

# ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

## SERMON MARCH 18

"Calvary and the Teachers" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. Donald M. Cleary, Catholic Chaplain at Cornell University in his Lenten series at St. Patrick's church. Capacity crowds have been attending this series to hear Father Cleary's message.

### First Aid Classes

The St. Patrick's Red Cross Unit and the Sisters at St. Patrick's convent have started a course in first aid. Classes are held on Thursday afternoons from 3:15 to 5:15 p. m. On Thursday adults are invited

to begin a first aid course. This course will be under the direction of Captain Benjamin Flynn of the Elmira Fire Department. The classes will be held in the Assembly Rooms of the school from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

### Trains Boys Choir

St. Patrick's Boys' Choir is taking a series of instructions from Dr. Arthur G. Young, an authority on Boys' Chorus. Dr. Young is a pupil of Alexander Gullmark, world's greatest organist and organist at Notre Dame Church in Paris. Dr. Young's teaching experience is well known abroad as well as in America. He is a concert organist and voice teacher.

## His Hand In His Pocket

By Katherine A. Sullivan  
(In The Western Catholic)

Some time ago I read a brief little story on a man "who always kept his hand in his pocket." The author described him as a dark, aunt-looking individual who used to stalk about the streets of his home town, glaring at the world in general. But always he would have his right hand rooted in his coat pocket as though it were glued there.

The commentator observed that for a long while he imagined that perhaps the man had no right hand. Later he decided that this was not the case but without a doubt the fellow was probably a man with a past, possibly a gangster, and what else but a gun could be buried in that mysterious pocket?

When the old fellow died it was revealed that this pocket contained a powerful weapon indeed, but a weapon which cures instead of kills—a Rosary! The man had kept his hand in his pocket simply because he was in the habit of constantly saying his beads as he walked about.

The story made but brief impression on us because we figured it was doctored up for the occasion. Who, in this day and age, would think of saying the Rosary in public like that, we asked ourselves. People are too busy for such piety; they only say prayers in church or at home. Obviously his little tale was tailored to fit the occasion and fill the column so we promptly forgot about the man "who kept his hand in his pocket."

Last week we were sharply reminded of our scepticism, though. In fact, if the old man were alive, we'd even apologize to him. Why? Because we met a very beautiful, young girl who... But wait, we'll start from the beginning.

We bumped into Laura on 42nd Street and she hauled us into the Commodore lobby. "My friend Peggy has been waiting a whole hour for me," she wailed, "come with me and help me explain things—she must be a nervous wreck by this time." We worked ourselves with some

difficulty in and around people, potted plants and furniture.

"You'll know Peggy the minute you see her," bubbled Laura over the shoulder of a tall man with a weary expression. "She looks like a Vogue illustration, only better... stunning dresser!"

"I know the type," I grumbled to myself, "Rich and spoiled, no doubt. Not a sensible thought in her head." I caught myself staring at a girl across the lobby, lost in an enormous chair. She was wearing—but this isn't a fashion column. Enough to say that Laura was right—Peggy was perfectly beautiful.

"I'm so sorry I'm late," Laura's protests tumbled forth, "I hope you had something to read. Did you mind waiting very much?" Peggy's answer was as surprising to me as her mild, sweet voice and her candid wide eyes.

"I almost wish you were later," she laughed, "I was able to finish my Rosary for the day and started in on another one for the poor war-stricken people..."

The vision of an old man shuffling along the street with his hand in his pocket came back to me then. You can see why, can't you?

I suppose if I had read a story about a lovely, well-dressed young girl sitting in the lobby of a bustling hotel, her right hand buried in the depths of an antelope bag, eyes cast down, saying the Rosary—well, I wouldn't have believed that, either.

"People aren't like that nowadays," I might have said, "They never think of praying in the middle of the day and in public; they never say the Rosary for other people..."

It took a lovely young girl in silver fox to prove that I was wrong, very wrong. Thank God I am.

The spiritual aspect of the Catholic interracial program flows from the common membership of all races in the Mystical Body of Christ and the common expression of this unity in the Church's liturgy.

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