

# Where Christ Wept, a Land Still Divided

25 Years Ago

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We read in the Gospel how Christ wept over Jerusalem. That spot is marked today by a tiny and very beautiful chapel called Dominus Flevit. It is just beneath the crest of the Mount of Olives, as it descends into the Cedron Valley. The altar is arranged so that the priest and people at Mass look through a wide window on a panorama of the city whose rejection of Him caused Jesus to weep.

the city from this vantage point, his thoughts are jarred by the evidence of hate made manifest here again in our own time — the destruction wrought by shells, bullets and grenades is clearly evident on both the Cenacle, scene of the Last Supper, and the Church of the Dormition built over the place where Our Blessed Mother died.

On the roofs of both these shrines armed Israeli soldiers can be seen peering alertly from behind sandbags. And as the pilgrim's gaze moves scant yards down hill, he sees a line of Jordanian soldiers of the Arab Legion, also armed and at the ready, in front of their

encampment on the grounds of the Church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu, which is the place where St. Peter denied Our Lord.

This is the Arab-Israeli border where for sixteen years soldiers have been on twenty-four hour guard, each side ready to shoot to kill anyone who dares to walk those short yards in either direction.

When the Holy Land was cut in two, the material losses to the Church were enormous. Much of what had taken years in the building were lost. On both sides new churches, schools, hospitals and other institutions of mercy were needed.

In Israel the Catholics had now become concentrated in Galilee. In Jordan the Catholic population was almost doubled by those who fled in to the Old City for protection and who would never return to their homes. Poverty which had always been widespread in the Holy Land was replaced by near destitution for bishops, priests, religious and laity alike.

During the past sixteen years American Catholics, through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, have given untold aid both spiritually and materially to the people of Palestine. Should you ever kneel one day in the Dominus Flevit Chapel

and physically see the scenes of Christ's Passion and Death, or picture these scenes mentally in your devotions, may you ever take consolation in the knowledge that your faith, as evidenced through your charity, would never give Christ cause to weep.

Texts Published

Vatican City—(NC)—The official Latin text of all the Second Vatican Council's constitutions and decrees, together with explanatory notes, has been published by the Vatican Polyglot Press.

# Capping Rites In Elmira

Twenty-eight student nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital Nursing School, Elmira will wear the uniforms of their profession for the first time on Uniform Day, Dec. 20.

Presentation of caps will be made by Sister Remigia, Director of Nursing Education, and Sister Juliana, Associate Director of Nursing Education, at 4 p.m. in the Little Flower Chapel in the Dunn Memorial Nurses' Residence.

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The traditional passing on of the spirit of nursing will be symbolized as each student lights a candle received from Carol Ricci, junior class president, at the lamp held by Carolyn Giamichale, president of the Student Government Association.

Rev. Michael Reagan, chaplain of Notre Dame High School, Elmira, will address the group. The ceremonies will be climaxed by Benediction.

All the students of the School of Nursing will be guests of honor at the Faculty-Student dinner that follows. At 7:15 p.m. the freshmen plan to carol throughout the hospital and then enjoy a class Christmas party.

# Mrs. Pemberton Requiem Held

Funeral Mass for Mrs. Rose Pemberton was offered by her nephew, Father Robert Brader in St. Salome's Church, Monday, Dec. 12. Mrs. Pemberton of 263 Point Pleasant Road died Dec. 8, 1966.

She was a member of St. Salome's Mission Society and Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of St. John.

Surviving are her husband, Lee Pemberton; and many nieces and nephews including, besides Father Brader, Father William Geiger, C.S.S.R., Father James Geiger, C.S.S.R., Sister Marie Neuma and Geiger, O.S.F., Sister Joseph Andre Brader, R.S.M. and a cousin, Sister M. Paurella, S.S. N.D.

A sister, Sister M. Genevieve, S.S. N.D. preceded her in death.

Blessing at the grave was given by Fathers Walter Fleming, Michael Volpe and Brader. Arrangements by N. J. Miller Funeral Home.

# Father Larkin Edits Paper

Mt. Morris — A former Mt. Morris resident, whose father was once editor of a local newspaper, has just issued the first copy of his parish newspaper according to word received here.

The Rev. W. Thomas Larkin, pastor and founder of Christ the King Church in Jacksonville, Florida, issued the first edition of his parish paper this month.

The four pages, 8x11 sheets, list parish activities, organization officers and parish school news. Father Larkin said the paper is a way of keeping the parish as a family well informed and up to date on spiritual and civic matters.

Father Larkin's father was the late William T. Larkin, editor of the Mt. Morris Union, once printed by the Rollison Publishers. The paper was sold to the Sanders Publications of Geneseo a few years ago.

# Margaret Dext Funeral Mass

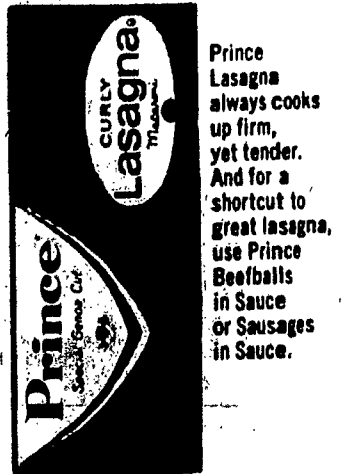
Funeral Mass for Mrs. Margaret Dext, formerly of Ithaca was offered by Father William J. Trainor, pastor in St. Mary of the Lakes Church, Eustis, Florida, on Thanksgiving Day No. 24.

Mrs. Dext, 82, died Nov. 22, 1966 at the Waterman Memorial Hospital in Eustis after an acute coronary.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Leroy (Mary D.) Hart, three grandsons and four great grandchildren.

Burial was in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown, N.Y. Father Cyril Conroy, a Carmelite of the Church of Transfiguration gave the blessing.

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