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The Rector's Message

IF all goes well, I hope, before the next number of AVE reaches you to be absent from the parish on vacation. I am planning to be away for all of the summer, returning to St. Mary's the first of September. The thoughtfulness and kindness of friends has made it possible for me to take this long holiday and to visit Europe. This will be the first vacation covering an entire summer that I have been able to take for many years, and I am hoping to make it a time of real refreshment, relaxation and inspiration, that I may return to St. Mary's with renewed vigor to face the tasks that confront us here. I shall be grateful, therefore, if I may be spared from all but the most necessary correspondence during the summer. During my absence, Father Dale will be in charge of St. Mary's. If letters relating to parish business are addressed to "The Father-in-Charge," they will be opened by him and receive immediate attention.

Before I go away, I must leave with you all a word of thankfulness and cheer for the wonderful loyalty and the generous support which the parishioners and friends of this parish have given to me and to all the Fathers during the years in which we have been privileged to serve you. We came to you at the beginning of a period of great difficulty and distress for the country as a whole, and for many of us personally. And, in spite of this, the parish has gone on wonderfully, both financially and spiritually. That, of course, is due simply to the fact that everyone has so splendidly put shoulders to the wheel and done his or her part. We came to you as strangers, possibly somewhat suspect as unknown factors —members of a Religious Community. I am happy to think that we are no longer strangers, and to hope that the corporate and unified aspect of our life and work as Religious has justified itself in what we have, with God's help, been able to do here at St. Mary's. The faithful and self-effacing work of Father Peabody has for many years been known to you all. What Father Dale and Father Klein have been able to bring to the work here is that unity of aim and purpose with the Rector which necessarily animates those who work as members of a common Religious Society, bound together by a common rule, a common life, and a common purpose.

For all these and many other blessings I am grateful to Almighty God—and to you. I bid you not "good-bye" but "au revoir," in the confidence that we shall go on next autumn here at St. Mary's to an even more splendid year in the service of Christ, the common King and Master of us all.

Frankle Mercer Williams & 9.6.

O^N the afternoon of Wednesday, May 4th, between the hours of three and six, the Woman's Auxiliary will be holding a Food Sale in St. Joseph's Hall for the benefit of its work. Tea will be served.

 $\mathbf{F}_{\text{Woman's Auxiliary meets on second Fridays}}^{\text{ROM October to May inclusive, St. Mary's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets on second Fridays—at the 9.30 Mass, for a corporate Communion, and at 10.30 a.m., in St.$

Joseph's Hall, for a business meeting. It is especially urged that more women of our parish should come regularly and contribute their share to the noble work which the Auxiliary performs everywhere throughout the Church. It is well, from time to time, to remind our women readers that every baptized woman in the Church is *ipso facto* a member of the Woman's Auxiliary, just as every baptized member of the Church belongs to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church as administered by the Board of Missions and the National Council. That being so, every woman in this parish should do what she can for the Auxiliary and its work for Missions. If she has not the time to attend meetings, she might send an annual contribution of at least one dollar to help carry on the work.

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A SCENSION Day is Thursday, May 5th, and it is a holy day of obligation. High Mass will be sung in the church at 7 a.m., and Holy Communion given. Other Masses will be at 6, 8 and 9.30 a.m.

THE Holy Hour for the month of May will be held in the church on Thursday, May 5th, the evening of Ascension Day at 8 p.m. This will be the last time, until October, that we shall have this devotion of the Holy Hour.

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THE patronal festival of the Society of St. John the Evan-

Portam Latinam. The tradition is that St. John, being in Rome,

was at the order of the Emperor Domitian cast into a cauldron

of boiling oil outside the Latin Gate, but, like the celebrated Three Children (Daniel iii) was miraculously preserved from

harm. After this experience, St. John was banished to the island

gelist is celebrated on May 6th, the feast of St. John ante

of Patmos, where he was put to work in the mines and where he wrote his extraordinary apocalypse, known to us as the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

In this church, which is served by the Fathers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, there will be Masses at the usual hours on May 6th—at 7, 8 and 9.30 a.m. It is hoped that as many as possible will come to Mass and make their Communions for the intention of the Society on that day. At 8 o'clock, there will be a special Mass in the Lady Chapel for the Fellowship of St. John and for the Associates of the Society.

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LAST year, on St. John's Day, the Fathers inaugurated what they hope will be an annual custom at St. Mary's—a reception in St. Joseph's Hall for all their friends and associates in the parish and outside. This year the reception will be held between the hours of four and six o'clock on Friday, May 6th. Please let this announcement be an invitation to all who read it, as no other invitations will be sent out. Come and greet the Fathers on their patronal festival, have a cup of tea with us and remain for Vespers, if you can spare the time.

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CERTAIN vague and mysterious remarks about the evening of May the sixth appeared in the April number of AVE. We can hold back the secret no longer. That is the last Friday evening before the Father Rector's departure for his summer holiday in Europe, and, in his honor, the assistant clergy and the choir have arranged a grand parish party in St. Joseph's Hall. There will be music, both instrumental and vocal. There will also be refreshments—ice cream and cake, we very much hope. And, of course, there will be Benediction in the church before we go home. The festivities commence at 8.15, and do we need to say that you are all most cordially invited? A FTER May 6th, the Friday Evenings in St. Joseph's Hall will be discontinued until October.

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IN this season of Regional Catholic Conferences, the young people and children are to have their part, too. Such a Conference has been arranged to be held here at St. Mary's on Saturday, May 7th, beginning with a High Mass at 11 o'clock. Everyone we could think of has been invited—Anglicans, Greeks, Russians, Armenians—so that the list resembles another version of the Epistle for Pentecost. Grown-ups will, of course, be welcome too; but the middle portion of the church will be reserved entirely for children and young people.

What will the program be?

First, there will be the High Mass at 11 a.m., and the children themselves will sing the music of the Missa de Angelis. This will be followed by a most marvellous procession of the children, in which many will be dressed to represent characters of the Old and New Testaments and clerics and members of religious orders, both Eastern and Western—prophets, priests, kings, bishops, archimandrites, nuns, monks, friars, canons and knights. At the end of the procession will come Our Lady *con bambino*, attended by the smallest procurable angels. The procession will move to the shrine of the Blessed Virgin where the statue will be crowned with flowers.

Then, after the Mass and procession, there will be luncheon for all the children and young people. If all goes smoothly, everything should be ready in St. Joseph's Hall by 12.30 p.m.

All of the speech-making will be put off until after the luncheon, when a session will be held in the church, with a few prayers and hymns, and an address by Father Mabry on "Jesus and Mary— The Young Catholic at Home."

The offerings at the Mass will be for Bishop Manning's Unemployment Fund. A FTER Vespers and Benediction, on Sunday, May 15th, the Reverend Robert F. Lau, D.D., of the National Council of the Church, will speak in St. Joseph's Hall on "The Work of the Advisory Commission on Ecclesiastical Relations." This will not be, as someone thought, an instruction on the duties of godparents; but, rather, an explanation of that very important work which is perhaps peculiar to the melting pot of America—the relationships between the Episcopal Church and the clergy and members of other Christian bodies, especially of the Eastern Churches, that have come and settled in the United States. Although this meeting on May 15th is planned in connection with our Young People's work, the subject of Dr. Lau's talk should be of sufficient general interest to bring out a good sized audience of older folk who will be cordially welcomed.

Other meetings of the Young People will be held on May 1st and May 29th, Father Klein being the speaker on both occasions. These Sunday evening meetings will then be discontinued for the summer.

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CORPUS CHRISTI comes on Thursday, May 26th. After all the great feasts are over—all the festivals, that is, which relate to our Blessed Lord's Person, the Coming of the Holy Ghost, and the Being of God—the Church, on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, keeps the festival of the Blessed Sacrament and praises God for His best and greatest gift, the gift of His own Body and Blood.

Come to Mass, if you can, and make your communion on the feast of Corpus Christi. There will be Masses, as usual, at 7, 8 and 9.30 a.m. The solemnities of Corpus Christi will be transverred to the Sunday within the octave, and the procession of the Elessed Sacrament will follow the High Mass on the 29th.

A LTAR flowers are given during the month of May, as follows:

1. SS. Philip and James. In memory of Louise C. Read.

- 5. Ascension Day. In memory of William Edward Jones.
- 6. St. John ante Portam Latinam. By the Fellowship of St. John.
- 8. Sunday after Ascension. In memory of Edith H. Harding.
- 15. Whitsunday. In memory of the Reverend George M. Christian, D.D., second rector of this parish.
- 22. Trinity Sunday. In memory of Ella M. Knight.
- 29. First Sunday after Trinity. In memory of Josephine Howard.

THE present organ in the church has for many years been "on its last legs," as the saying goes. That is no secret, as sundry strange and peculiar noises emanating from the organ gallery from time to time have intimated that something was wrong. The only surprising thing is that the "last legs" hold up the poor old organ so long.

Bad times or no bad times, something will have to be done about it soon. Just now, it happens that we could secure particularly attractive terms from the organ builder of our choice were we able to install the new organ at once. The Father Rector is happy to announce that a substantial sum of money has already been placed in his hands, which seems to make a new organ at least within the bounds of possibility. If further developments are favorable, it even seems likely that something may be done in the matter of installing a new organ this summer. If a sum of, say, \$10,000 in addition to what is now in the Rector's hands, were now available, it would make a new organ in the autumn an actuality. What can or will *you* do about it?

M^{R.} Moorhouse Johnson, who, while a student at the General Theological Seminary, has been assisting Father Klein in the Sunday School and children's work at St. Mary's, was ordained to the diaconate in the chapel of St. Paul's School, Concord New Hampshire, on Easter Monday. To his other duties Mr. Johnson will now add those of ministering at our altars until his graduation from the Seminary in May, when he plans to engage in parochial work elsewhere.

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W E have had an announcement from Clifford Nobes of his ordination to the priesthood by the Bishop of the Philippine Islands at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Sagada, on February 9th. Father Nobes, as many of you know, grew up in this parish and served at our altars for many years. After his graduation from the General Theological Seminary he offered himself to the Board of Missions for work in the Sagada Mission, and we of his home parish have assumed the responsibility of paying his salary there. We congratulate Father Nobes on his ordination to the sacred priesthood and are happy to think that the altars of this parish of St. Mary the Virgin are so closely linked up with those of the Mission of St. Mary the Virgin on the other side of the world.

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SEND for the priest if you are sick. Many there are among those who come to St. Mary's who prefer to keep to themselves, rather than be caught up in the parochial machinery. It is not a positive duty, should anyone wish to remain unknown. There is, however, a duty which does rest on all the faithful, i.e., the duty of sending for the priest in case of sickness—either to receive the Church's blessing or to demand the sacraments. The sacraments should always, when possible, be received at the beginning of sickness, and a definite summons should be given to the one's priest. There can never be a question of his being too busy to visit the sick, as it is more important that those who have to suffer should be in a state of grace and unite themselves to the suffering of Jesus Christ than that any number of meetings should be attended, even if such meetings are of first importance.

The Church employs no secret service to discover who is sick, nor are priests gifted with clairvoyance. It is the duty of the faithful to testify to their faith by "sending for the elders of the Church." God does not bestow His gifts without some effort on the part of the receiver.

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SICK room should be prepared for the communion of the sick, first, by making it as clean and tidy as possible. A firm table should be placed at the foot of the bed in such a position that it can be seen by the sick person. It should be covered with a clean linen cloth and have on it a crucifix and two lighted candles. There should also be a glass of water on the right-hand side of the table and a white napkin. A chair should be placed at the side of the bed facing the foot, if the sick person is to make confession. The priest should not have to ring the front door bell, and, if possible, a member of the family should meet the Most Holy Sacrament with a lighted taper and silently lead the way to the sick room. If a confession is to be heard, all should retire immediately the priest has set down the pyx and leave him alone with the sick person, not returning to the room until the priest gives word. If the sick person does not require absolution, then someone present should at once begin the form of general confession (Prayer Book, page 75). If there is another Host remaining in the pyx when Communion has been given, the priest will genuflect and he should then be accompanied to the door by someone with a lighted taper. \star

THE Tract Table at the back of the church deserves attention. Sometimes we may have questions put to us by an enquirer which we find it hard to answer. Or some critic of St. Mary's and of the religion which we teach and practise may bring forward arguments which cause us worry because no ready reply occurs to us. We cannot hope to be profound controversialists or scholars, but we can easily cultivate a more intelligent interest in our religion by spending a few cents on tracts that deal with some points of Catholic doctrine or practice. In helping to put enquirers on the right track, the tract table will often supply just what we need.

It is well to bear in mind that the tract table is not a lending library. (That admirable and benevolent institution is elsewhere on the premises—in the Sisters' Mission House, we would inform our dear readers.) The tracts on the tract table are for sale only, and it is not fair to offer for sale books that have already been handled and have lost their freshness.

Some of the tracts are entirely of a devotional character. None of them need be despised because they only cost a few cents. They are the work of writers deeply interested in the spiritual life and will be found helpful in fostering our personal religion.

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WE often wonder how many of our people are regular readers of some good Church magazine. We should like, at this time, to call your attention to the American Church Monthly, which is among the best of our American religious publications and which may always be found on sale at the tract table in the church at twenty-five cents a copy. The annual subscription is three dollars; and we are always glad to receive subscriptions to be forwarded to the publishers.

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I^F you are at all interested in the work of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in its various houses and churches throughout the world, we recommend that you become a regular subscriber to *Cowley*, the quarterly magazine of the Society. Besides giving information about the life and progress of the Society in its various works, it prints papers and sermons by different members of the Society, articles on the religious life and spiritual and doctrinal subjects, and book reviews. With the coming spring number, which is about to appear, *Cowley* enters upon its fifth year of publication; and, in accordance with the present trend of things, it has been decided to reduce the price of the annual subscription to one dollar, instead of two dollars as heretofore. The magazine will retain its former size and appearance, but a different type of printing will make the lower price possible. It is hoped that the new price will also make it possible for many more persons to subscribe. Father Dale, who is the editor of *Cowley* will be glad to receive and forward subscriptions.

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Mother and Son

WHO kneel to Mary, kneel to Mary's Son, And therefore to the Mother-Maid we cry Because her Son is God: no rite profane, No goddess-worshipping idolatry Is ours; to Him due honour we accord Unlimited, unquestioning, entire, The perfect service of obedient love; To her such limited and mediate power As may befit a creature glorified, Brightest and purest of the white-robed band Who stand for aye before the throne of God, One who perchance may pour, and not in vain, An intercession for the little flock Purchased by Jesu's all-redeeming blood.

> H. N. OXENHAM, From In Our Lady's Praise.

KALENDAR FOR MAY

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Virtues: Humility, Purity and the Spirit of Poverty

- 1. Su. SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES. Com. of Easter V.
- 2. M. St. Athanasius, B.C.D. Rogation Day.
- 3. Tu. INVENTION OF THE CROSS. Rogation Day.
- 4. W. St. Monica, Matron. Rogation Day.
- 5. Th. ASCENSION DAY. Extra Mass, 6 a.m. High Mass, 7 a.m. Holy Hour, 8 p.m.
- 6. F. ST. JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE. Com. of Octave. Corporate Communion of Fellowship of St. John, 8 a.m. Parish Reception, 8:15 p.m.
- 7. Sa. In Octave of Ascension. Votive High Mass of Our Lady for Children, 11 a.m.
- 8. Su. IN OCTAVE OF ASCENSION. Com. of St. John A.P.L.
- 9. M. St. Gregory Nazianzen, B.C.D. Com. of Ascension and of St. John A.P.L.
- 10. Tu. In Octave of Ascension. Com. of St. John A.P.L.
- 11. W. In Octave of Ascension. Com. of St. John A.P.L.
- 12. Th. OCTAVE OF ASCENSION.
- 13. F. OCTAVE OF ST. JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE.
- 14. Sa. Whitsun Eve. Vigil. Com. of St. Pachomius, Ab.C.
- 15. Su. WHITSUNDAY (Pentecost).
- 16. M. WHIT MONDAY.
- 17. Tu. WHIT TUESDAY.
- 18. W. In Octave. Ember Day.
- 19. Th. In Octave.
- 20. F. In Octave. Ember Day. Com. of St. Bernardine of Siena, C.
- 21. Sa. In Octave. Ember Day.
- 22. Su. TRINITY SUNDAY.
- 23. M. St. Dunstan, B.C. (Transferred from May 19).
- 24. Tu. Feria. Chantry Masses: 7, 8, and 9:30.
- 25. W. Feria.
- 26. Th. CORPUS CHRISTI.
- 27. F. In Octave.
- 28. Sa. In Octave. Anniversary Requiem for Dr. Barry, 9:30 a.m.
- 29. Su. TRINITY I. Com. of Octave. Solemnities of Corpus Christi at High Mass, 11 a.m.
- 30. M. In Octave. Com. of St. Joan of Arc, V.
- 31. Tu. Feria.

Music List for May

MAY 1.—SS. Philip and James, Apostles.
Mass in E flat
Vespers:
Magnificat in A Beach O salutaris (Opus 17, No. 2)
Taptum erro (No. 2)
MAY 5.—ASCENSION DAY. MAss in honor of St. Benedict
Matet "Panja angelieue"
Motet "O sacrum convinium"
Motet "Benedictus"
Motet, Deneulclus
Motet "Taptum ergo"
Motet, "Benedictus" Noyon Motet, "Ave verum"
MARE "Krönunge Messe"
MASS, "Krönungs-Messe"
Vespers:
Vesters. Magnificat in A Baund
Magnificat in A Bennett O salutaris Noyon Tantum ergo Franck
MAY 15.—PENTECOST.
MARY "Thereign Masse"
MASS, "Theresien-Messe"
Vespers:
Magnificat in B flat Lemare O salutaris (Troisième Messe solennelle)
Tantum ergo (Opus 11 No 5)
Tantum ergo (Opus 11, No. 5) Kromolicki MAY 22.—FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY.
MASS in B flat
Mass in B flat Süssmayer Motet, "Cherubimic Hymn"
Vespers:
O salutarie (No 2)
Magnificat in G Lutkin O salutaris (No. 2) Elgar Tantum ergo (Opus 237, No. 1) Griesbacher
MARI 27COMBAT WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CORPOS CHRISTI.
Motet "Parasti mensam" Icopold Morart
Motet "Ave verum"
Motet "Tantum ergo"
Motet "Panie angelicus"
Motet "O salutaris" (Mass in C)
Tantum ergo
MAY 29SONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CORPUS CHRISTI. Mass in G
VEGI ERG.
Magnificat in B flat
Tantum ergo Victoria

Services

SUNDAYS

Low Mass				•	7 and 8 a.m.
Children's Mass, with hymns			•		. 9 a.m.
Low Mass					
Matins					
High Mass, with sermon .					
Vespers and Benediction, with	sermon	•		•	. 8 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily		•			•			7,8:	and 9	9:30	a.m.
Also on Hol	y Days	s of	Oblig	gatio	on.					6	a.m.
Children's M	lass an	d Ca	atechi	sm,	Satu	rdays	•		10):30	a.m.
Matins .							•			9	a.m.
Vespers and											

EVENING SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Confirmation Instructions (Lady Chapel), Mondays	. 6 p.m.
Parish Instruction (St. Joseph's Hall), Fridays .	8:15 p.m.
Benediction, Fridays	9:30 p.m.
Holy Hour, Ascension Day, May 5	. 8 p.m.

Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals, as announced on the preceding Sunday.

The Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. till 10 p.m.

The Priests of the Church, and the Sisters, are always ready to answer questions or to give instruction in the Christian religion. Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Sacraments and Other Rites

CONFESSIONS.

- Father Williams, S.S.J.E., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
- Father Dale, S.S.J.E., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
- Father Klein, S.S.J.E., Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m.
- Father Peabody, Thursdays, 5 to 6 p.m., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
- A Priest can always be seen daily at 7:30 a.m., upon application.
- BAPTISMS.—Sundays at 3 p.m., by arrangement with the clergy. Proper sponsors should be chosen, and the mother should be churched.
- MARRIAGES are solemnized only after arrangement with the clergy and after three days' notice has been given. A certificate of Baptism should be produced by both parties. Those to be married should, if confirmed, receive Holy Communion. A nuptial Mass is suggested. It is against God's law to marry anyone divorced, as long as the other partner is living. Marriages are not solemnized during Lent, nor on Sundays or Christmas Day.
- SICK CALLS, Holy Unction and Communion of the Sick, on application to the clergy; in person, by telephone, or by post.
- BURIALS.—The clergy should always be consulted *before* any arrangements are made. The bodies of baptized persons may be brought to the Chantry of the Church at any time before the day of the funeral. It is the usual custom at St. Mary's to have the funeral service a requiem Mass.
- MUSIC.—Arrangements for music at weddings or funerals should be made directly with Mr. Nold, the Director of Music.

St. Mary's Choir

Sopranos

RUTH BURDICK WILLIAMS, Soloist	MARGARET A. GEORGE
LOUISE LANGLAND	JOSEPHINE B. MACNAB
LEONORA HEYMAN	MATHILDE A. PRAHL

Contraltos

GEORGIA STANDING, Soloist ZOË FENTON JONES

RUTH BIEBER

LULU B. EVANS

GEORGE

Tenors

LOUIS DORNAY, Soloist ALBERT SMITH

Basses

EDWARD BROMBERG, Soloist SAMUEL A. WHYTE

EDWIN W. BRUNTON **JAMES BANKS**

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ANNA FRIED, Violin	HERMANN REINSHAGEN, Contrabass
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