

NEWS FOR CATHOLICS.

THE NEW CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BLESSED.

The new Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, for the Italians, on East One Hundred and Fifteenth-street, was solemnly blessed by Archbishop Corrigan at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The Archbishop was attended by the Rev. James W. Power, Rector of All Saints Church, and by the Rev. Joseph Byron, Rector of the Church of the Holy Rosary. During the ceremony the Archbishop sprinkled the walls of the edifice with holy water and sung the prescribed prayer. The solemn high mass followed, with the Rev. John Edwards, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, as celebrant, attended by the Rev. Thomas F. Lynch, of the Church of the Transfiguration, as deacon; the Rev. C. B. O'Reilly, of the Church of St. Cecilia, as sub-deacon, and the Rev. James W. Kelly, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, as master of ceremonies. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. John Philip, C. P., in Italian, and after the communion the Archbishop made some remarks in English and then in Italian. The Passionist Fathers, the brothers Baudinelli, commenced a two weeks' mission in the church last night. The attendance was large, and the mission promises to be a great success.

The Rev. F. J. Colonel, C. SS. R., celebrated the solemn high mass in the Church of St. Alphonsus, on South Fifth-avenue, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. At the mass the devotion of the forty-hour exposition of the blessed sacrament was commenced, and there was the usual procession and chanting of the Litany of All Saints. The large church was completely filled. Last night the Rector, the Rev. Frederick William Woyrich, C. SS. R., delivered the sermon on the holy eucharist. The devotion will be closed with a procession on to-morrow evening.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth-avenue yesterday morning the Most Rev. Archbishop Corrigan celebrated the mass for the members of the different conferences, Society of St. Vincent de Paul. At the communion a large number of the members received the holy eucharist. The Most Rev. Patrick W. Riordan, Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Cal., said the 7 o'clock mass at the lady altar of this cathedral. The Archbishop has been for a few days the guest of his Eminence Cardinal McCloskey. He left for San Francisco last evening.

The Rev. Andrew J. Clancy celebrated the high mass in St. Ann's Church on Twelfth-street, and Mgr. Preston commenced his sermons in proof of the divinity of the church. A very large number of persons was present, and at the sermon last evening the church was crowded. The course will be continued on next Sunday. A collection for the parochial school was taken up.

The Women's Mission was closed in the Church of the Holy Innocents in West Thirty-seventh-street at 3:30 o'clock P. M. Their confessions numbered over 3,500. The sermon was delivered by Father Langcake, S. J., and the impressive ceremony included the papal benediction and the benediction of the blessed sacrament. Last evening the church was crowded with men, and their mission will last all this week. The Rev. Francis Z. McCarthy, S. J., will deliver the sermon in this church on Christmas Day.

In St. Stephen's Church, in East Twenty-eighth-street, the solemn high mass was sung by the Rev. Charles H. Colton, attended by the Rev. Dr. James T. Curran and the Rev. R. J. O'Callaghan. The preacher was the Rev. Thomas McLoughlin, whose subject was the "Virtue of Humility." The Rector of this church, the Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn, delivered a lecture in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Leonard and Maujer streets, Brooklyn, last evening, his subject being "The Philosophy and Poetry of the Confessional."

At St. Leo's Church, in East Twenty-eighth-street, yesterday the high mass was celebrated by the Rev. William H. Tole, and the Rector, the Rev. Thomas F. Ducey, delivered the third of his series of sermons appropriate to the season of Advent.

The recent envelope collection at St. Joseph's Church, on Sixth-avenue, amounted to \$2,700. Four thousand dollars was the result of the envelope collection at the Church of the Holy Cross, in West Forty-second-street. This has paid off the balance of the church debt—a mortgage held by the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank. The Rector, the Rev. Charles McCready, and his parishioners may well feel proud of their work, for in seven years they have raised \$92,000 to free their church from debt.