

The Ascension Weekly

January 21, 2018

Parish Announcements Down Through the Decades

One of the typical parts of a Mass is the announcements, where parishioners are informed or reminded about upcoming parish events and initiatives. For decades at our parish, these announcements were faithfully written down each week in record books that were then archived and preserved. To read through these announcement books is to gain a real sense of what parish life was like in another time. Read the following for a sampling of the announcements down through the decades.

January 16, 1921

- Until further notice, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin will be said after both Masses on Sunday for the restoration of the Cardinal's health.

January 15, 1922

- Next Sunday, the 4th Sunday of the month, will be Communion Sunday for the beloved Sodality.
- During the winter months, the Holy Water is kept in the kitchen.
- Pew rent for the 1st quarter of the year will be mailed to the Pew Holders.
- The Sacred Heart Calendar for 1922 are on sale in the Parish Article Store.

January 18, 1925

- Next Friday, the Espousal of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a special day of devotion.
- Pew Rent for the 1st quarter of the year was due on January 1st.
- Coal collection to pay our coal bill will be taken up next Sunday at both Masses. Envelopes can be obtained today.

January 19, 1931

- Next Sunday the names of those who contributed to the church repair fund will be read out. Those who have not contributed as yet may do so today or any day before next Sunday and their names will be read out with the others.
- Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Nood, who died in Washington yesterday.

January 20, 1946

- The First Fifty-Fifty Club Election will be held here on Wednesday evening, February 27. The books of tickets are available today. Mr. Tydings and Mr. Abell will kindly assist in their distribution after Mass.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to Converts and Adult Catholics in St. Matthew's, Washington, on Sunday January 27th. The necessary Confirmation Card may be obtained after Mass.
- The campaign for clothes to be sent to the impoverished peoples of Europe continues throughout the month of January.

January 19, 1947

- The Annual Collection for the Propagation of the Faith will be taken up after the Communion of the Mass this morning. All are asked to contribute at least one dollar and place it in the envelope provided, with your name and address on the outside.
- The Ladies of Charity of Prince George's County will hold a Card and Bingo Party on Friday of this week, January 24th, at 8:15 pm in the Armory at Hyattsville. The proceeds will go to the County Wide Shoe Fund.
- Your prayers are asked for all who have given their lives for the Nation.
- There will be a dance in the hall on Wednesday of this week. At this dance the music will be furnished by The Rhythm Makers – this is a group of local boys who have made themselves into a fine orchestra. They deserve the encouragement of everyone and will furnish fine entertainment.

January 18, 1959

- Next Sunday is Holy Communion Day for the members of the Sodality who will receive at the 8 o'clock Mass.
- School bus ticket #18 may be purchased after Mass.
- Religious instruction is given to our children after the 10 o'clock Mass.
- The monthly parish collection taken up last Sunday amounted to \$58.05. We thank you for your offerings and your sacrifices.
- A Christmas candy sale to pay expenses of the school bus was held by the parents of the children. The net proceeds were \$168.40. We thank not only the parents but also Walter Shegogue, Mason Lusk and Adam Bankonski for their extra work in promoting the sale.