

Visit the large crib
in the Church behind
Main Altar. (Those
in hall chapels, too.)

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Little time for con-
fession at New Year's
Mass, so go sometime
Saturday or Sunday.

New Year's Resolutions.

Thomas a Kempis, a very holy monk, once pondered over the value of making new resolutions. His conclusion ran along these lines: if good men often fail after making so many sincere and praiseworthy resolutions, what failures those men must be who make no resolutions at all.

If you are aiming at success in any field of endeavor, you must renew old resolutions, make new determinations and fresh beginnings, otherwise you will never achieve your goal. Your own past experience will stand as evidence of this truth.

Next Sunday, the last day of the year, the newspaper comic strips will poke a little fun at the idea of New Year's resolutions. Don't let the sketches and comments influence you to take the idea of resolutions lightly. As soon as you stop making fresh starts, you become what is commonly known as a quitter. There are far too many of that species today. Those who quit spiritually are sending their lines of communication in the direction of hell.

One or two resolutions directed towards your spiritual life is enough. Take a look at your sins of 1944, and make your plans accordingly. What was your special weakness during the year? One of these: lack of consideration for others, laziness, impurity, carelessness about Mass, making light of womanhood and marriage by suggestive stories and jokes, a lack of prayer and use of the Sacraments.

Every student should feel obliged to make one resolution about prayer for peace. And he will if he has not lost his sense of charity and responsibility towards others. The bad turn taken by the war, the mounting casualty lists, the ruthless destruction of life and property, the increase of suffering, should inspire every Catholic to make extra sacrifices for the sake of world peace. Your resolution for 1945 should be: "I will attend Mass and receive Holy Communion daily begging God to send peace to the world." How often did you pray for peace in 1944?

Holy Day Mass Schedule.

(On Monday, January 1, the feast of the Circumcision, all Catholics must attend Mass.)

Civilian students Assist at Mass in your own hall chapel, at the usual weekday Mass time.

V-12 students Morning Mass in both Dillon and Alumni Halls will start at 0625.

Since the Mass on New Year's Day is one of obligation, you must be present for the entire Mass. Tardiness, because of negligence, is sinful.

Afternoon Mass (for servicemen only): Dillon Hall Chapel, 5:00 P.M. (no 6:15)

Other Masses (All in Basement Chapel of Church): 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Sorin Hall Chapel: 7:20 a.m.

Note: the last campus Mass is 9:00 A.M.

War Casualties: (killed in action) Lieut. John H. Tallett, president of class of '43; Pvt. Thomas F. O'Neill, ex. '30, Albany, N.Y.; Captain Frank Farrell, '39, South Bend; Sgt. Raymond J. McManus, '42, Indianapolis, Ind., died in France from spinal meningitis; Leonard J. Herriges, ex. '43; Lieut. Richard B. Kelly, '40, Lorain, Ohio; Pvt. Robert L. Aimone, ex. '45, Leonia, N.J. Two Special Intentions, One Thanksgiving.