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**Census Hits Alltime Peak In Nation**



THE ANGEL spoke and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen even as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord was laid..."

## Father John Baier Requiem Offered

Solemn Funeral Mass for the Rev. John J. Baier, pastor emeritus of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, was offered by His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney Tuesday at 10 a.m.

His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey attended the funeral mass and gave the final absolution at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Father Baier died Friday, March 23, 1956, after a week's illness. He was 70 years of age. He had been in failing health for the past three years and had retired from his active pastorate in 1953.

IN THE funeral eulogy, Father Baier was cited for his more than forty years of priestly work in which he pioneered in the establishing of St. Theodore's parish, Gates, and in the post-war development of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Greece.

Rev. Henry Atwell preached the funeral sermon and stated that "holiness and patience" were the characteristics of the late pastor.

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A Requiem Mass attended by parishioners of St. John's parish



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## 'Voices Of Easter'

Christ's Resurrection spelled vindication of His Mother's unwavering faith. It heralded defeat for Caiphas and hope born anew for Mary Magdalen.

By MONSEIGNOR PATRICK FLINN

The stages of the First Easter were crowded with many figures. If these witnesses of the Resurrection would again raise their voices they might speak as follows:

**HE MOTHER OF CHRIST** — My Son came to me first on Easter morning, as soon as He arose from the Tomb. I knew He would. I expected Him and was waiting for Him.

I was crushed with sorrow when they put Him to death on the Cross, but it was no surprise to me. I had waited for that day and always knew that it would come. Always I knew that someday I would see my Son die. I knew from the day that I carried the infant Christ into the Temple and heard the prophet Simeon warn me: "This Child is set for the rise and fall of many in Israel... and thy own soul a sword shall pierce that out of many hearts thoughts shall be revealed."

I never forgot Simeon's words and through the years I pondered them in my heart. Always I feared when and how the end would come. That a day of great sorrow would come for my Son and myself, I believed and knew. Many times my Son foretold that He must suffer and die. Only I believed Him. The Apostles did not believe Him. Even on that last journey to Jerusalem, they did not understand when He told them: "We go up to Jerusalem and I shall be betrayed, I shall be delivered up to be mocked, scourged and crucified, and the third day I shall rise again."

Soon that awful Friday on Calvary came. I was standing under the cross and watching my Son die. I knew that this was not the end for Him. He had said that He would rise again from the dead on the third day. I believed He would. Even when I stood on Calvary I never lost faith that my Son would conquer death.

When He died they took His body down from the Cross and we laid it away in a Tomb near Calvary. Then I went back to Jerusalem to wait for the third day. In the early dawn of Sunday I was waiting when He came to me. He came to me first as soon as He had risen. He had risen as he said. He had risen as I believed He would.

This hour of joy I have kept a secret, pondering it alone in my heart. Even though I kept secret this visit me of the Risen Christ, I knew many would guess it.

**HIGH PRIEST CAIPIAS**—No body thinks of me when they talk about the resurrection of Christ. And that is strange because I was one of the first to hear about it, I shall never forget how the terrified guards from Christ's Tomb came to me early in the morn-

## Capistrano Swallows Arrived On Time

San Juan Capistrano, Calif.—(NC) — They're back again — and on schedule — those swallows that return to the famed Mission Church of San Juan Capistrano every March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph.

## Irish Priest Sees Many Flaws In 'Bridey Murphy' Tale

Tulsa, Okla. — (NC) — There are many flaws to be found in the book, "The Search for Bridey Murphy," according to an Irish priest now stationed in this city.

Father James McNamee, pastor of the Church of the Madonna and a native of County Longford, Ireland, pointed out that he was speaking as a student of Irish history rather than as a priest or spokesman for the Church.

REFERRING to the young Colorado housewife who is supposed to have under hypnosis the personality of a 19th century Irish girl, Father McNamee made the following observations:

"She talks about living in a wooden house and sleeping in a metal bed. There were then and are today few if any wooden houses or metal beds in Ireland. Houses are stone or brick, the beds are wooden.

"She describes places where she bought shoes and dresses and where her husband shopped for groceries. Shoes were not bought then, they were handmade. And dresses were not bought, the cloth was purchased and made into a dress by a dressmaker.

"She says her husband and his father were barristers. Catholics

## Priest Refutes LIFE Article Sir Winston Churchill Seen Wrong On How Faith Came To Ireland, England

Pittsburgh, Pa. — (NC) — The executive editor of this diocese's newspaper said that Sir Winston Churchill is wrong in indicating in a recent magazine article that the Faith first came to Ireland and England from the Roman Empire.

Father Vincent P. Brennan of the Pittsburgh Catholic told a banquet meeting that never at any time were the clergy or people of Ireland withdrawn from the Universal Church and never had the country denied the authority of the Holy Father.

"THE PRIEST-EDITOR declared that in an article on the history of the English-speaking people in LIFE Magazine, Sir Winston said that the Faith, which had come to England from Ireland, came 'without touching at any moment the Roman center.' The retired Prime Minister also said this Faith 'was not in those early

## Pope To Bless World On Easter

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII will give the traditional blessing "In exitu" (to the city and the world) on Easter Sunday this year, it has been announced here.

In the past years the blessing was usually given at noon on Holy Saturday, which then marked the end of Lent. According to the new Ordo for Holy Week, Lent now ends at midnight between Holy Saturday and Easter.

## Cardinal Sees America 'Last Free Citadel'

Omaha, Neb. — (RNS) — Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, warned here that America "may soon be the last stronghold of our civilization—our liberties and beleaguered citadel of law and liberty."

He addressed a meeting of the Greater Creighton Committee to launch a \$14,232,000 ten-year program for expansion of the Jesuit-operated Creighton University.

"WE MUST defend that citadel," the Cardinal declared. "We must make it a center of resistance to the evil which is devastating the world. We must make it a source of inspiration by which men may be made free and the world become peaceful once more."

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## Bridey Speaks 'In Riddles'

NEW YORK — (NC) — Bridey Murphy speaks as someone who has been in Belfast, Ireland, but has never actually lived there, Father Charles Keenan, S.J., a native of Belfast, writes in the current issue of American magazine.

He said the conversations of the Colorado housewife who is supposed to have another "personality" when hypnotized — that of Bridey Murphy, a 19th century Irish girl — have several riddles in them.

She says she was married in St. Theresa's Church in the 1870's, but the church wasn't built until 1911, Father Keenan writes.

Her husband, who she says was Catholic, was supposed to have taught at "Queen's University," but the school wasn't raised to the status of a university until 1908, the Jesuit priest maintains.

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**4 YEARS IN RED HELL**

**Priest Recalls Red Shackles**

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LAST WEEK'S PAID CIRCULATION **53,515**

Standard Floral offer many Easter Specials—Corsets from \$2.99 Evening Gowns from \$1.99 Open Evenings till 9 o'clock—Lake Ave.—BAKER 6414-Ad.

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**WINSTON CHURCHILL**

Bluffed facts decisive periods associated with the "universal" organizations of the Papacy.