them?

The next time you spend time watching TV or the movies, think of how much better it would have been to spend part of that time in Church or at their grave, praying for them. The next time you go for a car ride or go to visit some friend or relative, think of how much good you could have done for some poor soul in purgatory.

Besides this, we must never forget that none of us, not one single one of us, knows when we ourselves are going to die. Recently when I was in the hospital two people died - one, was a man 64 years old; the other was a boy who was only seven years old. And so you see, we never know when our turn will come.

When some people die, it will be a very sad day. When they will come before the judgment chair of God, they will see souls who will say: "You had time for everything else, but no time to pray for me." Will you be one of them, or will you be one who will meet many happy faces, who will thank you for your kind remembrance? That depends on no one, but YOU!

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December 9-én összes férfiaink a szt. Név Társulat vezetése alatt közös szt. áldozáshoz járulnak. Reggel a 9 órai szt. misére mennek, azon áldoznak, majd a Kultur Teremben gyülekeznek közös reggelire. Hogy pedig a nap egészen a lelkek napja legyen, reggelire hirneves szónokokat hívunk, akik magyar és angol nyelven szólnak majd hozzánk és teszik majd hasznossá és el nem felejthetővé a nagy napot. Karácsony Jézus Krisztus eljövetele ünnepe. Mi már ez nap megkezdjük a karácsonyt, mert, aki az első karácsonyt elhozta, lelkünk vendége lesz. Titokzatos szt. testét és lelkét, Istenségét és Emberségét fogadjuk, Nagyobb és bensőségesebb alkalmat el sem tudok képzelni a lelkek világában, mint ez. Nemcsak Őt vesszük, hanem tanítását és programját. Biztos vagyok, hogy, ahol a családfő és a férfiak az ő kötelességüket megtették, ott a család többi tagja is követi őket. Tudjátok, mi lesz az ünnepi ajándék ilyen családban? Egy hazai háziáldás szavaival válaszolok és minden szava kincs és igaz - Ahol hit, ott szeretet, ahol szeretet, ott béke, ahol béke, ott áldás, ahol áldás, ott Isten, ahol Isten, ott szükség nincsen. Talán az öregek még emlékeznek rá.

Egyházközségünk kis iskoláit nagy kitüntetés érte. Az összes Passaic-i iskolák előtt az első díjat vitték el. Az Amerikai Légierő vezetői biráskodtak és gyermekeinket, fegyelenben, kötelességük teljesítésében, tisztaság és rendben, valamint külső megjelenésükben elsőnek találták. Mult pénteken vették át egy évre a győzelmi zászlót, egy gyönyörű szép bronz plakétot, amely egy évre iskolánk, illetve gyermekeink tulajdona lesz. Öszinten gratulálunk és alázatos tisztelettel fogadjuk kicsinyeink e kitüntetését egy erős elhatározással, hogy jövő évben is itt tartjuk a győzelmi jelvényeket.

Nov. 18-án egy régi-módi farmer táncot rendeznek fiataljaink, amelyre minden hívemet szeretettel varok. Ez lesz az utolsó táncszórakozás karácsony előtt, adventben imádkozunk és várunk Krisztusra.

Pár hét múlva egy új észtendő küszöbén leszünk. Egyel több a hátunk mögött, egyel kevesebb előttünk. Ilyenkor illik, hogy jó hiveim kezükbe vegyék az egyházközségi könyvecskéjüket és nézzék meg, rendben van-e. Ha a havidi minden rovata ki van töltve, akkor rendben vagy, ha üres ablakot találsz, akkor kötelességed még nem teljesítetted.

A legtöbb templomban ülési díjat számítanak. Mi ezt nem vezettük be, mert egy pillanatra sem ohajtottam, hogy bárki esetleg azért maradjon el vasárnap, mert nem tudta az ülése díját megfizetni. Helyette hiveim évtizedek óta önként vállalkoztak, hogy havi önkéntes adót fizetnek havi díj címén. Ez Egyházközségünk második legnagyobb jövedelmi forrása, tehát számítunk rá és szükségünk van rá. Egyházunk nem csak az imádság háza, hanem sok értelemben üzleti vállalkozás is, pl. villany, fűtés, gáz, személyi kiadások, könyv, irodai felszerelések, stb. Emellett egy félmillió intézmény fenntartása és karbantartása sok kiadást jelent ma. Igaz mind az a felebaráti szeretet művelését, a magyar gondolatnak és érzésnek az ápolását és mindenkinek felett -- A LELKI ÖRÖK ÜDVOSZEGÉT, tehát magyar és szt. missziós kötelességét teljesít, aki kötelességét megteszi.

Rohamosan közeledünk az év vége felé, ne várjuk karácsonyig, mert akkor oly sok más kiadás vár reánk hogy vagy elfelejtjük, vagy elmelőzük.

Minden hívem, aki nálunk látogatja az isteni tiszteletet, érezze becsületbeli kötelességének, hogy tagjaink sorába lépjen. Ha bárki nem tudná anyagi kötelességét teljesíteni, ne ijedjen meg, azt is szívesen fogadjuk és ép úgy kiszélgáljuk mint a leggazdagabbat. Ezt azonban kérem, hogy jelentsék. Ez nem szegény, hanem rend. Szegények mindig lesznek velünk és kitüntetésnek veszem, ha szegénysége keresztjének hordozásában szerény vállalat rendelkezésre adhatom. Remélem, mindenki megértette jó szándékom és szerény kérésem. Tehát, halljuk a viszhangot.

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