ST JOSEPH

This year, the feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Monday, the 20th of March, instead of the usual day, which is the 19th. The Mass of Sunday, the 19th, will be the Mass for the First Sunday of the Passion. It marks the opening of Passiontide.

SERVERS

Those who wish to learn how to serve Mass should contact Brother James in the sacristy of Sacred Heart Church sometime tomorrow.

TONIGHT

Whether you're Irish and watching the parades from the reviewing stand at Sweeney's, or one of the sons of Italy celebrating the unification of Italy at the Sicilian Pirate's, the Bishop's dispensation from abstinence and fast will make your eating legitimate. But not your drinking, if you're under 21.

SOUTH-BOUND?

Florida-bound vacationers take note. When asked if Patterson's performance resulted from his having over-trained and gone stale, Dan Florio, his trainer, answered, "Naw." He tapped the top of his head. "The sun", he said. "He's been walkin' around in the sun without a hat. The sun did something to him."

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Mother of Terry O'Laughlin, '60; Jay Bachner, '60 (first anniversary); mother of Thelma Waite of the Comptroller's Office; grandfather of Bill Welch of Alumni; Mrs. Lilian Parker; Miss Fredice Cressy. Ill: Aunt of Anthony Napoli of Pangborn; sister of Bill Biser of Pangborn; mother of Tom Weber of Dillon. One special intention.

TONIGHT

BENGAL BOUTS FINALS

8:00

Notre Dame Fieldhouse

Tickets Available at the Door

75c—$1.00—$1.50
IT SEEMS LIKELY that more martyrs have died for the Faith since Communism came into power than all other Christian martyrs together for two thousand years. It seems likely, too, that while so many are suffering for the Faith, we're expected to do a better job of living for it. One spiritual writer has remarked, "You will never do any good to others save in and by suffering. Our Lord gained the world, not by His discourses, the Sermon on the Mount, but by His blood, His suffering on the cross." This doesn't mean that we must all run out and put our heads on the block. We're not expected to be martyrs in fact. But we can all become martyrs in spirit. "To carry our own mortality," says St Augustine, "is to carry the Cross."

THE EXTRA EFFORT you've made to keep the commandments during Lent, has proved no little cross. Right? And then there's the occasional japping you take from the devil himself. Also, the ribbing you take from the "buddy" who even by the most generous standards could never be called "militant". For many, too, there is sickness in the family, or death. Or maybe things "aren't just right" at home. All of these things are part of daily life, and spell suffering for many.

AS WE ENTER UPON PASSION-TIDE, we should review the way we've accepted our crosses. If we have borne them for the love of Christ, we can expect to grow in Christian fortitude. If we've protested that too much is demanded of us, we should form our thoughts somewhat like this:

I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be
A pleasant road;
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me
Aught of its load;
I do not ask that flowers should always spring
Beneath my feet;
I know too well the poison and the sting
Of things so sweet.
For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I plead:
Lead me aright,
Though strength should falter, and though heart
should bleed,
Through peace to light.

I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou shouldst shed
Full radiance here;
Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread
Without fear.
I do not ask my cross to understand,
My way to see;
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand
And follow Thee.
Joy is like restless day; but peace divine
Like quiet night.
Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine,
Through peace to light.

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Finally, an Irish wish for one and all. "May you be a long time in heaven, before the devil knows you're gone."