

# ST. PATRICK'S, Owego

## RITE FOR MERCY SISTER

**BY MARY C. BROWNAN**  
**OWEGO**—The funeral of Sister Mary Catherine Headley, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira on Saturday, Jan. 23, was held in St. Patrick's Church in this village on Tuesday morning, Jan. 26, at 10 o'clock.

A solemn requiem High Mass was offered with the Rev. Michael J. Hynes, pastor of the church as celebrant, the Rev. James B. Keenan, assistant pastor of the St. James Church in Waverly as deacon and the Rev. Alexander J. Hec, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church in this village as sub-deacon. Leonard J. Burns and Edwin Dinn acted as Masters of Ceremony and the servers were Daniel Thompson, Anthony Stella and Joseph Tront, all former pupils of the deceased nun. The bearers were Sister M. Anzile and Sister M. Agatha of the local convent, Sister M. Theodora, of St. Vincent Convent in Corning and for many years stationed in this parish, Sister M. Dolores of Elmira, and Sister M. Aloysius and Sister M. Anastasia of Mornell. Music for the Mass was furnished by a choir composed entirely of nuns.

The children of St. Patrick's School, attended the funeral and acted as an escort of honor as the funeral procession entered the church. They occupied seats in the front of the church which had been reserved for them. The school was closed on Monday and Tuesday of last week to honor the memory of Sister Catherine who had taught in the local parochial school for more than eight years.

## Feast Day Services

Mass of Tuesday morning, the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin was said at 8 o'clock and was offered for the

members of the congregation. Mass on Wednesday morning, the feast of St. Blaise was at 7 o'clock with the blessing of the throats following the Mass. The ceremony of blessing the throats of the children of the parish was held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and for those persons who were unable to attend the services on Wednesday it will be repeated after both Masses on next Sunday.

# ST. JAMES, Waverly

## MRS. PECKALLY, 98 DIES

**By ELLEN T. FALSBY**  
**WAVERLY**—Mrs. Philomena Peckally, 98, died at the home of her son, John C. Peckally, 446 Fulton St., Waverly, following a brief illness. The funeral was held on Saturday morning, Jan. 23, at 9:30 o'clock in St. James Church.

Rev. Edward Lyons, pastor, celebrated the Requiem High Mass, and burial was in St. James Cemetery. Full bearers were Nicholas, Anthony, Joseph and Frederick Peckally, all grandsons of the deceased.

## Gerald Kane Rites

Funeral services for Gerald Kane were held on Monday morning at 9 o'clock in the Church of the Epiphany, Bayre.

Mr. Kane, a former Bayre youth, died recently in a United States Army Camp in California. Burial was in St. James Cemetery, Waverly.

## Aid Polio Drive

Several members of St. James Parish are acting on the local Polio committee, including Mr. T. J. Carey, chairman, James O'Neill and Mrs. Thomas Sheahan.

## 'Temperance or Moderation' Announced As Theme

**MONTREAL**—'Temperance or moderation, the Rule of Life,' will be the subject of this year's Helmsdale Societe-Social Study Week. The invitation of the Most Rev. J. A. Langlois, Bishop of Valleyfield, has been accepted and the study sessions will be held in that city. While the definite dates have not been announced, the week will be in September.

## SOMETHING NEW IN SERVICE FLAGS



In honor of his university's 476 alumni serving in the armed forces, Bruce Graham, of Lima, Peru, has painted this symbolic painting. A marine, a sailor and a soldier represent the branches of the service in which University of Dayton graduates are serving on the far-flung fronts. (N.C.W.C.)

## Attend Final Rites

Mr. C. J. Murphy and daughter attended the funeral of Mr. Murphy's nephew, Roy Murphy, in Geneva last week.

Mrs. Ella Stine and Mrs. Raymond Danahoe and daughters are attending the funeral of John Stine in Meadville, Pa.

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## Good Friday Open In American League Baseball Schedule

**NEW YORK**—Good Friday, which falls on April 23, will be an open date in the American League baseball schedule and on that day no games will be scheduled in the eight cities represented in the league. It was announced here by William Harridge, league president.

It is rarely that Good Friday falls on a date late enough to figure in consideration of the schedules of the major baseball leagues.

# Jesus Died On Calvary In Proof Of His Divinity

(One of a Series of Articles on the Mystery of the Incarnation)

By LINUS RIORDAN

"What do you think of the Christ? Whose Son is He?" Christ asked the Jews. And the same question has been asked in one form or another of every generation of man since. The answer is found in the Mystery of the Incarnation. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who became man that as God-man He might pay the debt owed to God by man.

There is no teaching of Christ more important or of more far-reaching consequence than that concerning His divine nature. The Christian religion stands or falls with His divine character. If Christ is not the Son of God, then His religion is of little or no value.

The testimony of the truth of Christ's Divinity, however, is clearly and fully recorded in the New Testament, which, considered for the moment not as a divinely inspired book but simply as an accurate historical work relates truthfully the story of the life and teaching of Christ.

"Now Jesus," we read in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, "having come into the district of Caesarea Philippi, began to ask His disciples, saying, 'Who do men say the Son of Man is?' But they said, 'Some say, John the Baptist; and others Elias; and others, Jeremiah; or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered and said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!'" (Matt. xvi, 13-17).

This profession of faith on the part of Peter in the divine Master was not rebuked or corrected as would have been necessary if Peter were mistaken, for it would have been the duty of Christ, as of any honest person, to correct the wrong impression under which Peter was laboring. Contrariwise, Christ confirms the truth of Peter's statement, and assured him that his answer was divinely revealed:

"Then Jesus answered and said, 'Blessed are thou Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to thee, but My Father in Heaven. And I say to thee, thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven!'" (Matt. xvi, 17-21).

It is apparent that this Sonship of Christ was not used in the sense that all good Christians are the adopted sons of God by grace. It is clear that Christ is infinitely more than that; He is the natural Son of God, consubstantial with the Father. Because of His real Sonship, He is called by St. John "the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John i, 14).

Christ not only said that He is divine but He proved His Divinity by prophecy and miracles, and He appealed to the Jews to believe His words. "These very words that I do bear witness to Me, that the Father hath sent Me" (John v, 34). "Do you believe that I am in the Father and the Father in

Me? Otherwise believe because of the works themselves" (John xiv, 10).

St. Peter in addressing the Jews on the first Pentecost said to them: "Men of Israel, hear these words. Jesus of Nazareth was a man approved by God among you by miracles and signs" (Acts ii, 22). St. John tells his readers in his Gospel that he has recorded the miracles of Christ in open proof of Christ's Divinity.

The most solemn affirmation of His Divinity was given by Jesus on the night before His death. He was taken before the High Priest Caiaphas, who addressed Him in these solemn words: "I adjure Thee by the living God that Thou tell us whether Thou art the Christ, the Son of God" (Matt. xxiv, 63). Jesus answered with the solemn affirmative: "Thou hast said it" (Matt. xxvi, 64). Immediately, the High Priest "tore his garments, saying, 'He has blasphemed'" (Matt. xxvi, 65).

Christ was put to death by the Jews for that answer. He was crucified as a "blasphemer" because the Jews heard His claim of true Sonship from God. Christ did not deny their impeachment or retract His statement, for He could not. He had spoken the truth. Instead, Christ hung for three hours on the cross, and the last testimony of His Divinity was the outpouring of His sacred blood, drop by drop. Even the pagan centurion standing guard on Calvary that awful day was forced to cry out, "Truly He was the Son of God" (Matt. xvii, 54). —The Western Catholic

## Board of Trade Head Leads Lay Retreat

**CHICAGO**—Philip Raymond O'Brien, who has just been re-elected President of the Chicago Board of Trade, has been a leader in the Catholic laymen's retreat movement here for nearly two decades.

Mr. O'Brien was one of the original five retreatants at Maylake, when that center was opened in 1923. This month he led a group of 27 Board of Trade men on a closed retreat at Maylake.

## India City Prohibits Birth Control Clinics

**BOMBAY**—The City Corporation has rejected by an overwhelming vote the proposal that two part-time birth control clinics be opened in connection with dispensaries here. The sole Catholic member and all the Muslim members of the corporation voted against the proposal.

Dr. Alban D'Souza, a Catholic, appealed to the city corporation not to induce any project which would in any way tend to the lowering of public morality.

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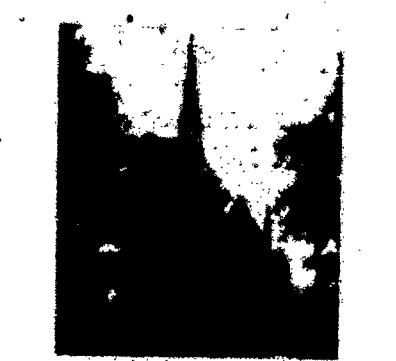
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