

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## Devotions

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS



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(This article recalling the sorrow that was the lot of the Blessed Mother was written especially for the Catholic Courier by Father Doherty, Rector of the Holy Trinity Church, 100 West 10th Street, New York City, who is in charge of the Wednesday Novena in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help now being conducted each Wednesday at St. Joseph's Church.)

One of the pathetic sights in life is to see a young heart crushed with pain. To see it bruised and know that the mind that belongs to that tender heart is inexperienced in the mysterious ways of life. There was a maiden in the long ago that heard an angel whispering wonderful things to her. At first they were unintelligible. Later, as she mod-

ulated on these words they became clearer. They were like long gaunt fingers casting longer shadows upon her that sorrows were to be her constant companions. She was to become a mother. That motherhood was to be the cause of her sufferings. Her child was to be a king; she a queen. Their throne was martyrdom.

Into the Temple of Jerusalem this young mother brought Her Child. The joys of motherhood were in her heart. Those She offered to God with the Child in her arms. The presentation was acceptable to God and He was to prove it. Along came a venerable priest with his eyes aglow. He had lived for this day. It was the time of his richest hopes. Now he could die in peace and be with God forever. But before he goes he has a solemn duty to perform to the young mother before him. For her it was to be the initiation into a great destiny. He was to unfold for her the hidden plans of the Eternal Ruler of all destinies. He was going to tell her that she was to be the Mother of Sorrows.

**Part of Redemption Plan**  
Her young life was before her. But she was fortified. Her soul was full of grace; Her mind was rich in the knowledge of God. Her will was resigned to the ineffable decrees of God. She was not like other maidens. She knew that sorrow and suffering are a part of the great plan of Redemption. Besides she was the Mother of the Redeemer. His helpmate in all things. Why should sorrow be excluded?

Next Friday is the Feast of Our Mother of Sorrows. We, Her most devoted children should look forward to this feast, not with tears, but with joy. It is the Sorrows of Our Blessed Lady, like the Passion of Her Divine Child, that is the real basic cause of our joys. Her sufferings did not a little to reopen the gates of our eternal abode. Those sorrows of Mary more than the sufferings of all the saints and martyrs filled up what was wanting in the sufferings of Christ. They were in fact the milk that gave the Babe His human sternness to look forward to the Cross. Mary's doleors were the first of the great revelations that impress upon us the knowledge that suffering is an indispensable part of our lives and the currency necessary for admission into the Temple of eternal pleasures where alone sorrow cannot enter. Was it not necessary that Christ should have suffered these things, cried the writer of undying letters, that He enter into His glory? So we might also ask if it were not necessary that His Mother suffer all these pains that she become the Great Mother of the children of sorrow on earth; that those doleors might become the very bridge over which we pass to Christ and to peace and to happiness. How could we call upon one whom we knew never shared our misery and who was never like unto Christ in the graces, some part of His divine mission?

**Purpose in Sorrow**  
As we contemplate this sweet Virgin, guiltless of sin, exempt from every affection to sin, enduring in comprehensive suffering of heart and soul we become more resigned to our lot and realize more intelligently that there is a purpose in sorrow other than that which is evident to the untrained eye. The more we gaze upon this All-true Virgin the more we comprehend the truth that suffering is the greatest school of virtue, and in the eyes of God and the light of eternally suffering and sorrow become insignificant and without price. Suffering is the terrible effect of sin and yet God, His Divine omniscience converts it into the most powerful remedy and antidote against sin. He makes of it a most efficacious means of recovering the forfeited rights of our divine heritage and the lost dignity of our fallen nature.

Have we never noticed that those who suffer virtuously exhibit an incredible strength and "energy" of will, a goodness of heart, a maturity and soundness of judgment, an uprightness and integrity of soul far above the ordinary level? Consider too the opposite picture of one who knows not suffering. We see in such a one a lack of virility, a softness of disposition, a laxity of morals and a general decay of human nature. When God in His goodness wishes to elevate one from sin and vice He invariably sends that person the cross. Under its influence the heart that was sinful and vicious becomes purified. It

## Nazareth College Junior Class Prom Set For April 3

Nazareth College Junior Class will bring Paul Tremaine's famous recording and broadcasting, orchestra to Rochester for the annual Nazareth College Junior Promenade to be held Tuesday evening, April 3, at Oak Hill Country Club according to an announcement made this week by Miss Hilda Connor, president of the Class and General Chairman of the Prom. Tremaine's latest engagements have been at the El Morocco Club and Loney Aeres Club in New York.

Following the college tradition, the Prom will be a formal dance with dinner being served from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m. followed by dancing until 2:00 o'clock.

Assisting Miss Connor are the Misses Betty Doyle, orchestra chairman; Betty Jones, ballroom chairman; Dorothy Schifferli, invitation chairman; Kathleen Whitfield and Mary Thuney, co-chairmen of the favors committee; and Doris Flynn, program chairman. Reservations should be made as soon as possible with Miss Betty Jones, Glenwood 4778-R or any other member of the Junior Class. Students of the college and members of the Alumnae Association are urged to patronize this important function of the Junior Class.

## Herman J. Butler Noted-Decorator Lectures at Mercy

Archbishop Mooney was a guest of honor at a lecture given by Herman J. Butler of New York, artist and ecclesiastical decorator at Our Lady of Mercy High School on March 20.

In his lecture, Mr. Butler stated that stained glass is very ancient and was first used by the Egyptians for ornament and later by the Romans for floors, walls and later for windows.

Mr. Butler has travelled extensively in Europe in connection with the study of history and touch at Mechanics Institute, Rochester, prior to locating his business in New York. Two months were spent by Mr. Butler at the Gothic Cathedral at Chartres in France. His travels and studies have likewise taken him to the Westminster and Canterbury Cathedrals, as well as the Alhambra. He said in his lecture he found Versailles most interesting.

breaks itself and lets the foul substance of selfishness run off that it may now be filled with virtue and with God. It is in that crucible of suffering that the greatest saints and the most famous heroes have been made. A moment of tribulation patiently endured "works" for us above measure, exceedingly at the eternal weight of glory says St. Paul. The cross pressed upon our hearts then is the mark of eternal greatness, the seal of the elect, the reward of our love.

**Because He Loved Her**  
In the light of God's purpose we can easily understand why He allowed Our Blessed Lady to have such violent, such bitter sorrow. It was because He loved Her as He loved our other creature. Next to His Divine Son Mary was highest in His Eternal Heart and love. It was because He loved Her so greatly that He gave Her the innumerable and suffering such indescribable tribulations. God reserves His most bitter trials for His dearest friends. This is a mystery that has caused much grief to the children of men. It is a fact that has ever been a stumbling-block even to pious souls. Though they see the reasonableness of it at times of happiness, it becomes veiled and obscured when they are called upon to experience it. For this reason also God allowed His beloved Daughter to endure Her martyrdom, that we might have Her example. She is set for our imitation. She is the eternal proof that the price of heaven is pain.

As we stand with Her beneath the Cross we are amazed at Her beauty. If we are thoughtful, if we know how to piece our thoughts together in logical array we shall inevitably come to the conclusion that Mary's beauty would be marred, and defective if there were no shadows to enhance it. To see Her standing there sublime in Her patience, wonderful in Her resignation, supernatural in every respect of Her being She inspires us to be like Her. She infuses into our being the ambition to be heroic in our love for God and for That Son of God on the Cross. She spurs us on to do things for Him; to hammer out our characters from the gold of suffering and sorrow; to be brave under the pain of the Cross on our shoulders. The magnanimity of Mary as She stands there at Her Son's bleeding feet is an accusation leveled at our littleness, our puny heads that cannot endure even a headache without letting the world know it, without making it uncomfortable for those around us. It is suffering endured peacefully, willingly, joyfully for God that will mould the character of the Virgin within us and endow us with a beauty of soul and countenance that will be the envy of Angels in Heaven because it will impart to us some of that magnificence that we admire in Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help as She stands on Calvary's crest silhouetted against the waning sun.

## Concerning Our Catholic Schools

The following report will pupils of St. Stephen's School, Geneva, have attained an average of 95 per cent during the month of February. Eighth Grade, Joan McElroy, William Murphy, John McCormick, Patricia Murphy, Frances Fischer, Rosemary Kellow, Mary F. Muddock, June Welch, Patricia Murphy, and Rita McGuigan. Seventh Grade, Philip La Nasa, Lester McGuire, Richard Walsin, Margaret Chatter, Margaret Hart, Helen Murphy, and Anna May Rice. Sixth Grade, George Rice, Esther Baumgartner, Mary Connor, Florence Faulstich, Mary Griffin, and Marjorie Rice. Fifth Grade, Eugene Donahue, Jane Ann Hart, and Mary Meney. Third Grade, Charles Doherty and Francis McCarty.

Life has been very enjoyable for the boys at St. Mary's Orphan Asylum during the past winter because of the generosity of kind friends who donated motion picture machines. The boys wish to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to the thoughtful donors. Recently the year boys presented the Wedding of the Painted Doll playing all roles even the feminine characters.

Rita Roekenbrock, seventh grade pupil of Holy Cross School sent us the following poem which she wrote in honor of Franklin D. Roosevelt's first year as President.

### TO OUR PRESIDENT

"We honor Roosevelt today  
It was he who created the N. R. A.  
It was he who brought "Prosperity" back,  
And put the "I. S." upon the right track.  
It was he who struggled so hard to succeed  
And brought comfort to many who were in need.  
It was he so generous and mild,  
That brought back the wandering child  
Known as "Prosperity."

The following pupils of St. Mary's School, Corning, received the three highest averages in the various grades in the February examinations: Eighth Grade, Joseph Piarazzi, 98 Robert Ainsworth, 91, Alice Murphy, and Mary Alice O'Bryan, 93.23; Seventh Grade, Jean Bellis, 95, James Dowling, 92, Eileen O'Brian, 92; Sixth Grade, Lucile Maxwell, 93.24; Rose Yario, 92.28; Kathryn Jones, 92.18; Fifth Grade, Thomas O'Bryan, 96, Margaret Piarazzi, 91, Marie Quinn, 91; Fourth Grade, Carmela Sarge, 92, Mary Malo, 89, Julia Kobut, 87.

The Catholic student is taught to see the world as it is, and see it rationally. — Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

The Diocesan office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith reports the following contributions received from schools: the pupils of Holy Family School, Auburn, sent \$21.25 as dues from the Junior Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Holy Childhood Association, fourth grade children from St. Andrew's School donated \$5.00 for the adoption of a pagan baby, making a total of six adoptions received from St. Andrew's School this year.

## Auburn Catholic Five To Play Return Game With Aquinas, Friday

Auburn—Coach Joseph Curtin and his Holy Family High School basketball team will be the court guests of Coach Mort Leary and his clever Aquinas Institute quint Friday night in Rochester. Stung by the 27-16 setback handed them last week before a crowd of 1,000 fans at the State Armory, the local purple and gold clad basketballers are anxious to attain revenge.

By far, the best drilled scholastic team to appear in Auburn this season, Aquinas, led by its ace, Captain Joe Farrell, who netted 10 of the winning points, was superior in every department of the game. Joe Poole, lanky forward, featured for the losers with six points. The lineups included Poole, T. Welcos, A. Leide, Kelley, Lampagna and Quigley, forwards; Muldoon and Winters, centers; V. Leide, Cahill and McDonald, guards; for Auburn; Monnatt, McMartin, Farrell, Flynn, forwards; Hastinas, Russel, Neary, centers; Hamn, Sullivan, Dennis, Utter, Maxwell, Garvan, guards, for Aquinas.

## GAS AND ELECTRIC NEWS FEATURES CITY CENTENNIAL

Under the heading "Centennial Slants," the Gas and Electric News, employees publication of the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation is noting Rochester's history, assets, institutions and people with a page given over in the March issue to the beginning of Rochester. A reproduction of a wood cut shows the present site of the Powers Building as it appeared in 1812. The March issue contains interesting articles of employees activities with suitable photographs enlivening the issue.

Professor (looking at his watch): "As we have a few minutes to spare, I should like to have someone ask a question."  
Student: "What is the time, please?"

## Nazareth Sodality Has Vocation Week Program At Academy

National Vocation Week was the keynote of the sodality Committee meetings held Thursday March 15 at the Holy Family Academy. The Sodality, Subina Lynn, Clubman, introduced Rita Seeger, Margaret Smith, Mary Collins and Mary Aldrich who spoke respectively on the private secretary religious vocation, the married state, and profession of the Motherhood. Physical Education Instructor, Nursing and General Office, Practice were discussed at Our Lady's Committee meeting by Mary Brudell, Rita Carrol, Betty Beaton, and Rev. Arthur Conroy. Miss St. John, Mary Murphy and Mary Statter were speakers at the Holy Family Academy meeting with Vocation Week. Catherine Wasenko, Viola Gust, Mary Fisher and Betty Statter were in charge of the Mission Committee program.

Miss Kelly of the Literary Committee showed the characteristics necessary for success in the profession and Marguerite Fischer of the Apostolic Committee stressed vocation in general. Outstanding women in various vocations were presented by Rita Seeger, Florence McCarthy, Betty Cameron and Dorothy Gray at the Eucharistic Committee meeting.

Sodality activities scheduled for the coming month were the study of the "Ave Maria" week by Our Lady's Committee, the preparation of Mass books, Mary Books and religious article collections by Marie, Lucette, Esther, Marion, Marcelle and Edna Perrielli of the Apostolic Committee, the making of altar flags for needy missions by the Mission Committee, a prize poster contest by the Publicity Committee, a campaign for one hundred reprints of Catholic pamphlets by the Literary Committee, a boycott of improper movie productions by the entire Sodality.

Prizes for outstanding work in the distribution of Catholic literature were awarded to Dorothy Geek, Gertrude Hubel, Norma Ransom, Mary Louise Kerger and Rita Purchase.

## Mercy High School Notes

Resume of the President's activities during the first year in office was given by Mary Elizabeth Leinen at a patriotic meeting of the Sodality, Thursday, March 22. The meeting, opened with the singing of the Catholic Action song.

A special prayer composed by Mary Elizabeth Leinen for the president was recited by the Sodality. (Protect Dorothy Hall) gave a talk on the Buffalo convention held recently and urged the girls to enter into the spirit of the coming retreat to be held at Mercy High School.

A letter concerning the spiritual activities of the Sodality in his behalf will be sent to President Roosevelt to reach him on Sat. Sunday. This letter is in compliance with similar action of 6,000 Sodality girls throughout the United States. All that has been done in the past and all that will be done in the future by the students for the President will be embodied in the letter.

Dorothy Hall, prefect of the Sodality will compose the letter. In a short story contest sponsored by the Quill staff, Rita Marie Grop won first prize and Margaret O'Mara, second prize. Honorable mention was given to Mary Elizabeth Leinen and Beatrice Brown. Twenty-four short stories were handed in.

A cookie sale was sponsored by the Mission Committee on March 10 in the gymnasium at Our Lady of Mercy High School. Cookies of every variety were sold to the students.

**PRIESTS' FATHER DIES**  
Philadelphia. — (NCWC) — The funeral of Joseph H. Hardegan, father of two priests and three nuns, has just been held. The deceased was the father of the Rev. Leander Hardegan, O.F.M., of Patterson, N. J.; the Rev. Stephen Hardegan, O.F.M., of Butler, N. J.; Sister Vincentine, O.S.F.; Sister Erimeldia, O.S.F.; and Sister Ferdinella, O.S.F.

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## St. Ambrose Church Holy Week Services

Schedule of Holy Week services at St. Ambrose Church, Cuba Road and Empire Blvd., announced this week by the Rev. Walter B. McCarthy, pastor, is as follows:  
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY: Masses at 7:00 and 8:00.  
WEDNESDAY: Confessions 7:30 to 8:30 and after services. Litanies, Services, Rosary, Sermon by Rev. John J. Burke on "The Passion of Christ." Benediction of the Stations.  
HOLY THURSDAY: Holy Communion at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00. Mass at 8:00. Holy Hour 8:30 to 9:00 in the evening. Meditation by Rev. Roy F. Haskett. "The Holy Eucharist."  
GOOD FRIDAY: Mass of the Pres. at 8:00 a. m. Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Cross at 2:00 p. m. Stations of the Cross at 7:15. Sermon by the Rev. William J. Ryan of Saint Bernard's Seminary at the Crucifixion.  
HOLY SATURDAY: Services begin at 7:00 a. m. Mass at 8:00. Confessions 7:30 to 7:50 and 7:00 to 7:20.  
Easter Sunday: Masses at 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00. Solemn High Mass at 11:00 a. m.

**LATE POLISH "BISHOP"**  
NEW YORK (CATHOLIC) — Warsaw, Poland — (NCWC) — Bishop Wacław Gadowski, who died at the time of his death at Chicago, Mass., earlier this year, was described by American secular newspapers as a former Catholic priest who joined the Polish National Church, was never a Catholic priest. Investigations made here have established that he was never a priest.

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