

One-Sentence Sermonette

Palm Sunday Services Occupy Area Churches

Birmingham churches are occupying themselves this week preparing for the traditional pomp and ceremony of Palm Sunday observances.

Special sermons and musical programs are being planned by pastors and junior and senior choral groups.

Franklin Community church will mark the event with the reception play, "The Terrible Week". A special offering will be taken for the Easter-week trip to New York City.

At 7 and 8:30 p.m. the minister will present the color film, "I Beheld His Glory".

THE CONGREGATIONAL church will receive 41 in membership by Rites of Confirmation. At the 9:30 service Janet Anderson, Carol Moody, Sibyl Hampton, Mary Jane Heiler, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Matthias, Sara Bartholomew.

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What's Happening in Your Church This Week

Joseph Shields, Donald Metz, David Goad, Shirley Bannart, Harvey and Tim Sellner, William Hay and Mr. and Mrs. Burley Smith will be received.

The children's class, to be confirmed in the 10:45 service, is Karen Vanderkloot, Katherine Ostrander, Tally David, Janis Roseman, Linda Stevenson, Diane Almon, Lynne Thompson, Karen Graham, Carolyn Batey, Linda Heuserman, Linda Peterson, Sally Long, Kay Stigleman, Elaine McNab, Gerald Haines, Robert Ebert, Douglas Sweet, Jim Ford, Edward Nickel, Larry Erdmann, Dale Lasagne, Jack Matthias and Mark Olschulte.

ST. JAMES Episcopal continues an annual tradition, presenting "Stabat Mater" by Antonin Dvorak. The semboi choir sang this work four years ago and repeat it now by popular request at an 8 p.m. program, April 3.

Soloists will be Norma Sherman, soprano; Marie Wilson, contralto; Neil Sporer, tenor, and George Malin, baritone. The choir and soloists will be conducted by Kent McDonald, organist and choirmaster of St. James.

Since its first performance, the "Stabat Mater" has enjoyed world-wide fame and countless performances, many under the direction of the composer.

The importance of the work may be gathered from the fact that nearly all commentators agree that it is the greatest and most spiritual of musical works to have been composed since the Verdi "Requiem".

Choir members participating will be Arline Bush, Elise Moon, Margaret Spicer, Isabelle Todd, Mary Dolan, Ann Geiger, Alice Pulston, Elizabeth Graham, Harry Hogg, Harold Walker, Robert Davis, Oliver Green, Edmund Leavenworth and Charles Sestock.

FIRST METHODIST primary boy and girl choirs, about 80 youngsters between six and eight



MEMBERS OF THE Holy Name Boys Choir, under the direction of Gilbert Gervais, will appear on the Christian Culture series at Windsor's Capital theater on April 3. The group, nearing its second anniversary, has enjoyed wide spread recognition and has made a number of concert appearances. A recently completed 10-inch, 78 rpm record, "O Sanctissima" and "Bells of St. Mary's" has been released for sale with Mrs. John Rosier handling orders.

years, are combining for an evening program on April 3, when they present "Builders" by Joseph W. Ciokey.

A new work, it is a devotional service for children telling the story of the Last Supper, Crucifixion and Resurrection. Even though written so children can understand it, the work loses none of its dignity nor appeal to adults.

Mrs. Martin Samanen has charge of the dramatization; Daniel Nettitt will accompany the group which will be under the direction of Rodney Petersen, minister of music.

THE ANTIHONAL choir of 30 voices, junior and high school boys and girls, will present "The Promise Fulfilled", by Kenneth E. Runel, with Jeannette Manje, soloist. This cantata contains arrangements of some of the greatest Lenten and Easter music ever written.

BIRK-IN-THE-HILLS Cathedral choir and guest soloists will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore DuBois, at 4 p.m., April 3.

The work was composed in the latter part of the 19th century, in Paris. After DuBois' death it gained prominence and today is considered one of the finest and most popular Lenten works.

Soloists will be Norma Hyde, soprano; Arlene Sollenberger, alto; Carl Christensen, tenor, and Syver Thigestad, baritone, all well known to Birmingham music lovers.

holding three services this day at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Special music for the day will include the choral choir singing Cantata's "Ride on, Ride on in Majesty", and a professional by all youth choirs, carrying palm branches and singing "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates".

FIRST BAPTIST is planning a 7:30 p.m. service of sacred music. Choirs will present two numbers from Handel's "Messiah", three from Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary", including "In the Temple", "The Magni of Olivet", and "Just as I Am".

The concluding number will be "God so Loved the World", from the "Crucifixion" by Sir John Stainer.

The Rev. Emil Kontz will preside at the ordination of Biblical Baptism.

Legality of Trial Of Christ is Topic

Legal aspects of the trial of Christ will be the topic of Miss Dorothy Broeder, Detroit attorney, when she speaks for Holy Name parish Altar society on April 4.

A graduate of Marygrove and the Detroit university law school, she is a member of the Michigan Bar association, National Association of Catholic Lawyers and is president of Marygrove's Alumni group.

The meeting starts with a 12:30 luncheon at the Community House, Mrs. C. E. Fisher is program chairman.

Standing Committee To Continue Drive Of Franklin Church

With the initial building fund campaign period nearing its end, Norman E. Kreider, director of public relations revealed that a standing committee has been selected to complete unmade calls and supervise periodic reviews of building financial efforts.

Win C. Hinman, lay leader of the church, will be chairman, with members Thomas Adams, Emil Bates, Chet Hard, Roy Troutaud and Wilma J. Hanson.

A TOTAL OF nearly \$130,000 in cash and pledges is now reported for the campaign goal of \$195,000. With the exception of variations, calls have been completed on the membership of the church. However, there are nearly 200 further contacts to be made on constituents of the church and community friends.

The church plans an Easter Sunday ground-breaking service at 7 a.m., on the new site in the center of Franklin's Village Green.

To Present Cantata

Under the direction of Miss Nancy Chesna, who will preside at the organ, choir-senior of Redeemer Lutheran church will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ" at the evening service Good Friday, Marion McLeod will be at the piano.

Youngsters, Adults Study Work in India

A "double-barreled" study of missions in India marks the present week-day program of Franklin Community church.

Now in its fifth week, the study is focused in a Ladies' Lenten study group gathering each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

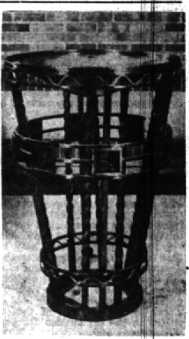
Leaders have been Mrs. G. G. Wright, Mrs. Donald Tracy, Mrs. Gilbert Broders and Mrs. Emil Bates. Meetings were held at the residence of Mrs. Ralph Woodburn, Mrs. Harry Rottiers, Mrs. A. B. Newland and Mrs. Norman Kreider.

Mrs. John Lackner and Mrs. Robert Searls will lead the concluding meetings at the homes of Mrs. Thomas Adams and Mrs. Oliver Garwood.

IN ADDITION, the primary and junior departments of the church school have met each Wednesday in Lent after school for their study of India under the supervision of Mrs. E. J. Green and Mrs. Robert Yingling.

More than 60 children have been attending.

Following Lent the two groups will share their learning at an "India Family Night".



MEMORIAL GIFT At St. James Church

Liturgical Art Interest Centers On Local Church

Because of its new hand wrought baptismal font, St. James Episcopal church is finding itself in the spotlight in the field of liturgical art.

The Rev. Harold E. Towne, rector, said the church had had to decline an invitation to exhibit the stand and bowl at a showing of religious art in Denver.

"We use the baptismal at least once a week," Mr. Towne said, "and could not loan it for as long as the museum wished."

THE WROUGHT iron grill work that encloses the baptismal font and stands supporting the bowl, were given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore, 340 Purlan, in memory of their son John Stephen.

The silver bowl commemorates the memory of Mrs. Charles Barr Field, and was given by her husband who makes his home at Delray Beach, Fla. and Glen Lake, Mich.

THE STAND is decorated with biblical symbols of St. James, the sword, pilgrim's staff, shell, hat and purse, and bears the letters "S. J." It is the work of Louis Glazier of New York.

One of his silversmiths hammered the bowl from a four-foot square of sterling silver. Several in his field had previously said the job could not be done.

The Swedish steel finished stand was designed by Giffels and Vallet, and made in Restford.

Franklin Community Church

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1 Block East of Franklin Rd.

9:30 a.m. Church School, Grades 4-8

10:45 a.m. Church School, Nursery through 3rd Grade

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"We need never feel alone"



The five operators who worked to locate Mr. Hrabovsky: Shirley Peterson, Katherine Lindeman, Theda Walter, Genevieve Jacobs, Marlene Chase.

These words appeared in a letter Michigan Bell received recently from Mrs. Michael Hrabovsky: "We need never feel alone as long as you have women on duty who are kind and helpful."

Here's why she wrote the letter: One day last summer as Mrs. Hrabovsky worked in the kitchen she heard her 6-year-old son, Michael John, scream in pain outside. He had caught his hand in the belt of the electric pump.

While a neighbor telephoned to alert the doctor and hospital, she sped Michael John to Greenville, where his badly injured hand was successfully treated.

Later, at home, Mrs. Hrabovsky



Mrs. Hrabovsky and Michael John.

placed a person-to-person Long Distance call to her husband. She thought Mr. Hrabovsky was working that day in St. Paul, Minnesota.

He had left there, but the operator was told he might be in another Minnesota city. But he was not there either. And so it went until, thanks to the persistence and patience of five operators, who called 12 different places to locate him, Mrs. Hrabovsky finally heard her husband's reassuring voice from Wells, Minnesota. The cost to the Hrabovskys? Just \$2.42.

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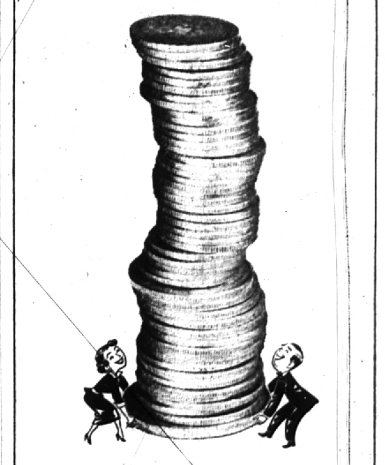
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