

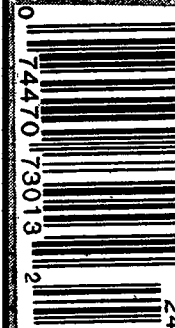
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Jerusalem held dear by three faiths

Father John J. Glogowski, pastor of St. Leo's Church in Hilton, said traveling to the Holy Land and, in particular, Jerusalem, earlier this year has changed the way he thinks during his homilies and readings at Mass.

"It's almost like seeing things through Jesus' eyes," Father Glogowski said.

He added that particular stories about Christ have deeper meaning, such as the one written in Luke 19:41-44 about the Lord's lamenting of Jerusalem's future destruction.

"I can put myself on the Mount of Olives and look at Jerusalem like Jesus did when he wept, and know what he saw," Father Glogowski said.

Last February, just before Lent, the pastor led a handful of his parishioners to Jerusalem. The group was accompanied by parishioners from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hamlin and Church of the Annunciation in Rochester.

Betty Murphy, St. Leo's parish secretary, was on the pilgrimage. She expressed wonder at having walked the streets of Jerusalem, the same streets where David and Solomon, Jesus and his apostles, and Mohammed all walked.

"It was the most moving experience that I've ever, ever had," Murphy commented. "There are no words in the English language that can do justice to it."

Starting last fall, the State of Israel has been celebrating Jerusalem's 3,000th year, although the momentous anniversary has been overshadowed by such events as last November's assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, war in southern Lebanon, and the May 29 election of Israel's new prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

The Jerusalem that Jesus shed tears over was already a very old city when he traveled there to meet his fate on the cross a little less than 2,000 years ago. By the time Je-

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