

# ST. STEPHEN'S BULLETIN

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## TRIDUUMS AND COMMUNION BREAKFASTS

During Lent there will be ample opportunity for all of our Parishioners to take part in the spiritual life. Each Wednesday night this is the Rosary Novena; at 7 in English; at 7:30 in Hungarian. The women are invited to attend the Communion Breakfast with their friends on Sunday, March 19, after having received Communion at the 9 o'clock Mass.

The Hungarian Lenten Triduum will be held from March 22 to 26, each evening at 7:30. Monsignor Kozi-Horvath will be the preacher. The English Triduum will begin March 29 and end April 2 with a Communion Breakfast for the men, after the 9 o'clock Mass. The sermon will be preached by a Passionist Father.

There are so many things we can pray for, so many things to repent for, that it should be needless for us to encourage attendance at these devotions. Other Catholic Churches will be filled during Lent; there is no reason why St. Stephen's Church should not be. Let us show God that He is still first in our hearts.

Tickets for the various Breakfasts may be obtained from members of the PTA and the Holy Name Society, or at the Rectory, or in the Church Vestibule any Sunday.

## CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

We heartily recommend a radio program called "Letters to Ricky" broadcast every Tues. nite at 7:30 over WNBC. The program dramatizes a series of letters from a father to his son. We ask that parents especially listen and thus receive some sound Catholic advice as regards Catholic family life as it should be.

## A WORD ABOUT OUR EASTER DUTY

According to Church Law, every Catholic is bound to go to Confession at least once a year and receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. To some this will seem an annual ordeal. To a good Catholic it will mean another happy opportunity of receiving God Himself into our heart & soul.

In a way it seems a shame that the Church should insist under pain of mortal sin that we open the door of our soul and let our best friend in for a visit, but the fact remains that many find their Easter Duty an imposition rather than a pleasure.

Some would create the impression that they are living saints, saying they have no sins - remember, friend, even one Sunday Mass missed thru our own fault, or one abstinence broken thru our own fault is a serious sin. Or even if you have not committed mortal sins, there are always the daily little sins of anger, lying, sins against charity, etc. We can always tell God that we haven't forgotten our past sins and that we wish to express sorrow for them again. The Bible says that even the just man falls 7 times daily. Seriously, now, are you absolutely without sin? If you will really examine your conscience, we're sure you will find some way in which you have offended God.

To make it easy, we shall have Communion Breakfasts for the Men and Women (see other column). As a preparation we shall have a Triduum. Make this Lent the best yet and you can rest assured that God will give you a return in graces which will make your every sacrifice well worth your time. Don't give God the "cold shoulder" - let Him into your heart. We really need Him these days.



On the 7th of Sept. 1904, Joseph and Veronica (Ripka) Schwartzinger became the proud parents of a boy named Martin, the 1st of 6 children. Shortly the family moved from Clifton, where Marty attended school at Holy Trinity, to Paterson, where Marty went to St. John's. In 1911, they went to Garfield, where he finished his schooling.

When it became necessary to help the family, Marty got his first job at Forstmann in Garfield where he still is after 31 years, now as a Supervisor. On Nov. 26th he married Mary Kapelanovich and from this union was born a daughter, Barbara, now a Soph at Garfield High. Marty calls 14 Willow St. "home".

Many remember Marty by the name "Smokey" which he won because of his activity with the Garfield Fire Dep't with which he has been for 26 years, serving 3 as Assistant and 4 as Chief. He is a life member in several Firemen's Associations, too many to mention.

Marty made a big name in the athletic world, too. A consistent 300 hitter, he was always in demand, playing with several championship teams, among them the old St. Stephen's A.C., Passaic Pioneers, Riversides, Forstmann (which also boasted our own Steve Bayusz). His happiest day came when while playing at Sing-Sing (as a visitor, of course) he became the 2nd man ever to hit a homer clear over the prison walls, the 1st man being George Kelly of the New York Giants. In softball, he pitched Forstmanns to a Bergen County championship.

As a bowler, his average is 185. He helped our own Parish win the Catholic League Title in 1940. He is too busy now to have hobbies, but bowling is his first love when he has time. He is a director of the Garfield Chamber of Commerce, and charter member of both Holy Name Societies. Marty can be a very humorous lad when the occasion demands, and always proves himself a real friend to those who come to know him. More power, Marty!

- March 5 - Hungarian Movies 5 PM  
 19 - Women's Communion  
 Breakfast after the  
 9 o'clock Mass  
 19 - Hungarian Movies 5 PM  
 22 - Hungarian Triduum begins each night 7:30  
 29 - English Triduum begins each night 7:30

- April 2 - Men's Communion Breakfast after 9 o'clock  
 21 - PTA Card Party 8 PM

#### SELF-DENIAL CARDS

By now every Parishioner should have a self-denial card that we have sent thru the mail. We hope that all will accept it in the proper spirit. The small amount that we are asked to give from time to time is not much - less than a pack of cigarettes, less than the price of some cosmetics, less than the price we pay for papers, magazines and comic books.

Some of us may enjoy a dispensation from Fasting and Abstinence because of our work or ill health. Let us remember that this does not excuse us from making some sort of sacrifice during Lent. We are urged to make a little sacrifice, and one of the best ways is by giving money to a worthy cause. What better cause can there be but your own Parish.

A good Catholic will look at the card as another way of doing something for God, for his Parish. If you make your offering little by little you certainly will not feel it. That way at least you can later return it with your contribution and feel that you have done something during Lent. It's another way of thanking God for the things you have. Think of it that way, won't you?

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. & MRS. "X"

Since no birthdays or anniversaries came to our attention for this month, we want to wish all those who will be celebrating them the best of everything. Please give us these notices each month.

At present there is a bill before Congress, known as the Thomas Bill. Although it revises to a certain extent the Barden Bill, it still is not satisfactory. This Bill in effect still means that as a citizen you would be paying taxes for aid to Education, BUT as a Catholic, your Catholic schools would not receive any aid. In other words, you would be paying taxes and getting nothing for it as far as your Catholic Schools are concerned. Please send a letter to your Congressman, telling him about it. Your letters are the only thing that can help defeat the Thomas Bill. Either copy the letter below or else write a letter in your own words.

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Honorable (name of your Congressman)  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. (name of Congressman):

I am writing this letter to urge you to do all in your power to have the Thomas Bill amended to include Parochial School children in any Federal aid to ~~The~~ Education Bill.

I am opposed to the Thomas Bill unless it includes at least transportation for Parochial School children.

No discrimination is made in the collecting of taxes from the parents of Parochial School children. Catholics pay the same rate of income tax, property tax, luxury tax and amusement tax as non-Catholics, and I feel we are entitled to transportation for our children.

Respectfully yours,

(sign Your name here)

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If you live in Passaic County, write to Mr. Gordon Canfield

If you live in Bergen County, write to Wendell Widnal

THIS BILL MEANS A LOT TO OUR PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS. ALL IT MEANS TO YOU IS A FEW MINUTES AND A THREE CENT STAMP. DO YOUR PART!!
























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That was not a visiting priest you saw the other Sunday. It was just Joe Jurkofsky helping Father Molnar baptize 5 baby girls, which incidentally is a record for girls to be baptized at one time in our Church....We are glad to see the pamphlet rack going so well. We hope that more of the Parishioners will stop and browse around.... the new television set in the school basement is always good for a laugh. The other night Bill Hudak practically crawled into the set while rooting for his young favorite Boxer, Eppie Alonzo, in the Golden Gloves Tournament. We are happy to see the set attract so many of our friends each night....We recently welcomed Joe Konz and Tony Cerny into the Holy Name. We're sure they will feel at home with the boys in short order. Welcome, brothers!....At this writing Joe Sipos and Francis Swinarsky are doing big business for the Kleenex and Vicks Companies. We hope both of them get over their colds soon. (It seems strange both of them should get sick just when the BULLETIN has to go to press)....mark this date in your books. On May 8th, the Holy Name will have sound movies of the World Series of both 1948 & 1949 after the meeting. Joe Sipos and Father Molnar will probably bring crying towels; they're both Red Sox fans, don't you know....a few of the brothers who were at the PTA Fashion Show are trying to sell the story that the only reason they were there was because they had to bring the Missus down. Come now, boys, who are you trying to kid?....the bad weather kept many couples away from the Valentine shin-dig, but the real sweethearts all made it and had a swell time with more than enough fun....Hey, don't forget the Easter Dance run by the Holy Name this year!....if the BULLETIN is kind of sad this month, you can blame one person; he got stuck with the whole job all by his lonesome. Oh well, it's Lent, so won't you please forgive the guy just this once?.....

RECENTLY I HAVE HEARD MANY PEOPLE DISCUSSING MERCY KILLING. WHAT DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACH ON THIS?

Unfortunately, space does not permit a complete answer to this question. We recommend the pamphlet "Mercy Killing Is Murder", which can be found on our pamphlet rack. In brief, any type of taking life, except in self-defense when it is necessary, is a violation of the Commandment: Thou shalt not kill.

Since God is the only one who gives life, He is the only one who can take life. No creature has the right to end the life of any fellow creature except God.

In certain cases, some doctors without consciences "feel" it is the merciful thing to do when they bring about the death of one who has an incurable disease. Who can determine what is incurable? Many things were "incurable" years ago which now can be cured. Instead of killing people, they should try to give more time to scientific research to find the causes and cures for "incurable" sicknesses.

It is certainly un-Christian also for a sick person to request it. Sometimes some of us say; "I wish I were dead", but our instinct of self-preservation forces us to act otherwise. When we call a doctor it is with the desire of regaining our health and not for the purpose of wanting to be killed. When Christ hung dying on the Cross, He did not pray for someone to ease His suffering with mercy killing, but rather He prayed: "Thy will be done".

God does not say: Thou shalt not kill unless the person is suffering from some incurable sickness. He simply said: Thou shalt not kill. Undoubtedly some people can only learn things the hard way when it is too late - on Judgment Day. We can only feel sorrow for those people who assume the right of God in taking human life. About the only thing we can do for these murderers is to pray for them.

While the date is quite in advance, we think we should mention this fact well before time to insure a big success. The PTA will endeavor to keep their successes a tradition by preparing "all out" for the April Card Party. We ask those who can do so to donate prizes towards the party, but above all we ask everyone to be with us on that day. The PTA gives us their word that this will be the best yet.

#### HOLY NAME TO SPONSOR EASTER DANCE

The Easter Dance usually held by the Drum & Bugle Corps will be sponsored this year by the Holy Name Society. The date is set for Easter Sunday, April 9 at 8 P.M. The music will be furnished by Rod La Farge and his orchestra. There will be both popular and square dancing, so that we anticipate a large crowd.

We can count on those people who have attended dances featuring Rod La Farge; we can also count on those people who have attended previous Holy Name affairs. Our only appeal is to those who might be a bit skeptical. All we ask is that you come down; we guarantee you a good time.

Tickets may be purchased from any Holy Name Member or at the Rectory. Get them now!

#### PTA HOLDS FASHION SHOW

Congratulations are in order for all those who braved the elements on Feb. 20 to see the PTA Fashion Show which was held for the benefit of the March of Dimes. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Strand Shop of Passaic who supplied us with the latest in women's fashions together with a commentator who explained the various features. We thank the School children who came out in the bitter cold to present their ever-popular "Skaters' Waltz". Above all we thank all those who gave so generously towards the March of Dimes.

#### Feb. 13th Meeting:-

Two new members, Joseph Konz & Anthony Corny, were received into the Society. Ben Godri announced the installation of the TV set in the School basement. Thanks were expressed to John Doychak for his contribution of the pamphlet rack.

Steve Celner and Joe Godri reported on the Federation meetings held at St. Nicholas and Holy Trinity. They were delegated to represent the Society at the Communion Breakfast at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel, Paterson.

An incomplete report was given by Joe Sipos on the Troop Rally night. Full success was insured. Attendance prize of 50¢ went to Ben Godri; the jackpot of \$1.10 would have been won by Joe Toth Jr. had he been present.

#### TROOP RALLY A BIG SUCCESS

On Feb. 12, the Boy Scout Troop #31 sponsored by the Holy Name presented a Troop Rally and Parent Night. The purpose was to raise funds to send 2 scouts to the National Jamboree in July. Under the capable direction of Louis Kral Sr. and Joe Sipos the required \$120.00 was almost raised. We ask that if any generous soul of the Parish or person interested in the Boy Scout Movement care to make a contribution, they leave it with Mr. Kral or Mr. Sipos, or at the rectory. We want to thank all those who helped the Scouts in raising what they did.

#### FEBRUARY - CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

Thru out the world, Feb. is Press Month. This is the time to get the Catholic reading habit. In our Church vestibule you can find the best in Catholic reading matter. If there is any special type of papers or pamphlets you would like to have, just drop a hint at the Rectory or with the Church collectors and we will be happy to oblige. Each home should have more than just the secular papers and magazines.



D. P. Ez a két betű majd naponként szemünk előtt van a napi sajtóban, embertársaink beszélnek róluk és gyakran utunkba kerül egy-egy felénk járáló ember vagy asszony és azt mondja: D. P. Kik azok a D.P.-k? A mi volt és későbbi Magyarország legértékesebb ember anyaga, akik vallásuk, hazafiságuk, világnézetük, vagy csak azért hagyták ott mindenüket, mert nem voltak hajlandók egy istentelen, mindent, maguknak lefoglaló keleti zsarnokság tehetetlen eszköze lenni. Sokan visszaszállingóztak, amikor a lövöldöző háborúnak vége volt, de nagy bánatukra, mert na valahol az orosz olombányukban, vagy férges haditáborokban éheznek és pusztulnak, név és irgalom nélkül s várják a magyar húsvétot.

Az amerikai szövetségi kormány megszavazott egy törvényt, amelynek értelmében mindazok, akik 1945. dec 20 előtt hagyták el az országot igazságtalan üldözés miatt, azok a törvény értelmében, bevándorolhatnak az Egyesült Államokba, és pedig a kormány költségen, de csak azzal a feltétellel, ha akad valaki, aki nekik munkát helyez kilátásba és lakást tud igérni. Aki assurance-ot ad (biztosítékot), az nem arra kötelezi magát, hogy az újonnan érkezett magyarokat holtuk napjaig eltartja; sem arra, hogy betegség esetén értük felelősséget vállal, hanem csak arra kötelezi magát, hogy a hajó kikötőtől a munkahelyéig elszállítja őket. A többi már az ő dolguk és gondjuk.

Nekünk, akik a háborúnak a borzalmait csak az újságból olvastuk, egy becsületbeli keresztény kötelességünk van; szívesen fogadni őket, jól banni velük, problémáikat megérteni és amikor és ahol csak lehet honaljuk alá nyúlni és segítséget, munkát nyújtani. Ők nem alamizsnát akarnak; csak becsületos munkaalkalmat. Tudom, vannak problémák gyermekek közöttük, de nem igaz, hogy mind az. Ők rengeteget szenvedtek, az örültségig éheztek, néztelen-ségig lerongyolódtak.

Ez nyomot hagyott lelkükben. Tehát a második és ez még fontos-

sabb; lelkileg kell segítséget nyújtani, hogy az öt éves keresztutát el tudják felejtetni és hitüket az embertársaikban újra visszanyerni. Ők elvesztették a legértékesebb kincsüket szívükből; bizni felebarátaikban. Amikor valaki nagyon sokat csalódik és éhezik, annak a hite és bizalma elfogy. E kettő nélkül élni nem lehet. En tudom, hogy a lelki gyógyulás tovább tart majd, mint a testi szenvedést elfelejtetni, de ez eggyel több ok, amiért minden katolikus magyarnak és Krisztus-követőnek össze kell fogni és adni és áldozni mindaddig, amíg a kérdés megoldáshoz jut.

Hiveim között vannak, akiknek egy szavába kerül, hogy embertársa munkához jusszon. Tegyük meg. Ha valakinek nélkülözhető szobája, vagy lakása van, adja azt rendelkezésre; ha felesleges ruhája van, ne tedd el jövőre; lehet nem is lesz szükséged rá; legyünk ott tanácsunkkal és baráti utbaigazítással mindenhol, bármikor segítség kell. Akinek pedig semmi nincs, amit adni tudna az dobja be vasárnaponként az ő kis alamizsnáját a templom ajtajánál. Minden cent megtalálja útját ezekhez a elhagyatott, szenvedő magyarokhoz.

Ez az Isten parancsolata, ez a mi felebaráti kötelességünk, amely alól senki nyugodt lelkiismerettel kibújni nem tud. Lehetetlenség, hogy amíg mi az asztal végén dúslalkodunk és több kenyeret dobunk naponként az utca szemetesládájába, mint amennyire ezeknek szükségük volna, addig nyugodtak lehetnének.

E magyar keresztúti áldozatok menekültek egy tiránnus elől; vigyázzunk, hogy itt a részvételünk, ügyüknek az elhanyagolása, ne hajtja őket, szabad Amerika földjén ugyanannak a tiránnusnak a karmába, vagy az öngyilkosság kétségbeesésébe.

Gondolkozzunk a nagyböjti szent idejében ezekről és én tudom, sok hazatérő magyarnak boldogabb húsvéti lesz az 1950 szent évében.

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