

Three O'Clock

By GEORGE BARNARD

Nineteen hundred and four years ago He died. Hanging on the Cross of Calvary, after three hours of torture He gave up the Ghost.

He came to redeem mankind: to give man a way of life: to teach man how to live in peace, and ultimately to find salvation. And right through the world there is the imprint of His teaching. Most men dwell within a social framework built upon His plan.

Upon Christianity the culture of Europe grew. It gave order to the world. Wherever Christian culture appeared the family grew, the laborer worked in security, the poor were fed, the afflicted were nursed, the arts flourished.

Nineteen centuries ago Our Lord died. At three o'clock in the afternoon. The world is preparing to commemorate the death of its Saviour.

In my country—England—Good Friday is a public holiday. The Church wrought that. The toll should be given time and opportunity to dwell upon the things of the spirit: to worship God: to honor the Crucified Christ.

At three o'clock on this Good Friday afternoon the whistle will blow in every part of Great Britain to signal the start of a football game. Three quarters of a million people will pack the football grounds.

The football promoters will charge more for admittance on that day, because more people are free to go to the game and they could fill the grounds at almost any price.

Hundreds of thousands of persons leave all the big cities to spend the week-end at the seaside. For many weeks the Easter excursion plans have been well advertised. Thousands take a brief trip to the continent.

Tailors and milliners have been busy for weeks preparing for the day on which the Christian world commemorates the death of Christ, and the day which celebrated His glorious rising.

Every seaside promenade will

be crowded with the world's workaday, newly clothed and resplendent, who have been released from their toil in order to pay honor to their Saviour.

The man who is more settled in his mind will be seen revelling at the seaside on this great day of Christ's death. He will spend the day in the garden, tying up the roses, patching the shed, oiling the mower, loosening the earth and setting seed hopefully.

For weeks the stores have been tempting him with offers of implements for this annual celebration of Good Friday.

In most cities and towns of the United States it is not customary, I believe, to observe the anniversary of the death of Christ by giving the workers the chance of meditating upon His Passion.

In America at three o'clock in the afternoon the steamships will be tapping away oblivious of the fact that Our Lord, at that hour nineteen centuries ago, hung His head in death and had His heart pierced by a lance in proof of the finality of His sacrifice.

In the backwaters of the busy world the day will not be remembered. In every Catholic church at three o'clock the faithful

PALM SUNDAY RITES OPEN HOLY WEEK

Holy Name To Convene At Wayland

Convention Set for April 18; New President to be Selected

At the invitation of the pastor, the Rev. William W. Heisel, the fifth annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Wayland, on Sunday, April 18.

The convention is expected to bring to Wayland over 400 delegates from all over the diocese, representing the more than 100 Holy Name societies in the diocese. Each Holy Name society is entitled to send its Spiritual Director and four delegates to the convention.

The convention will begin with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and after this service will adjourn to St. Joseph's Hall, where the business sessions of the convention will be held.

To Discuss Program A new program of Holy Name activities for the coming spring and fall will be discussed and in addition to other business the regular biennial election of officers of the Union will be held.

Present officers are: B. Edward Shlesinger, Rochester, president; William G. Wynn, Norman, A. O'Brien and Joseph MacSwiney of Rochester, vice-presidents; William McLane, Auburn, vice-president; Thomas E. Bickle, Geneva, vice-president; Clarence H. Kennedy, Elmira, vice-president; Richard McElliott, Corning, vice-president; Roy W. Coney, Rochester, vice-president and secretary; Francis E. Wolfe, Rochester, financial secretary; James D'Amico, Rochester, treasurer; and John W. Diringer, Marshall.

Mr. Shlesinger who has been president of the Union since its formation, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. More than usual interest attaches therefore to this year's election.

It is expected that a speaker nationally prominent in Holy Name affairs will address the convention. Other speakers will be heard on practical and successful programs for conduct of a Holy Name Society.

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THE DESCENT FROM THE CROSS



From the painting by Peter Paul Rubens.

Archbishop Mooney To Pontificate at Cathedral Services

CHURCH LITURGY FOR HOLY WEEK RITES EXPLAINED

No ceremonies of the liturgy are quite so full of symbolic meaning as those of the last days of Holy Week. On the afternoon or evening of Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the office called "Tenebrae" is recited. The most distinctive feature of this service is the gradual extinction of the fifteen candles as the large triangular holder till only the top candle remains.

Holy Thursday — often called Maundy Thursday because of the ancient ceremony of washing the feet in imitation of Christ at the Last Supper — commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist. At the Cathedral the Mass is celebrated in the afternoon. The Mass is the only Mass in which the Holy Communion is not preceded by a Mass, because there is no consecration. It is rather a communion service.

Good Friday — After the Mass on Holy Thursday the altar is stripped, the candles are extinguished, and the service of the Church at the death of Christ. From the "Christus" in the Mass on Holy Thursday all the "Glorias" in the Mass on Good Friday, no bells are rung, the organ is silent, while the Church centers her thoughts on the Crucifixion. At the beginning of the service on Good Friday, the priest unveils the Crucifix. This Crucifix is placed before the altar.

Ceremonies of Holy Week

With the Mass on Good Friday, the service of the Church at the death of Christ is complete. The service is a solemn and beautiful one, and is a fitting conclusion to the Holy Week. The service is a communion service, and is a fitting conclusion to the Holy Week.

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Catholic Near East Welfare Association

His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, President Very Rev. Magr. James B. O'Reilly, Ph.D., National Secretary Rev. John J. Corrigan, Assistant Secretary

Mass for Deceased as Easter Thought

Easter is only one week away. Remember your deceased relatives and friends. Do not let Easter pass without having a Mass said for them. Make it your Easter thought of those who have been called to eternity. It is the greatest remembrance you can give them.

ONE HUNDRED FAMILIES ENTER CHURCH

Frequently we tell our readers of the marvelous success of Archbishop Iantos of Trivandrum in India. Trivandrum is on the western coast of India in the southern section. We believe that everybody who reads these notes regularly knows that since 1929 there have been over thirty thousand converts from the Jacobite Church in Trivandrum. Without a doubt this section of our territory is one of the most promising fields in the whole mission work.

"Recently we visited the town of Malapra, where a convert priest and a few Catholics reside. This priest gathers his people in a hall which is rented by him, and there he celebrates Mass and preaches. On the occasion of my visit, we extended an invitation to the people of the separated Church to attend a conference. It turned out to be a series of conferences and lasted for four days. As a result one hundred families have become Catholics.

"I could tell you similar stories about many towns and villages in this Diocese. It is really astounding how the Lord is blessing the efforts of the priests and myself.

"I know that if I could build a chapel in the town of Malapra we would double the number of Catholics during this year. The same is true in other towns. It is difficult to expect progress unless we build chapels and schools. Our converts come from the Jacobite Church. They and their families, and their ancestors have been Jacobites for centuries. They must now give up their churches and when they become Catholics, they must hear Mass in private homes and sometimes in the field. I see splendid opportunities lost every day.

"I could build a good-sized chapel with six hundred dollars. This means that we will have a parish wherever we build a chapel. It also means that we can, at least for a time, use the chapel as a school."

We are very anxious to help this Archbishop. We wish to make it possible for those who are well disposed towards the church to come into the church. Six hundred dollars is a lot of money to some people but there are many who, with a little sacrifice, could give it. There are others who can give something. Bear in mind everything no matter how small is a big help.

OUR LADY AND HOLY WEEK

It is almost impossible to think of Holy Week and not to think of Our Lady. How she must have suffered during those dreary days! The terrible scourging, the trial, the crucifixion must have torn her heart. All this happened in the Near East. Would you send us Fifteen dollars for a Statue of Our Lady for a mission chapel in the Near East? Make this your Easter gift to her.

SPIRITUAL PRIVILEGES

All our members, the living and the deceased, share in the Fifteen thousand Masses offered for them every year by the missionaries.

Send all communications to Catholic Near East Welfare Association 480 Lexington Avenue at 46th Street New York, N. Y.

ST. JOSEPH DAY MASS SCHEDULED AT MOTHERHOUSE

The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney will pontificate at the St. Joseph Day Mass in the chapel of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Pittsford tomorrow.

The Mass will begin at 9:30 a. m. The Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hart, V.G. will serve as assistant priest with the Rt. Rev. Magr. John P. Brophy and the Rt. Rev. Magr. John F. Boppell as deacons of honor.

The Rev. Francis X. Hofson will serve as deacon of the Mass with the Rev. Frank W. Mason as sub-deacon.

The Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, vice-chancellor, will be master of ceremonies, assisted by the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney. The Rev. Earl Ritz and the Rev. William Naughton will be the acolytes.

Others taking part in the Mass include the Rev. Joseph McDonnell, Thurifer; the Rev. William O'Brien, gremiale bearer; the Rev. Joseph Maloney, mitre-bearer; the Rev. Gregory Dugan, candle bearer; and the Rev. Bernard Cleary, book-bearer.

Homes Are Blessed On Holy Saturday

Homes are blessed on Holy Saturday in memory of the passage of the angel in Egypt and the signing of the door-posts with the blood of the paschal lamb.

The parish priest visits the houses of his parish and the Papal apartments are blessed on this day, too. It is the custom that the room in which the Pope is found by the visiting Cardinal is blessed by the Holy Father himself.

Vincennes Official Passes PHILADELPHIA — The Very Rev. Patrick McHale, C.M., formerly Assistant to the Superior General of the Congregation of the Missions in Paris, died here yesterday at the age of 83. A native of Ireland, his first assignment was at St. John's College, Brooklyn. He also served in Baltimore and at Niagara University.

Bishop Walsh Will Serve Old Folks St. Joseph's Day

NEWARK — Following an ancient custom at noon on the Feast of St. Joseph, Friday, the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Bishop of Newark, and the clergy of the city will serve a dinner to the old folks at the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, 1 South Eighth Street. The clergy of the city of Paterson will also serve a dinner to the old folks at the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Paterson. The clergy will wear clerical garb and biretta, and a large wreath is to be worn while serving dinner.

Aquinas Lenten Drama Impresses 3 Audiences

With many improvements in staging students of Aquinas Institute repeated their unique Lenten Play. "As It Was In the Beginning" to appreciative audiences in dramatic production which was Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week.

This year's cast profiting by the experiences of those who played in the first presentations last year brought out the full value of the dramatic production which was written by the director, Edwin J. Dolan of the Aquinas Institute.

Uniquely Furnishes Analogy Unlike the average Lenten play the Aquinas production furnishes an analogy. The first part is modern in setting, dialogue and action. Theme of the first part parallels

VARIETY OF PALMS GROWN IN HAWAII IMPORTANT FEAST DATES SHIFTED

HONOLULU — On Palm Sunday residents here have some 26 varieties of palms from which to select. Hawaii is believed to have a greater variety of palms than any other section of the United States, according to Frank Lacey, president of the territorial board of forestry.

The best known of the trees of course is the coconut. While Hawaii is on the northern fringe of climate suitable for their growth, thousands of them grow near the beaches. Some of these graceful trees grow as tall as 100 feet and some have been known to live for nearly a century. Their fruit ripens in from 9 to 10 months. Forestry officials report the following varieties of palms growing in Hawaii: date, Canary Island, Fortune's, chusan, bamboo, Cuban, Chinese fan, blue, Fiji fan, loulou, Washington, Loddigues, lantanu, wine, bottle, royal, Howea, Kentia, red, Alexandria, oil, Colone nut, Giriba, Pritchardia, cocconut, feathery coconut and hula.

K. C. Vancott Cruise NEW YORK — Announcement has been made by New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus, of its fifth annual European vacation tour scheduled to sail from New York on the Ile de France, July 9.

Noted Laywoman Passes BROOKLYN — Miss Helen P. McCormick, founder and president of the Catholic Big Sisters, Inc., of Brooklyn, died Sunday.

FATHER LE BUFFE TO SPEAK BEFORE SCIENCE GROUP

The Rev. Francis P. LeBuffe, S. J. of America, Jesuit national secretary, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Rochester Chapter, Catholic Round Table of Science scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at Nazareth Academy.

Edward Devlin, B. S., head of the Science Department of Aquinas Institute will be at the program with Father LeBuffe. Other speakers are to be announced later.

The meeting of the Rochester Chapter, first group to organize on a strictly high school teachers level is being sponsored by Nazareth Academy. Group in the national organization are generally on a college or college-high school level and meet twice a year in their respective communities.

Holy Stairs Believed Those Saviour Trod

The Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs) at Rome are 28 white marble steps which, according to tradition, constituted the staircase which led to the praetorium of Pilate at Jerusalem, hence sanctified by the footsteps of Our Lord during His Passion.

Historians of the monument say the Holy Stairs were brought to Rome from Jerusalem by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, about 326.

Origin of Low Sunday The origin of the name Low Sunday (first Sunday after Easter) is uncertain, but is held by some to indicate the contrast, between it and the great Easter festival immediately preceding, and also, perhaps, to signify that, being the Octave Day of Easter, it was considered part of that feast, though in a lower degree.

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