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Midshipman Richard Maffei
(ND V-7), operation.

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The last student Mass
on Sunday is 10:10.
Arrive on time.

Plenty Dumb.

Three classes of students are beginning to attract attention at the Sunday Masses. Take a look; maybe you will see yourself.

I. THE HERMITS. These are the students who have an inordinate affection for the pews just inside the Memorial entrance of the church, in the transept near the confessional. Hermits are creatures, usually men, who retire from society and live in solitude. These students are doing just that - retiring from the society of the other students at prayer. Don't forget, Mass is group-prayer, family-prayer with Christ. With an abundance of room in the main body of the church, the hermits take a seat far removed from the rest of the student family. They want to be alone. What makes the N.D. hermit an oddity is the seat he takes - it does not give him a view of the altar; he does not want even the companionship of Christ, nor does he want Christ to be within sight. Wake up, if you are guilty. Take a rear seat in the transept only when no other is available.

II. THE BEHIND-POST SITTERS. Here is a job for the psychiatrist. It can only be a mental disorder that forces a student to take a place at Mass that puts a pillar between him and the altar. And there is no need for such action in the cases that have been observed, because the parties in question have had the choice of hundreds of good seats in the clear. Actual view of the altar is a requirement for Sunday Mass attendance. A mental view is permissible only when crowded conditions demand it.

III. THE STARGAZERS. Many members of the confessional line can apply for this title. To watch the praying congregation, to daydream, to inspect the statues and ceiling of the church is not to "pray the Mass," as Pope Pius X exhorted all Catholics to do. Those in the confessional line should use a Sunday Missal or their Rosary. The church has placed numerous "Dominus vobiscum" in the Mass, not simply as prayers, but as prods for the sons and daughters of Adam. The Church knows the tendency for all to become distracted, so She has the priest turn to the faithful many times during the ceremonies to make them alert and to draw them to the Sacrifice on the altar. "Dominus vobiscum." Wake up.

For intelligent participation in the Mass, USE THE MISSAL.

How Many Human Bodies In Heaven?

Two for sure: Our Blessed Lord's and Our Lady's. We celebrate the entrance of Our Lord into Heaven on Ascension Thursday. We recall the entrance of Our Lady's into heaven, body and soul on the feast of the Assumption. It was most fitting that she who was without sin, whose body was never the source of temptation, should be subject to the corruption of the grave.

Next Wednesday, August 15, is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. It is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. All Catholics are obliged to hear Mass on that day. Look for the August 15 Mass schedule in the next issue of the bulletin.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Elizabeth Schmidt; Frederick Moran, brother of Prof. Frank Moran, killed in Germany; sister of Sister Elfred, CSC (Holy Cross Convent). (Ill) father of Sister Odell, SCS (St. Marys); father of George Jr, '39 and John, '44, Morris of Detroit; Janet Terry Feldmeier; Grattan Stanford, N.D. trustee; Lieut. Ed Riska, '41, wounded; Achille S. Maggioli, USMCR, ex. '46, wounded. Two Special Intentions.

ROTC AND V-12; MORNING MASS IN BOTH ALUMNI AND DILLON HALLS AT 6:12. OUT IN TIME FOR MUSTER. AFTERNOON MASS IN DILLON AT 4:45 P.M. (Confessions during Mass)