

(Seriously ill) uncle
of Frank Happel (Morr);
mother of Fr. Kelly (Ly)

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(Deceased) uncle of
Geo. Engler (Al).
Two Special Intentions.

Liquor Quiz.

Q. How much alcoholic beverage does the average individual consume?

A. A complete answer is not available. But tax officials in New York State estimate that the per capita consumption for 1946 in their jurisdiction was twenty-eight gallons. (There are no tax officials up in Heaven, but there are Guardian Angels who are keeping a record of the days you drank virtuously along with the occasions you imbibed sinfully.)

Q. Just how bad is drunkenness among youth?

A. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, says that there has been an increase of 101 percent since 1939 in the arrests of boys for drunkenness and driving while intoxicated. (Are you helping to increase the percentage?)

Q. Who are the greatest offenders of the virtue of sobriety?

A. That's hard to say. Alcoholics Anonymous, an organization of drunkards who are trying to help one another conquer the liquor habit, claim that as many women as men attend their meetings. The latest statistics show that four out of every ten alcoholics are women. New York bartenders claim that 60 percent of the evening cafe trade are women.

Q. Just how does alcoholism rate as a health problem in the United States?

A. It's public enemy No. 4., and a major social problem because of the sad consequences of overindulgence among the fifty-five million users of alcohol above the age of twenty.

Q. Are you often guilty of intemperance?

A. (If your conscience prompts you to say, "Yes," then look at the next question)

Q. If you are intemperate, what are you doing to correct yourself?

A. (If you have not set up a plan of attack, then you will continue to commit sins of drunkenness. A firm purpose of amendment is the beginning of sobriety. Don't goof yourself. The mere hope to do better will never bring self-control. You need prayer, Mass and Holy Communion.)

How to Go About Having A Mass Said.

(1) Word your request in this way: "Father, could you offer (or say) a Mass for (Here specify your intention)." (2) If your intention is for a deceased person, give the full name of the party, if you know it. A priest need not know your intention, which can be very personal. In this case simply request a Mass for your "Special Intention."

(3) Never say "How much is the Mass?" -- because no one can buy the Mass. The money given is for the support of the priest or the church. So say, "What is the usual offering?" The offering differs with the various dioceses. A Low Mass is usually a dollar, a High Mass five dollars. (4) If you wish a card to send to the family of a deceased person, the priest will supply it. Leave an offering for the card (A dime).