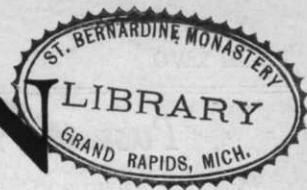


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Paduans Take Part In Palm Sunday Services

On Palm Sunday is celebrated our Savior's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when palms were waved to welcome Him by those who believed in His mission. On this day the palms are blessed by the Church at High Mass and distributed to the worshippers in accordance with a custom dating to apostolic times.

Since the boys did not spend Palm Sunday at home, the services were held in their own chapel. The choir members consisting of sixteen students vested in cassocks and surplices took active part in the procession, carrying palms and chanting the responses. Afterwards, the entire student body sang the Mass together with the priest. The passion according to St. Matthew was sung by the choir.

Palm Sunday is rich in colorful ritual. After the Asperges, the priest, wearing a purple cope and assisted by a deacon or subdeacon, stands near the palms to be blessed while the choir chants or says aloud the Antiphon according to St. Matthew. The priest then proceeds to bless the palms and after sprinkling the palms with holy water, he incenses them. The celebrant then proceeds to the middle, kneels on both knees, takes his palm from the altar and kisses it. After this solemn blessing, the celebrant now gives each of the laity present a palm or olive branch. Each one, on receiving his palm, reverently kisses it as well as the hand of the priest.

Then the procession takes place symbolizing Christ's jubilant entry into Jerusalem whence the people conspired to make Him king by constraint. The procession should if possible leave the church so that on its return it may stop before the main door which is found to be closed. Two chanters inside the church sing the hymn "Gloria Laus," after which the choir from the outside repeats. When the hymn is ended, the server, who carries the processional cross at the head of the column, strikes the door with the foot of it. The door is at that time opened and the clergy and brethren enter singing. Mass then

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He Is Risen

Remembering Christ's prophecy that He would rise in three days, the Jews suggested that the Roman authorities seal the entrance of the sepulchre and place soldiers to guard the tomb to prevent anyone from taking the body and claiming that Christ had risen.

At the break of dawn on the third day, Christ gloriously rose from the tomb. The guards, startled at the appearance of His glorious body, fled to relate the happenings to the Sanhedrin. Later that morning, when the holy women came to the tomb, they found the entrance open. Going inside, they saw two angels who told them Christ was not there but He had risen. When the holy women came to the apostles and reported that Christ had risen, Peter and John ran to the sepulchre to confirm the fact. There they found on the ground the linen clothes in which Our Lord's body was wrapped, and beside it the napkin which covered His face.

Christ appeared to many of his disciples and faithful followers soon after His resurrection. Tradition tells us that Christ appeared first to Mary, His mother, so that she might share His glory. Scriptures tell us that Christ appeared to Mary Magdalen who was weeping because the body of Christ was gone from the sepulchre. Towards the evening on the day of Christ's resurrection, two disciples on their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus, were discussing the events of the previous days when Jesus appeared to them as a fellow traveler. He fascinated them, but they did not recognize Him until, arriving at Emmaus, the two disciples requested the stranger to eat with them. When He took bread, blessed, broke it and gave it to the two, their eyes were opened and they recognized Him as Jesus. Immediately He vanished from sight.

When Jesus appeared in the upper room on the night of His resurrection, the apostles doubted their eyes. He referred to the wounds in His hands and feet and also ate fish and honey in order to convince them. One week after His resurrection Christ again appeared in the upper room to convince the doubting Thomas, who had been absent at His first visit.

Each time Christ appeared to His apostles after His resurrection, He greeted them repeatedly with the words:

"PEACE BE TO YOU."

May His peace always reign in our hearts.

—J. Malina

Happy

Easter

Fathers - Brothers

and Students

of Padua

Choristers Entertain In Montour Falls

On the evenings of March 20, 21 and 22, the Padua High School choir gave a choral concert in Montour Falls. They were invited for the occasion by the Montour Falls Fire Department, which had arranged a program for the general public. Members of the choir were: Frank Czajkowski, Joseph Niezgoda, Leon Trzaskawka, John Pilch and John Uss as first tenors; Joseph Malina, Richard Olszewski, Joseph Kuchinski and Matthias Yurko as second tenors; Henry Cecce, Frank Zygmontowicz and Joseph McDonnell as first basses; Richard Chodnicki, Thomas Colihan, Dana Griffin and Conrad Szczepanski as second basses.

The boys sang a variety of songs. At the rising of the curtain the boys started their program with a true student song: "Marching Along Together." It was followed by another student song, "Gaudeamus Igitur." This was followed by "Salve Sancte Pater," "Three Blind Mice," "O Filii, O Filiae," and "Salve Regina." The program ended with a medley of songs composed of popular patriotic songs.

The choir was directed by Father Sylvester, who had the boys practicing constantly. A wire recorder was borrowed to help in discovering the rough spots in the harmony. Favorable comments proved that the labor and effort was worthwhile.

—Frank Zygmontowicz

Passion And Death of Christ

Because Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, mankind needed a redeemer, who could save the human race from the horrible consequences of its sin. On the evening before His death, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and there He began His bitter agony. Jesus was found in the garden by a mob of soldiers and people led by Judas, who, for thirty pieces of silver, agreed to betray His Master with a kiss. He was led from the trial before the Jewish Sanhedrin to the Roman governor, then to the Jewish king Herod and then back again to Pilate, who finally declared Christ innocent.

Hoping to avoid issuing the death sentence, Pilate had Jesus scourged according to the Roman law. The brutal blows made bruises and open wounds from which blood freely flowed.

Because Jesus had called Himself the King of the Jews, the soldiers made a crown of thorns and placed it upon His head. Placing a reed in His right hand for a scepter, they bowed to Him, ridiculing Him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews."

Pilate, thinking that the mangled body of Jesus would be sufficient to stifle the cries for blood, presented Him to the frenzied Jewish mob, saying, "Behold the man." The angry shouts of the mob only became louder as they cried, "Crucify Him." On hearing the mob, Pilate weakened, but wishing to absolve himself of the guilt of condemning an innocent man, he washed his hands before the crowd saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just man. Look you to it." He then pronounced the death sentence.

Although crucifixion was considered to be the most shameful death, Christ willingly accepted His cross. Overcome by fatigue and suffering, weak from loss of blood, Jesus fell to the ground three times under the crushing weight of the cross.

Having arrived at Calvary, the place of crucifixion, Jesus was stripped of His garments. He refused a stupefying drink of myrrh. Stripped of His garments, Jesus was placed on His back so that His shoulders and outstretched arms lay on the cross-piece. In this position His hands were nailed to the cross while His feet were then nailed to the vertical beam.

Jesus hung upon the cross during three hours of excruciating agony. In this last moment, He raised His head as He cried, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." Then bowing His head, He died. His sacrifice for the redemption of mankind was completed.

In order to be sure that Christ and the two criminals were dead the soldiers were ordered to break the bones of the three. Coming to Jesus and seeing that He was already dead one of the soldiers thrust his spear into the side of the redeemer and immediately, there came blood and water from the wound.

Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and sought permission to take the body of Christ from the cross and place it in His new tomb. Receiving the permission Joseph, with the help of the faithful followers of Christ, took down the lifeless body of the Redeemer and placed it in the hands of Mary. After the body was washed and wrapped in clean linens with spices, the small band closed the tomb and all withdrew to their homes.

—Joe Malina

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Poland's Revolutionary Constitution

Synonymous with the word revolution is bloodshed. Revolution's success is uncertain; its benefits often questionable.

Contrary to the common trend of history, Poland's revolution was bloodless and most beneficent. For this reason May 3rd has a special meaning to Poles. On this day celebrations were held in Poland in honor of the Constitution which brought equality.

The history of the Constitution's birth is rather odd and unlike any other. In the very early history of Poland, the king had absolute power. Later, in the 14th century, a new class of power arose along with the formation of the Old Constitution. This class was tax exempt and had more power eventually than the king, who gradually became their tool. Until the 17th century, the power of the "Szlachta," as they were called, increased. Selfishness grew. The nation deteriorated. The neighboring countries took advantage of Poland's condition and divided it amongst themselves. This brought the Poles to their senses. Changes had to be made!

The three political parties in Poland, hostile to each other up to now, decided to work together. They succeeded in breaking away from Russia and formed a Prusso-Polish alliance. The Patriotic Party insisted on the formation of a new constitution, granting greater civic freedom to the citizens. Finally King Stanislaus Augustus II was forced to agree to this new constitution. By raising all the people of Poland to the position of nobles, thus granting them equal rights before the law, the nation was united.

The king formally signed the Constitution on May 3, 1791 and vowed to enforce it. The nobles pledged their support. It was the beginning of a new era in Poland's history.

The Constitution was most beneficial. It provided for a division of government into legislative, judicial and executive branches. The throne was made hereditary, thus doing away with many abuses of power. People received a greater voice in government. The Catholic Religion was declared to be the religion of the State.

—John Pilch

LEW'S TALK

The fond mother, showing off her teen-age daughter, suggested briefly:

"Say something in algebra for Mrs. Smith, darling."

* * *

Patient: "Brother, are you sure this is pneumonia? Sometimes doctors prescribe for pneumonia and the patient dies of something else."

Brother Casey: (with dignity) "When I prescribe for pneumonia, you die pneumonia!"

* * *

Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing but no one else does.

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Bus Driver: "Madam, are these seven children yours or is it a picnic?"

Busy Mother: "They're all mine and I assure you, it is no picnic!"

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It has been a hot little scuffle. Finally one boy got the other down on the ground and started pummeling him. Just then a passerby noticed them.

"Young man," he said, "you shouldn't hit that boy when he's down."

"G'wan," was the scornful reply. "What d'ya think I got him down for?"

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Farmer: "You must be brave to come in a parachute in a hundred mile gale like this."

Stranger: "I didn't come down in a parachute. I went up in a tent."

* * *

"Henry, dear, we've been going together for fifteen years. Don't you think it's time we were married?"

"Yup, but who on earth would have either of us?"

* * *

Lady: "Well, Doctor, was my operation a success?"

Man: "I'm not your doctor, I'm St. Peter."

* * *

No man ever gets very far pacing the floor.

* * *

Even though you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.

—Lewis Poppleton

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SHOUTS and WHISPERS

Freshmen Honor Class Patron

During the month of March the Freshmen held special devotions in honor of their class patron, St. Joseph. On Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays the whole class visited the chapel. The devotions consisted of the litany of St. Joseph and a special prayer to the saint. At the end of each devotion, prayers were said for a special intention such as for parents, friends, benefactors, a happy death and for a vocation.

March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, was a free day. All Masses celebrated on that day were served for by Freshmen.

Brother Gabriel Has Nameday

March 24, the feast of the Archangel Gabriel, was also the nameday of our cook, Brother Gabriel. The entire student body enjoyed a chicken dinner topped off with ice cream and cookies. After the meal the boys sang a song for the Brother, who beamed happily.

Into the Vineyard

The Easter holidays will see Father Sylvester going to Duryea, Pa., Father George to Blossburg, Pa., Father Terrence to Plymouth, Pa., Father Henry to Blossburg, Pa., Father Albin to Elkland, Pa., Father Emil to Corning, N. Y., Father Methodius to Elmira, N. Y., Father Dismas to Hammondsport, N. Y. and Father Bruno to Penn Yan, N. Y.

Speaking of Records

Father Sylvester, our tireless Prefect of Discipline, had obtained a library card from the Elmira Public Library. A book-worm? No! The library has a record-lending department and Father glories in the long list of symphonies.

Smashing Ahead With Baseball

If one would visit the school at this time, he would see horsehide pellets—baseballs, that is—flying through the air. Some fellows really have a wicked curve. Ask Father George who has a hole in his window to prove it.

Slowly But Surely

The school gym is slowly but surely taking form as the bricklayers daily add a few more bricks to the walls.

Cultivating Appetites

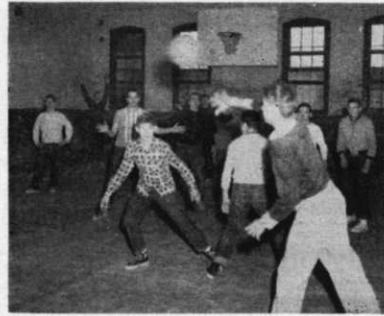
The Sophomores have been enjoying their lunch much more these last few weeks. Just before the meal, about twice a week, they watch movies obtained by Father Albin for the biology class. But who can have an appetite after watching how a frog should be dissected?

First Hike of the Season

Sunday, March 30, the student body blistered their feet in an enjoyable nine mile hike. Together with Fathers Rector and Sylvester and Brother Casimir, the boys hiked from Fontainebleau through Odessa to Montour Falls. From there they went to Deckertown Falls to look for trout. They saw only Lew Poppleton who fell into the cooling waters! The bus picked the boys up at the edge of Montour. Visitors would certainly wonder why so many boys were walking in slippers that evening!

The Impossible Takes a Little Longer

During the exhibition game at St. Casimir in Elmira, little four-foot Tommy Trella found himself jumping against a lank six-footer. He found a tremendous amount of self-confidence in Eddie McDonnell's: "Come on, Tommie! Tip it to me!"



Intramurals in the "varsity" gym.

TOP SCORERS IN INTRAMURALS

Joe McDonnell, whose team showed the best record in the Senior League, also boasted of taking top scoring honors. He averaged 18 points a game, compiling 108 points in six games.

Connie Olszewski, who led his team to first place in the Junior Division, led its scoring with a 12.63 average, totaling 77 points in six games. Close behind was Robert Malina with a 12.1 per game point average, totaling 73 points.

HIGH SCORERS

Senior Division	
McDonnell, J.	108
Poppleton	42
Colihan	41
Wisniewski	39
Junior Division	
Olszewski, C.	77
Malina, R.	73
Niezgoda	63
Trzaskawka	42

Basketball

Intramurals Completed

With varsity basketball out of the way, the school cage enthusiasts crowded the gym every free period in intramural play.

Two divisions were established. The players of the senior division were over 5 ft. 6 in., and those of the junior division were below that height.

There were four teams in each division and in each division two rounds were played. Competition was close in the senior division but the closest and most exciting contests were staged in the junior division.

FINAL STANDINGS

Senior Division		W	L
Capt. Joe McDonnell	.....	6	0
Capt. Joe Trella	.....	4	2
Capt. John Considine	.....	1	5
Capt. Gene Lewandowski	.....	1	5
Junior Division			
Capt. Conrad Olszewski	.....	5	1
Capt. Joe Niezgoda	.....	3	3
Capt. Robert Malina	.....	3	3
Capt. Hugh Carr	.....	1	5

STAFF VISITS ITHACA ENGRAVING

On March 12, eight student members of the PADUAN'S press staff were taken by Father Bruno to Ithaca for a tour of the Ithaca Engraving Co. The group included: Richard Chodnicki, Eugene Lewandowski, Frank Czajkowski, Joseph Malina, Frank Zygmuntowicz, John Pilch, Joseph Bacławski and Thomas Trainor.

The boys were introduced to Mr. Joseph Hanrahan, who conducted the boys on the tour through the shop. Nothing was missed. After a brief fundamental explanation, the Paduans were shown the cameras which take the "dotted" picture, they watched the film stripping, saw the machine which burned the picture into the metal plate. Then came the preparations for the acid bath, the finished plate, mounting and cutting.

The trip was very informative and interesting. The staff is grateful to the Ithaca Engraving Company and Mr. Joseph Hanrahan in particular.

A GIFT FOR MOTHER

Whom do we love the most? Who cared for us from our infancy to manhood? Of course it was Mother. But what did we give and what will we give Mother in return for all her hardships and troubles she went through to raise us?

We set aside one day each year to show our love for Mother. On Mother's Day, every child gives Mother a little gift of some kind, a box of candy or a bouquet of flowers.

We should not only love Mother on the day set aside for all mothers, but we should show our affection every day of the year. We can show this love by giving a little gift from our hearts. Though the gift, prayer, may seem a mere trifle, it has heavenly power to acquire an abundance of graces. A short Hail Mary to our Heavenly Mother every day will protect and help our earthly Mother in all her daily duties and undertakings at home.

We can never repay the debt we owe to our Mother, but by gaining heavenly graces for Mother we pay part of our great debt.

—Joe Malina

REMEMBER—

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Midgets on their "home" court

**PADUANS LOOK
INTO CRYSTAL GLASS**

With a new baseball season looming on the horizon, the school hears strongly worded arguments as to which team will win the pennants this year.

Rather than risk their lives, the sport staff took a poll among the masterminds of baseball at school. It is uncertain whether the poll will settle any arguments, but these are the results:

- American League**
- 1—New York
 - 2—Cleveland
 - 3—Detroit
 - 4—Boston
 - 5—Chicago
 - 6—Philadelphia
 - 7—St. Louis
 - 8—Washington

- National League**
- 1—Brooklyn
 - 2—New York
 - 3—Philadelphia
 - 4—Boston
 - 5—St. Louis
 - 6—Pittsburgh
 - 7—Chicago
 - 8—Cincinnati

PALM SUNDAY (from page 1) begins. In order to enable the faithful to realize more fully the sad events of our Lord's Passion and Death, the Church provides in the liturgy for the singing of the Passion.

Here at the school the Passion was sung by the student choir under the able direction of Father Sylvester.

—Eugene Lewandowski

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Friend of All Friends
The wind is howling but I don't care.
For here in my room, the weather is fair.
Outside my room the snow is falling.
But it's warm in here and sleep is calling.
Old man winter has frozen the trees,
But we don't care, my dog and his fleas.
For, to us in here the sun is shining.

While outside our door all nature's pining.
This has to be, for nature lacks, What we have in here, it's facing our backs.
This thing we have is the friend of all friends.
For it's giving to us what all men crave
While winter continues to ramp, stamp and rave.
Heat is the comfort for which we all seek.
It makes every frost seem gentle and meek.
So I thank my God, our Holy Creator,
For giving us our old but warm radiator.

—Dana Griffin

MY CONFESSION
When dogs are carried by fleas,
And windows grow on Christmas trees,
When leaves fall up instead of down
And I'm the handsomest boy in town
When the Sahara Desert is muddy
That is when I'll begin to study.

Prose and Poetry Contest
All entries for the PADUAN prose and poetry contest must be in by May 31. Winners will be named in the next issue.

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