

Mercy Fundraiser

The Sisters of Mercy will sponsor their annual fundraiser, a combination mini-sale and home-cooked roast beef supper, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, at the Our Lady of Mercy High School cafeteria and gym, 1437 Blossom Road. Above, dolls dressed by Sister Mary Alice Hayden will be booth items at the mini-sale which will also feature homemade breads and other handicrafts. Proceeds will go toward kitchen renovations at the Motherhouse. Tickets may be obtained in advance by calling 288-2710, or at the door: adults, \$4.50; children under 10, \$2.

Insights
In Liturgy





The Paschal Sacrifice

"We praise you with greater joy than ever/ on this Easter day," when Christ became our paschal sacrifice." He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world. By dying he destroyed our death," by rising he restored our life."

The wording of the first Preface for Easter (there are five Prefaces for the season) is compact. But although the words are brief and few, their meanings are rich.

This Preface goes right to the heart of the Easter celebration and every Christian celebration: the paschal mystery, the saving and life-giving death and resurrection of Christ. "We do well always and everytwhere to give (God) thanks" for this central act of our salvation because it is the constant source of our life and hope. But we praise him "with greater joy than ever" on this Easter day and in this Easter season.

For Christ has become our paschal sacrifice. Like the Passover lamb of the Old Testament (Exodus 12). Christ has shed his blood to protect us and deliver us from death. The death of Christ becomes the doorway to freedom and glory for himself and for all of us with him. And like the blood sacrifices of the old Law, Christ establishes a new covenant in his blood. "This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven."

Thus Christ is "the true Lamb" of God who takes away the sins of the world and grants us peace. Beyond its connection with the Passover lamb, the title "Lamb of God" is obscure in its origins. However, one possibility is that its origin is found in the Aramaic word talia, which can be translated either "lamb" or "servant." This would connect the Lamb of God with the Servant of God that the prophet Isaiah sings

about in four songs, a servant who takes on the sins of us all and willingly dies that we might be set free (Isaiah 52:13, 53: 12). This servant is compared to a lamb, mute and gentle, which is led to the slaughter. But God will raise his servant high and greatly exalt him for such a sacrifice. Further, in the Book of Revelation (19:7-9), the Lamb who was slain (Christ) is married to his Bride (the Church), which becomes a triumphal celebration of Christ's victory over the powers of evil.

This is why the Preface can proclaim with such confidence: "By dying he destroyed our death, by rising he restored our life." It is obvious, of course, that the death and resurrection of Christ are not two separate acts, but one inseparable act that saves us. It is stated this way, however, to make clear the full impact of this saving mystery for us. Negatively put, the death and resurrection of Christ destroys the power of sin and death over us; positively put, it gives us access to eternal life with Christ. Our death is destroyed, our life is restored! Christ's paschal sacrifice is made for us, and becomes the only reason we need for dilerious "Alleluias."

But we Christians must put ourselves in touch with this great mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. This, of course, is what the festival of Easter, and the whole Lent and Easter season, is all about. But it is a process that must never stop. Christ's paschal sacrifice has opened the way to our salvation, but we must continue to walk along that way our whole lives long. The pattern of his death and resurrection is the pattern of our own lives, continually dying to sin and continually living to God in Christ Jesus. We do praise God with greater joy than ever in this Easter season when Christ became our paschal sacrifice, but we also give him thanks always and everywhere for the wondorful works of our salvation.



SENIOR CITIZEN
FESTIVAL — Eighth
annual Senior Citizen
Festival, sponsored by Town
of Greece Parks and
Recreation, 10 a.m. to 4
p.m., Thursday, May 14,
and Friday May 15, Long
Ridge Mall. Arts, crafts sale,
entertainment, special sales
and luncheons for seniors
only.

LIBRARY MOVIES -

Oliver, 1:15 Thursday, April 16, Janes Memorial Library, 200 Fairport Road; Blithe Spirit, 6:45 p.m., Thursday, April 16, Maplewood Community Library; Arsenic and Old Lace, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 16, Henrietta Public Library; A Pair of Briefs, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 16, Lowden Point Library; Lavendar Hill Mob, 6:45 p.m., Thursday, April 17, Chili Public Library; all free.

SENIORS MATINEE
MOVIE — Miracle in
Milan, 1:30 p.m., Thursday,
April 16, International
Museum of Photography,
George Eastman House.
Information: 271-3361.

ART EXHIBIT — Opening

of graduate Art Show, 8-10 a.m., May 2-28, Lobby, Nazareth College Arts Center, no admission.

BARBER SHOP HAR-MONY — Barber Shop Concert, 8:15 p.m., Saturday, April 18, Eastman Fheater, tickets are \$4, \$5.50 available at the door.

MUSIC FOR YOUNG AT HEART — A special concert by four instrumentalists who have held leading positions with major American orchestras and the Eastman Wind Ensemble under the baton of Donald Hunsberger, 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 29, Kilbourn Hall.

Police Breakfast Planned

A special Law Enforcement Breakfast, sponsored by the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International, is planned for 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 25 at the Mapledale Party House.

Vincent Terranove, a New York City policeman, and a member of "Cops for Christ," will be guest speaker. Bishop Matthew H. Clark will give the invocation.

Due to limited space, tickets must be purchased in advance. The cost is \$5. For reservations those interested may send their checks payable to FGBMFI to PO Box 8819, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.





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