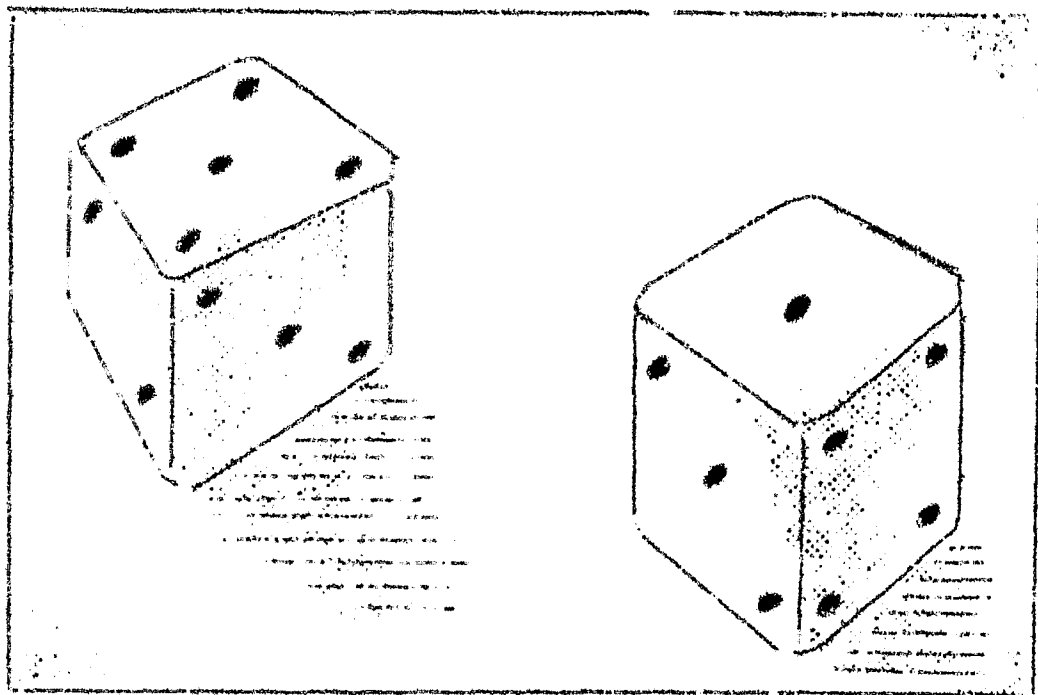


Pray the Mass
with the priest
at the recitative

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Mass in the Main
Church, daily at
6:15.



Why Make Marriage a Gamble?

A little girl in church, watching a wedding, suddenly whispered: "Mamma, has the lady changed her mind? 'Cause she went up the aisle with one man and came back with another!"

Sometimes, shortly after - and even before - the honeymoon is over the groom wonders if the bride was switched on him. "During courtship she was never like this," he pines - and she often has the same question mark under her hair-do.

THE NOVENA FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE--

--starts Tuesday and will end on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, model husband of the Blessed Virgin and the protector chosen by God for His Divine Son. Your marriage can almost make or break your future life. Do you think this schedule is too much to pay, the prize being so important: Mass (the whole Mass) and Communion each day of the Novena, a visit to the Grotto, daily recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph privately, or at Benediction closing Adoration 5:00 P.M.?

Pray Fair.

Marriage is a life contract and it can be made Heaven, Hell or Purgatory or a little bit of each according to the dispositions and characters of the parties. The Catholic marriage is a sacrament, instituted by Christ and it not only unites the parties for life, but also gives the graces to overcome the difficulties which marriage entails (and there are some, you know). Plenty of Catholic young men pray for a good wife: lots of them forget to pray for the grace to make this wife a good husband. This Novena is fair and square; it prays for both.

From time to time during this Novena the Bulletin will reprint parts of Bishop O'Hara's famous Bulletins on Marriage. Below is part of one.

If Possible Keep Your Head.

This first rule given in the suggested preparation for marriage is so thoroughly the most important that it contains all the rest. While marriage should be an affair of the mind, it is often merely an affair of the heart; while sound reason should dictate the choice of a life partner, the emotions have a tendency to dethrone reason.

"Love is blind." Perhaps it is just as well. There would not be many marriages if this were not so.

"There's no fool like an old fool." A senior can be just as much a child as a freshman when it comes to the girl question. Puppy love is more dangerous at eighty than at eight.

"Beauty may not be more than skin-deep, but it's mighty handy for a girl that ain't got no brains." This wise crack of Abe Martin's should be tacked up on your wall; better still, write it on your girl's picture, where you'll read it oftener... True beauty lies in the soul, and as long as there are men with good sense a woman with a beautiful soul will not have to worry provided her features are not positively repulsive.

PRAYERS. Deceased: Father of J. J. Dutton, '36; Grandmother of Jane Bunch (Sc. Lib.); Father of Joe Shields (St. Ed's), anniv.; Mother of Fr. Hartnett, C.S.C., '34. Ill: Father of George Katter (Wal); Mother of Joe Comerford (St. Ed's). 5 Sp. Int.