

People and Events Of the World and Nation

Pontiff Prays For the Unborn At Easter Greeting

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II offered an Easter prayer for the unborn and a 43-language greeting to some 250,000 people gathered on Easter Sunday in St. Peter's Square.

In an appeal for Christians to link the doctrine of Christ's resurrection with the Church's teaching on abortion, the pontiff said, "May respect for life also prevail."

"Easter carries with it the message of life freed from death, of life saved from death. May the plans and programs for the protection of human life against death prevail, and not the illusions of those who see human progress in the right to inflict death on life which has just been conceived." At those words the crowd burst into applause.

Bishop Mugavero Bars Gov. Carey From Baptism Role

Brooklyn (RNS) — Gov. Hugh Carey was barred from serving as a godfather to a Catholic state senator's son because of his recent marriage outside of the Church. However, Carey and his bride Evangeline Gouletas attended the rites for Tobias Governor Bartosiewicz.

Bishop Francis Mugavero decreed that the governor's marriage to a thrice-divorced woman in a Greek Orthodox ceremony disqualified him as a baptismal sponsor in a Catholic rite.

Toronto Cardinal Orders His Priests Cut Pro-life Movement Ties

Toronto (RNS) — Cardinal G. Emmett Carter has instructed his priests to cut their ties with Campaign Life, a Canadian national anti-abortion movement, apparently because of its political action methods.

The head of the Toronto archdiocese sent a letter to parish priests telling them not to let Campaign Life representatives hand out its literature at their churches. "We cannot accept the methods and the strategy of the organization, Campaign Life," the prelate asserted.

Officials of the organization were shocked at the cardinal's action. Paul Formby, the group's national coordinator, described the letter as "a tremendous jolt."

Berrigans Arrested In Good Friday Military Protest

New York (RNS) — Father Daniel Berrigan, SJ, his brother, Philip and 12 other anti-war activists were arrested in a Good Friday protest against what they called a "military think tank" here.

The group poured blood on themselves and blocked the entrance to a West Side building housing the Riverside Research Institute. They were given summonses for disorderly conduct.

The Berrigan brothers were convicted in March for damaging a nosecone of a nuclear warhead in a General Electric plant in King of Prussia, Pa.



Edward Norton, parish finance chairman, and Father Dollen.

St. John of Rochester To Build New Church

Fairport's Church of St. John of Rochester has launched a \$750,000 building campaign to finance construction of a church.

Parishioners have worshipped in a large hall in the school since 1963, a year after the founding of the parish.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark

has approved the projected eight-week campaign which will raise funds for the new building to be sited on parish property.

Father Bernard Dollen is pastor of the parish. Campaign officials are: Tom Safranek, director; Greg Byrne, John Driscoll, Ed. Norton and Father Dollen,

honorary chairmen; Joe Palmesano, general chairman; Ozzie Masoni, major gifts chairman; Ed Rosen, associate chairman; Joe Palmesano memorial gifts chairman; John Gerhard, associate chairman; Jim D'Amico, general gifts chairman; and John Cannon, associate chairman.

Prison Expansion Conference Topic

A conference addressing issues surrounding the expansion of the state prison system will be held 9:30 a.m.

to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road S.

Common Pleas.

The event is sponsored by Educational Designs for Justice, a project of the Judicial Process Commission of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries and the state Council of Churches.



SENIORS MATINEE MOVIE — Private Life of Henry VIII, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 7, International Museum of Photography, George Eastman House. Information, 271-3361.

CABIN PARTY — Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Club, for singles 18-35 years old, 1-10 p.m., Sunday, May 3, Oak Tree Lodge, Powdermill Park.

HANDBELL CHOIR — Eight youth handbell choirs to perform sacred, classical and pop arrangements. 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9, Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave. Admission is free.

COMEDY OF ERRORS — Presented by the National Shakespeare Company, 10 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., Friday, May 8, Nazareth College Arts Center, Main Auditorium.

BAROQUE FESTIVAL '81 — June 5-7, George Eastman House, 900 East Ave. Tickets available by contacting Baroque Festival Office, 143 Barrington St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607. Further information available by calling 442-2181 or 271-6004.

STORYHOUR — For preschoolers, 3-5 years old, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 2, Children's Room, Rundel Memorial Library, 115 South Ave.

EASTMAN PHILHARMONIA — Concert featuring music from Glinka, Brahms and Tchaikovsky, 8 p.m., Friday, May 1, Eastman Theatre. No admission charge.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Surprise Becomes Amazement

Sunday's Readings (R3) Lk. 24:13-15. (R1) Acts 2:14, 22-28. (R2) 1 Pt. 1:17-21.

There is an anecdote, undoubtedly spurious, about Noah Webster, author of the famous Webster dictionary. Noah was caught kissing the maid in the kitchen pantry by none other than Mrs. Webster. When she opened the door and nabbed her husband in the embarrassing act, she exclaimed, "Why, Noah, I'm surprised!"

The great lexicographer, ever the semanticist, corrected her, "No, my dear, you're amazed; I'm surprised."

Garage Sale In Greece

The Cardinal Mooney Women's Guild is inviting the public to a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 at the school, 800 Maiden Lane.

Items for sale will include: jewelry, antiques, appliances, clothing, baby items, records, household goods, books, toys and novelties. Refreshments will be available.

Anyone wishing to donate usable items may bring them to the school cafeteria or to the Brothers' garage on Friday, May 1. They may call Mrs. Culhane at 225-3383 for pick-up of large items.

Next Sunday's gospel contains surprise and amazement. Jesus surprised the two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After the initial surprise, a sense of amazement settled in as they reflected on that surprise appearance.

The key to the story of the two disciples is the words: "We were hoping." It was as if they had said: "We were hoping — but no more! Our hopes have been dashed. Nothing remains but a sense of hopelessness." So drained were they that the seven miles back home was a chore. They could hardly drag their feet, so it seems from Luke's words, "they were making their way to a village."

But what were they hoping for? "That He was the one who would set us free." Set Israel free! All Israel — and these two Israelites were no exception — had been hoping that Israel one day would be set free. Twice before God had set Israel free — from Egyptian slavery under Moses, and from Babylonian slavery under Cyrus the Great. Now, ruthless and cruel Rome had been crushing Israel underneath her iron heel. Israel moaned and groaned to God for a deliverer — for another Moses, a Son of David, a Maccabean, a Messiah! The two disciples on the way to Emmaus "were hoping" Jesus was he!

Surprise! Jesus was not going to be a political Messiah — a savior from political slavery.

Surprise! He came to set us free from the far more terrible slavery of sin. To break the bonds — the habits of drink, addiction to drugs, perverse and unclean practices — that bind more securely than iron fetters on hands and neck. To liberate from practices, like homosexuality, alcoholism, drug addiction, so hard to be freed from that some (unwittingly rejecting the power of God's grace through prayer and the sacraments) try to justify and rationalize and abet through a false compassion.

Surprise! God can liberate and God has liberated many from the vomit of foul habits of sin and addiction. John Newton, a drunken slave trader, a ne'er-do-well, was surprised by God and changed into a man of God. With William Cowper he wrote the "Olney Hymns." But the one he is best known for is "Amazing Grace."

Surprise! Often the slavery to sin is but the Good Friday, often the necessary, inevitable, unavoidable prelude to resurrection. "Did not the Messiah have to undergo all this so as to enter into his glory?" Unless the seed dies, it remains itself alone — just a seed! But if it dies, it breaks out of the soil, blooms and blossoms into something beautiful and wonderful!

The greatest disservice we can do to a person is to feed the idea that the road before one will be easy and smooth just because one serves God. Surprise: the disciples must enter the Kingdom of God "through many tribulations."

And the result? Be amazed — God's ways are not ours. Let his surprises in our lives be followed by a reverie of amazement and praise.

Leading discussions will be: Arthur Eve, assemblyman, NYS Legislature; Al Haber, president of the Fortune Society; David Leven, director of Prisoners Legal Services; Dan Pachoda, director of the Correctional Association of New York; Katharine Webb, commissioner, NYS Commission of Correction; and Judge Lois G. Forer, Philadelphia Court of

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