



THIS DAY and AGE



Sunday After Ascension

In the Mass of this Sunday, three things are specially mentioned by means of which we must prepare ourselves for the feast of Pentecost; desire, prayer and love of neighbor.

We are reminded of 'Desire' in the Introit, which reads: "Hear, O Lord, my voice, with which I have cried to thee Alleluia. My heart hath said to thee: I have sought thy face: thy face, O Lord, I will seek, turn not away thy face from me, Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" With these words of the Introit the Church indicates the days between the Ascension of Christ and Pentecost as a time of desire for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The disciples were filled with such a desire. When Christ at His departure promised them another Comforter, the Holy Spirit they had a great longing for him, and with desire they looked forward to the day when he would come down upon them. We should like the Apostles, have a great desire for the Holy Ghost, longing that he may come and impart to us his graces. He who has not this desire gives us to understand that he belongs to the world, which, as Christ expressly declares, cannot receive the Holy Spirit. Let us then in these days often implore God to send us His Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

In the Collect, Secret and Post Communion, the Church invites us to petition God for grace to dedicate ourselves to His service, to obtain strength for the practice of virtue and to persevere to the end, in gratitude for His gifts. The Apostles prepared themselves for the feast of Pentecost by prayer. The Acts revealed that, after the Ascension of Our Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, and went up into the upper room, where they persevered, with one mind, in prayer.

Let us also practice prayer in these days before Pentecost. With renewed devotion say morning and evening prayer; recollect yourselves frequently during the day and say some ejaculatory prayer. If your circumstances permit hear mass one week day and visit Jesus in the tabernacle. Perform daily some short devotion such as reciting the hymn, 'Come Holy Ghost,' etc.

We are exhorted in the Epistle to exhibit this love. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Charity. He descends and gives His grace only where He finds charity. The Apostles were well aware of this, they sincerely loved one another, and "had but one heart and one soul." Imitate them and follow the advice of St. Peter: "Have a constant mutual charity among yourselves". Live in peace with your neighbor and avoid all discord and disunion. And since, as the Apostle says, charity covereth a multitude of sins, practice this patient, indulgent charity towards all who have faults, from whom you have something to endure, remember that you are Christians, who, according to the strict command of Christ, are bound to love their enemies and magnanimously forgive all injuries and offenses. Practice as much as you can the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, for St. Augustine says: 'Mercy stands at the gate of hell and allows no one to be cast into prison who here on earth has exercised mercy. He who has been merciful here shall find mercy hereafter.'

DEATH OF DR. DOVAS ZAUNIS

Dr. Dovas Zaunius died in Kaunas on February 22 from heart disease, at the comparatively early age of forty eight. The deceased had had a distinguished career and had held many important public offices.

From 1929 to 1934 he was Minister for Foreign Affairs and at other times had represented Lithuania in various countries.

For some ten years he was permanent Lithuanian delegate to the League of Nations, in which capacity, he never failed to defend Lithuanian interests with conspicuous ability.

Dr. Zaunius was born near Tilsit, East Prussia, the son of Lithuanian parents and the youngest of nine brothers and sisters. After leaving high school he pursued legal studies at the universities of Munich, Leipzig, Halle, Berlin and Königsberg graduating with the degree of doctor.

A man of magnificent physique and imposing presence, well over six feet in height, he devoted much of his time to athletic sports in which he excelled, being a powerful swimmer and an expert tennis player. It is indeed probable that over exertion in these gradually weakened his heart and led to his premature death.

The V Colyum

Samogitians have preserved the national features of Lithuanians, characteristic blond hair and blue eyes. Question remains as to how the black sheep, the dark haired Lithuanians fit into the picture. Of course, we can't all be fortunately blessed with blond hair and blue eyes, but there should be some sort of an explanation as to why there are so many dark haired people among the supposedly blond race. For an answer to this interesting question, we go back to early days when there were three branches of Lithuanians and Litva who were subdivided into Lithuanian proper; Zmud Lowlanders. To these branches must be added Yatvyags or Yadvings, a black haired people who inhabited the forests at the upper tributaries of Niemen and Bug. Survivors of Yadvings are distinguishable today. Possibility is, if your hair is raven black that you are a descendant of that distinguishable people, the Yatvyags, or, if you prefer, the Yadvings.

If any of you lasses happen to be descendants of the Yatvyag clan, you may consider yourself in luck. The latest survey reveals that 29 percent of 'gentlemen prefer blondes'. Times have changed, tho. Over 62 percent like brunettes better. But don't worry blonds, your at least 20,000 hairs up on brunettes. It is listed that blonds average 150,000 hairs. Brunettes average between 80,000 and 130,000. If you still interested, a red head has a low average of 25,000. If you don't believe these figures count your own hair. Just to even things, latest scientific tests revealed that — contrary to popular belief — there is no emotional difference between blondes and brunettes. Our only hope is that we haven't offended either.

It is assumed you are white, yet strange as it seems, you are more colored than the blackest African. That is true, and we hope we haven't scraped your funny bone. You are colored because you are white. White is the mixture of all colors. If you were bright red or deep purple you would not be as colored as you are when you are white. The black man you call colored — is really just the opposite. Black is the absence of color. Black men are not colored. Speaking of color black, did you know that there are "black Jews" in Africa? The wilds of West Africa according to Commentator, have come forth with another wonder; the tribe B'nai Ephraim, a race of black Jews. In the western "Bush Region", one of the wildest in Africa, were discovered some 2,000 naked black savages living in twenty small villages. They live under patriarchal rule of seven hereditary rabbis; follow Jewish customs; celebrate all Jewish holy days.

Among America's 1,156,644 laws, covering the forty eight states, are the following:

- In Kansas it is forbidden to eat snakes or scorpions.
- Pennsylvania can punish very heavily anyone who breaks a beer barrel. And firing of a cannon for a wedding celebration is punishable by hard labor.
- In Idaho shooting game from an electric train while traveling through the city is a crime.
- In Connecticut public parks, persons of different sexes must sit at least eight inches from one another.
- In the State of Massachusetts there is a law that ten kisses are equal to a marriage proposal, while in the State of Utah women must not wear heels more than an inch and a half high.

ST. GEORGE PTA NEWS

The St. George PTA regu- under patriarchal rule of se- day, May 9 in the school room at 8 P. M.

Besides committee reports there will be election of officers for the ensuing year. After the business session a social time is to be held. All members are asked to be present and are asked to bring along a new member.

The committee and officers wish to thank all that attended the last social party (spaghetti supper) which proved a success, socially and financially. Your patronage to our social events aids us in going forward in our work to help the parish school.

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Members are asked to remember two dates: Tuesday May 7th, "Mothers and Daughters Nite". Sunday May 12 "Communion Sunday" 9:30 Mass.

The beautiful month of May, is dedicated to our dear Mothers, and we who still have our mother's with us, are more fortunate, than those whose mother have gone to the great beyond.

To commemorate Mothers Day members of the Holy Name Society are offering Mass, and their Holy Communion to their Mothers. Every member is to wear a carnation to church on this day, a symbol of his thoughtfulness of one who is or was so dear to him. All members are asked to meet in the parish hall at 9:15.

Preceding this date on Tuesday, May 7th to be exact the society is to hold another of its get together nites. On this nite to be known as "Mothers and Daughters Nite" all mothers wives, daughters, sweethearts are to be our guests. A fine movie is to be shown followed by a band concert. refreshments will be served. We would like to see every member bring the women folks to this party starting at 7:30.

We feel the more get-togethers we have, the better it will be for our organization. A closer bond will be formed by all involved, and better co-operation for our future activities. Remember these two dates.

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