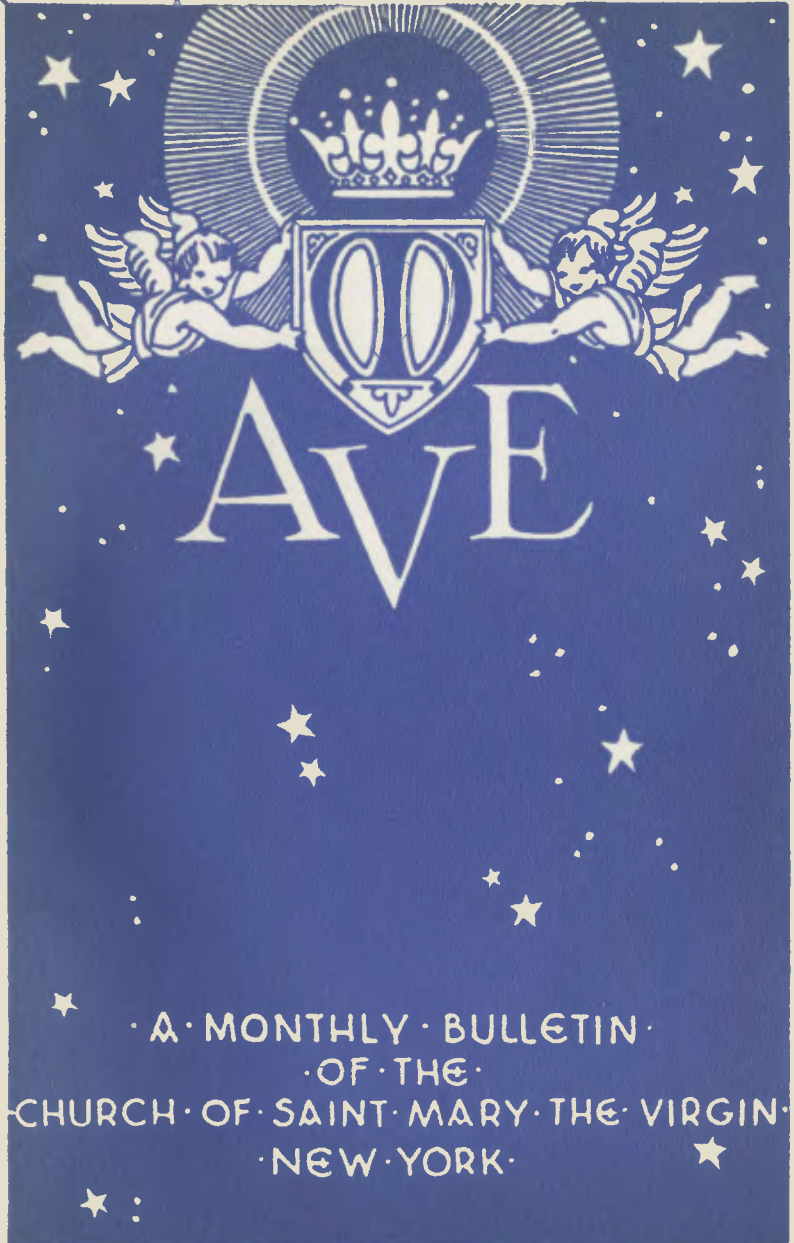


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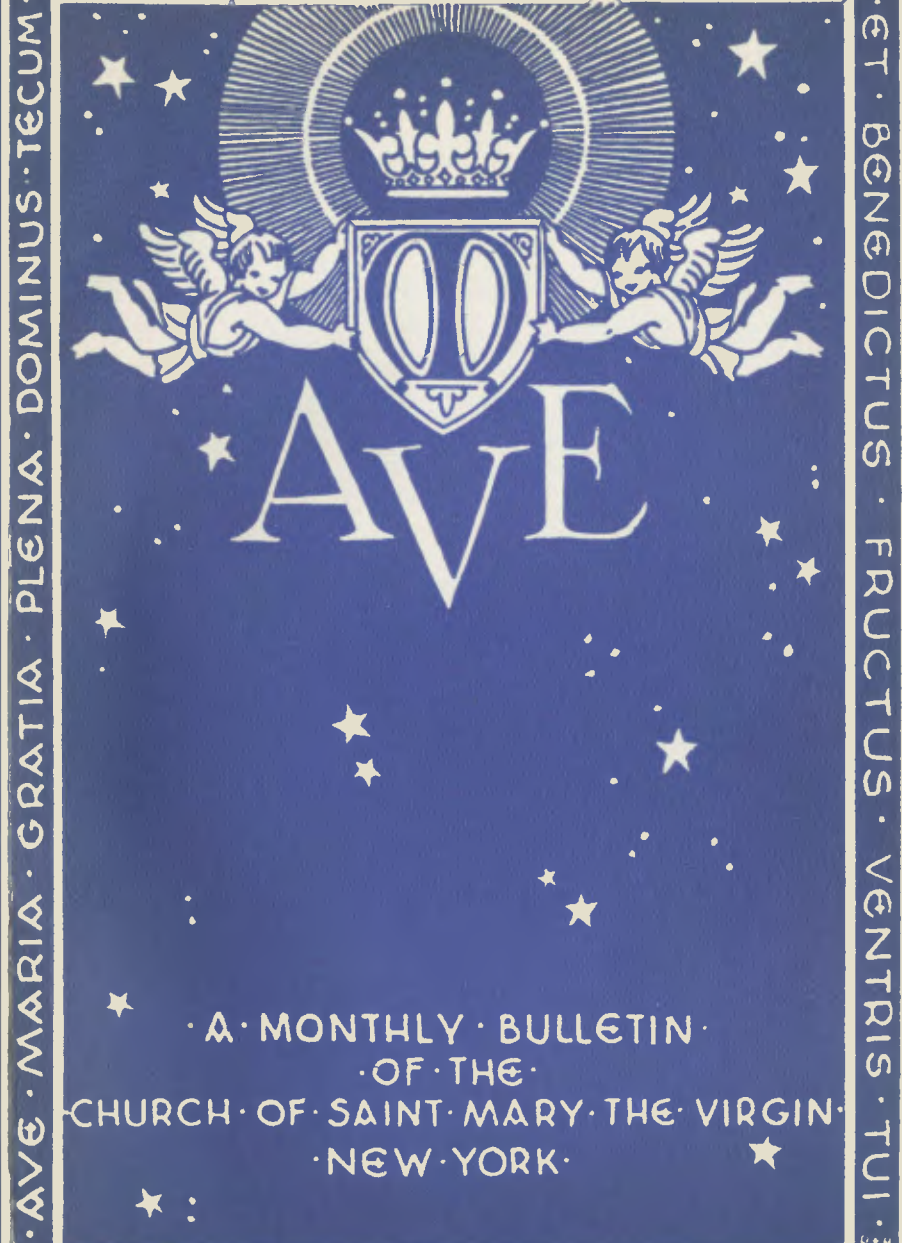
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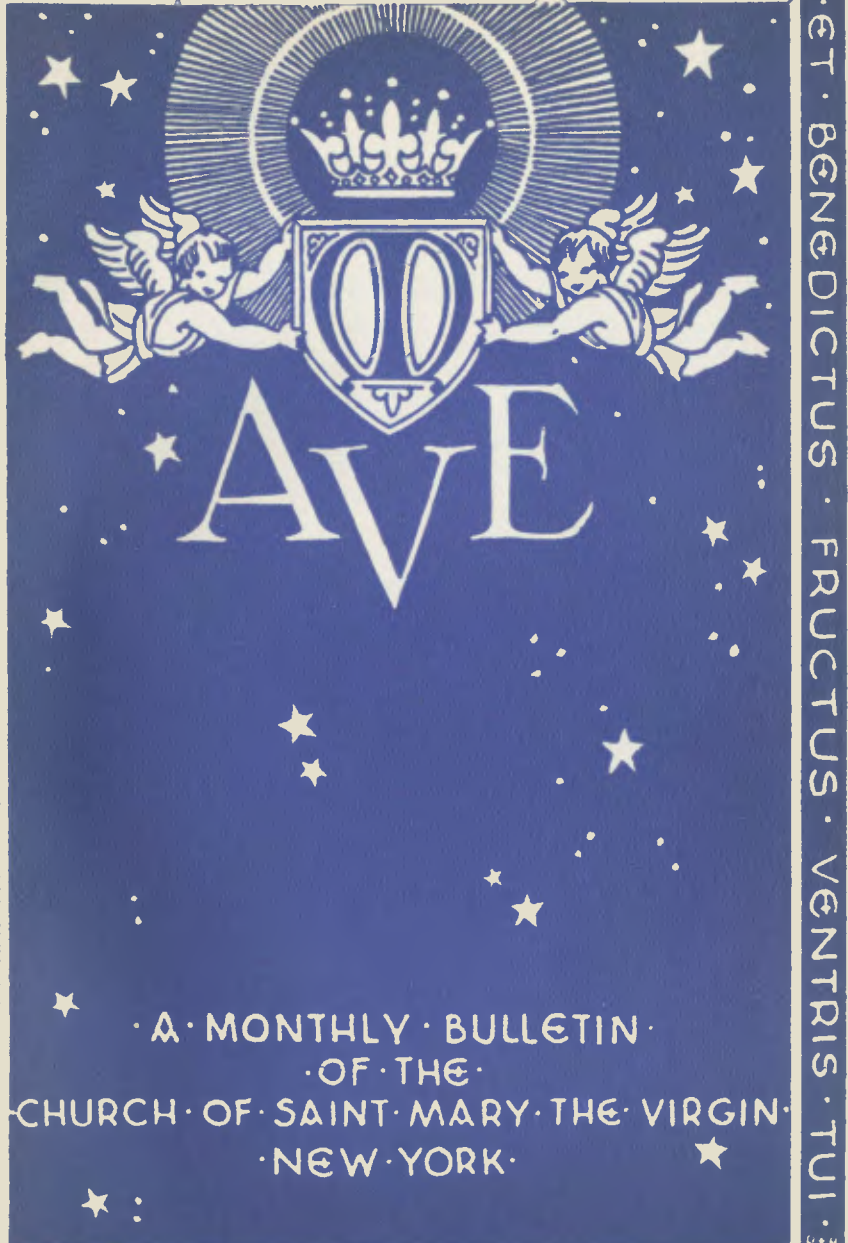
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Christmas Day Matins.

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A VERY happy Christmas to everyone! In spite of the dark clouds that overhang the world, believers in the true Religion can still wish one another a happy Christmas, and express the hope that the year 1933 may see the dawn of a new prosperity. But we do not put our trust in princes nor in any child of man save One, Who was born in a stable and now sits at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

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IN the old days, when the Church was the nation and the nation was the Church, joylessness was the 'roten sinne' which the happy saints and sinners feared most of all. Laughter was as high in the order of spiritual things as all tears, save the tears of ecstasy. All kinds of dancing and all the children's games that set themselves to song were forms of praise acceptable to 'God i' trinyte'; and all the churches were playgrounds at certain seasons of the year, but more especially at the high feast of Christ's Nativity.

“Three Masses every priest doth sing upon that solemne day,
 With offerings unto everyone, that so the more may play,
 This done, a wooden child in clowtes is on the altuar set,
 About the which both boyes and gyrles do daunce and trymlly jet
 And Carols sing in prayse of Christ, and for to help them heare,
 And organs answeere every verse with sweete and solemne cheare,
 And priests doe rore aloud; and round about the parents stande
 To see the sporte, and with their voyce doe helpe them and their
 hande.”

O sancta simplicitas! The child-like simplicities of the Middle Ages are beyond us, and that is why we cannot make new Christmas carols, or even sing the old ones as they ought to be sung. People thought of Christ as a very human Child, and they imputed certain human emotions to the Devil himself. The fact that we have disestablished the “paur Devil” and damped down his furnaces is one of the reasons why the mediaeval philosophy of things ephemeral and things eternal is beyond us. If we could recover our ancient faith, we should see among other strange happenings, all the successors of the poor acrobat of whom we once heard crowding into our churches on Christmas morning, to make an offering of their divers gifts to the ever-smiling Babe of Bethlehem.

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CONFESSIONS will be heard in the Church all day on Saturday, December 24th, and up to 10 P.M. We ought especially to prepare our hearts and purify our souls for the coming of the Christ Child in our Christmas communion, and how can this be better done than by a good confession? If you have lapsed from your confessions, or put off this duty, resolve now as you read these words to make a good confession this Christmas.

If you wish to know when you may be sure of finding certain of the Fathers in the Church before Christmas, please consult the following schedule:

Father Williams . . . Friday (23d): 10:30-12:30 and 3-5.
 Saturday (24th): 3-5 and 8-10.

Father Dale Friday (23d): 10:30-12:30 and 3-5.
 Saturday (24th): 11-1; 3-6 and 8-10.

Father Klein Friday (23d): 3-5 and 7-8.
 Saturday (24th): 1-3; 5-6 and 8-10.

Father Peabody . . . Thursday (22d): 5-6.
 Friday (23d): 10:30-12:30 and 5-7.
 Saturday (24th): 10:30-1; 3-5 and 6-9.

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THE vigil of Christmas—Saturday, December 24th—is a day of fasting and abstinence from flesh meat. By the regulations laid down by the American Book of Common Prayer, the customary Friday abstinence is dispensed on the Fridays falling between Christmas and Epiphany. Therefore, on Friday, December 30th, and Friday, January 6th, abstinence from flesh meat is not required.

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THE schedule of services for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be as follows:

Saturday, December 24

First Vespers and Benediction (Lady Chapel), 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 25

Solemn High Mass and Holy Communion, 12 midnight.

Admission to midnight Mass by ticket only.

Low Mass: 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 a.m.

Solemn High Mass, with sermon (The Reverend Dr. Bell, Warden of St. Stephen's College, Columbia University), 11 a.m.

Solemn Vespers and Benediction, with sermon (The Reverend Father Klein, S.S.J.E.), 8 p.m.

BOTH from the pulpit and in print we have given due notice that admittance to the midnight Mass of Christmas will be by ticket only. These tickets, each admitting one person, may still be obtained in person or by mail upon application to Miss Doremus, the Parish Secretary, 145 West 47th Street, New York.

The tickets are to be presented at the main doors of the Church on 46th Street, and not at the Lady Chapel door on 47th Street.

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THE question is perennially raised by communicants as to the rule of the Church concerning the fast before receiving Holy Communion at the midnight Mass on Christmas. The Catholic Church has made no other rule than that we must neither eat nor drink anything after midnight on the day when we intend to receive Holy Communion. The midnight Mass of Christmas is celebrated in the very first hour of a new day, and therefore one need be fasting only from 12 o'clock midnight. Many persons, however, prefer to eat an early supper on Christmas Eve and out of devotion keep a fast for several hours before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at the midnight Mass. We cannot help but believe there is much to be gained from this practice even though it is not of obligation. If you plan to make your Christmas communion at the midnight Mass, we advise you to spend the evening hours quietly at home, or, better yet, in the Church. If your Christmas plans involve dinners and parties and gaiety, however innocent, the midnight Mass will not be the best time for your Christmas communion. It would be better, instead, to receive at one of the low Masses on Christmas morning—at 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 o'clock.

Remember that the feast of Our Lord's Nativity is a holy day of obligation, even when it does not come on a Sunday, as it does this year; and the obligation is to be present at Mass that day, whether one receives Holy Communion, or not.

At the solemn high Mass at 11 o'clock on Christmas Day the sermon will be preached by the Reverend Bernard Iddings Bell, D.D., the Warden of St. Stephen's College (Columbia University), Annandale, N. Y.

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SOLEMN Vespers, the second Vespers of Christmas, will be sung in the Church at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, December 25th. The preacher will be Father Klein, and, at the conclusion of the sermon, solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given.

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CHRISt was born amidst a burst of song. Mary sings *Magnificat*. Zacharias utters his *Benedictus*. The Angel Choir chants its *Gloria in excelsis*. Old Simeon pours out his soul in his *Nunc dimittis*. It is on these Gospel canticles that our Christmas Play of this year is based. It is entitled "The Canticles of Mary," and was written by Miss Miriam Denness Cooper. St. Mary's Dramatic Society will give two performances of the play in St. Joseph's Hall—the first, on Thursday, December 29th, and the other on Friday, January 6th, the feast of the Epiphany. On both occasions the performance begins at 8:30 p.m. Admission to St. Joseph's Hall will be free. A collection will be taken both evenings to defray the expenses of the production. Any proceeds will be given to the organ fund of the parish.

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CAROLS of the old, familiar, traditional sort, in which most of us can join, will be sung in the Church at the Christmas midnight Mass. Other Christmas carols and art-songs, for which St. Mary's choir is famous, will be sung after Vespers on Sunday, January 1st, in place of the sermon. Bring some of your friends to this service. It would be a good occasion on which to introduce them to St. Mary's.

THE children of the Catechism will have their Christmas Tree party in St. Joseph's Hall on St. John's Day, (Tuesday, December 27th) from 5 until 7:30 p.m.

A Christmas party for the Guild of St. Mary of Nazareth for girls and young women will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd; and one for the mothers' Guild of St. Mary of the Cross on Wednesday, January 4th. The hour for both of these parties will be 8 p.m.

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MR. Newbury Frost Read, the Secretary of our Board of Trustees, has long been a collector of Dickensiana and is a notable authority on the life and works of the celebrated English novelist. We have for a long time been trying to persuade Mr. Read to grace the platform at one of our Friday evening social hours, and, at last, we have obtained his consent. What could be a more appropriate time for such a lecture than Christmas week? On Friday evening, December 30th, at 8:15, Mr. Read will speak on "Charles Dickens—the Apostle of Christmas."

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THE Church will be closed at 12 noon on Monday, December 26th and on Monday, January 2nd, the days on which the civil observance of Christmas and New Year's takes place. This is done in order that the parish staff may have some time off for a holiday after two very busy Sundays.

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AT TENDANCE at the Holy Hour on Thursday, January 5th, would be a most fitting way of preparing for one's communion the next morning, the feast of our Lord's Epiphany. The Holy Hour begins at 8 p.m.

ON January 8th, the Sunday within the octave of the Epiphany, the Right Reverend William Hall Moreland, D.D., Bishop of Sacramento, will preside at high Mass and preach the sermon.

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AT the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, intercession is made each day of the year for some parish or mission or Church institution in the diocese of New York, and a Kalendar of Intercession is published and distributed at the Cathedral. We note in the Kalendar for 1932-1933 that the Church of St. Mary the Virgin will be prayed for at the Cathedral on Friday, January 13th. On that day, the three Masses celebrated here at St. Mary's will be offered for the intention of the Bishop and the Cathedral.

The Society of St. John the Evangelist will be remembered in the Cathedral intercessions on October 4th, and the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity on October 5th.

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THERE will be a corporate communion for the members of the Fellowship of St. John and the New York associates of the Society of St. John the Evangelist on St. John's Day, December 27th, at 8 a.m., in the Lady Chapel.

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CORPORATE communions in January:
 Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. First Friday (January 6), 8 a.m.

St. Mary's Guild. Second Wednesday (January 11), 9:30 a.m.
 Woman's Auxiliary. Second Friday (January 13), 9:30 a.m.
 Guild of Help. Fourth Thursday (January 26), 9:30 a.m.
 Guild of All Souls. Last Friday (January 27), 8 a.m.

ON Friday evening, January 13th, Father Dale will resume his illustrated lectures on the Mass. The lectures are given at the parish social hour in St. Joseph's Hall, beginning at 8:15 p.m.

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RECITALS on the new organ will be announced as soon as the organ is completed and tuned.

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A SHORT Retreat for our children and any other children who may wish to come will be held here at St. Mary's on Saturday morning, January 21st. The Retreat will begin with the children's Mass at 10:30 a.m., and will close with luncheon at 1:30. Further information may be obtained from Father Klein.

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GOOD old vestments are always a useful present to priests who serve as many altars as we do. We can always make use of good old copes, chasubles, stoles and maniples that are sometimes seen in antique shops. Such vestments are handsome enough when worn by the officiating priest in Church, but they do not belong in a domestic house as part of a scheme of decoration. For one thing, they have been blessed and set apart for God's House; and, in any case, it is no more proper to display a strange clergyman's cast-off costume flung over the piano in your drawing-room than it would be to hang up one of your old suits on a pillar in St. Mary's.

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WE can also make good use of silks and damask draperies, of bits of brocade and embroidery—the sort of things you sometimes turn out of your closets and trunks at housecleaning

time. (One of our finest sets of high Mass vestments was made from some rich brocade draperies donated by a parishioner.) Besides its admirable work of repairing and caring for the vestments of the parish, St. Mary's Guild makes in its work-room a good number of vestments for missionary bishops and priests, and the ladies of the Guild are always grateful for materials which may be used in their work. Last year, among many other things, they made for the parish three sets of vestments for low Mass, in red, violet and rose. A red Mass set was made and presented to the Bishop of Algoma. A cope and mitre was made for the Bishop of Connecticut; a white cope for Archdeacon Oakley of Costa Rica, and a frontal for the Sisters of St. Anne in Kingston. The Guild at the present time is executing some frontals and vestments for Father Clifford Nobes, a former acolyte at St. Mary's and now a missionary in the Philippines.

St. Mary's Guild is always glad to welcome new members who can give a hand in cutting and making new vestments and linens, or repairing old ones. A weekly embroidery class is run under the direction of Mrs. Glave. The Guild meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the guild room in the parish house.

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IN order that a greater number of our parishioners and friends may know more of the work of St. Mary's Guild, the Guild will hold an exhibition and tea in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday, January 13th, between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all who would be interested in seeing some of the work of the Guild. The exhibition will include a display of three new high Mass sets which have been made for us in Bruges, Belgium,—one of them, a replica of a set made last year for the Cathedral of Verdun in France.

THE Sisters at the Mission House need a typewriter very much. Even a portable one would fill their need if it is in good condition. If any reader of AVE has a typewriter for which he has no further use, please speak to Sister Mary Virginia or to Father Dale and it will be sent for.

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SANTA CLAUS, one of the best friends we have, wants several partners in his business, and he wants them at once. You can invest as little as one dollar in Santa Claus, Limited, and take out joy and delight and sunshine to the value of millions. A five dollar investment will bring you in even greater returns.

The Sisters of the Holy Nativity will handle your investment for you, as the agent of Santa Claus. They will do all the work; and, except for the joy that they will receive in seeing so many happy faces, nobody will lay a finger upon the profits except yourself. Here is an opportunity for you who love children and the sick and aged poor. An opportunity of this kind does not present itself every day in the year. It comes with Christmas.

If you like you may send your contribution through the Father Rector.

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THE Father Rector has received word from Bishop Gilbert, the chairman, that more than \$30,000 has so far been given in response to appeals made by Bishop Manning's Committee for the Relief of the Unemployed of our own Church. He states that there are at least three thousand families from our own parishes now in actual want and without hope of being helped unless the Church can do something for them. Contributions to this fund may be sent to the Father Rector, or directly to Bishop

Manning or to Bishop Gilbert's office, Old Synod House, Amsterdam Avenue and 111th Street, New York City. Cheques should be made payable to John S. Rogers, Treasurer.

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A LETTER

My dear Friends,

In these difficult times when practically all incomes have been reduced the Church of Christ faces a difficult problem. Unless more people give to the support of the Church, it will inevitably be necessary to abandon important work in order to balance the budget. What is true of the Church as a whole is true of individual parishes, and of our own beloved parish of St. Mary the Virgin. Nothing can exceed the self-sacrificing generosity with which many of our parishioners and friends have given and continue to give to the support of the parish and to the general missionary work of the diocese and the national Church; and yet, in spite of this, St. Mary's, with other parishes in the city, is faced with the problem of a declining income. During the past year pledges for parish support were actually in excess of 1931; but reduction in income from invested funds and a falling-off in loose offerings in the collections raise a difficult problem. What are we going to do about it?

The answer to that question depends upon our parishioners and friends. Even with the "depression," if every parishioner who can possibly do so would give regularly to the Church each Sunday a fixed amount, however small, the problem would be solved.

Our parishioners will receive within a few days a letter from the Rector, containing a pledge card. Please do not put this aside as unimportant. Fill it out at once for such an amount as you feel you can give to the Church and for Missions each Sunday, and mail it back in the envelope which you will find sent out with the card. Upon your response will depend what we can plan for St. Mary's in the year 1933.

No one knows better than I do the difficulties which many of you are facing. No one knows better than I that it is a fact that there are some in the parish who cannot, at the present time, make any pledge, however small. But there are not, thank God, many such. On the other hand, there are others who do not now contribute regularly and systematically to the parish and to the Missions of the Church, whose pledges, if they would only send them in, would make the difference between meeting our budget and not meeting it.

This year is a good one for avoiding merely useless giving at Christmas. But there is one gift that we can all make, and that we all ought to make—a Christmas gift to Christ the Lord. We must first of all give ourselves and our hearts, and then we must give Him as we can of our substance to prove the reality of our profession of devotion to Him. Our pledge to the Church for 1933 is our Christmas gift to Jesus. Let us try and make it worthy of Him.

May our dear Lord grant you, one and all, every Christmas blessing and joy, and may He lead us all into a year of that peace and Christian happiness which no worldly troubles can take from us.

Faithfully and affectionately yours,

Granville Mercer Williams, S.J. C.

THE HOLY NIGHT

'TWAS music in the long ago—
 The chant of "Peace, good-will to men":
 Christmas was merry Christmas then:
 But now the wayworn feet are slow,
 Nor heart aflame, nor eyes aglow.

Nay, get thee to the Church, and there,
 Humbled, uplifted, shamefast, shriven,
 Behold the opened door of heaven,
 And in faith's sacrifice of prayer
 Kneel low before the Manger bare.

Still is the Miracle re-wrought,
 Anew revealed Redemption's plan,
 The Word Incarnate, God made Man:—
 A world in thralldom, spoiled, distraught,
 Back to its true allegiance brought.

Welcome the Crib, the holly bright,
 The children who go carolling
 To greet the Child Who is our King:
 Welcome the bells that, this sole night,
 An altar-pilgrimage invite.

A. B.

From the *Graham Street Quarterly*.

BOOKS

LITURGY AND WORSHIP. A Companion to the Prayer Books of the Anglican Communion. Edited by W. K. Lowther Clark, D.D., with the assistance of Charles Harris, D.D., London: The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. 868 pp. \$3.50.

WE cordially commend to our readers this very important book as one which will at once become, and long remain, indispensable to every priest, theological student and educated layman and laywoman. Leading scholars of the Anglican Communion, including Dr. Gavin of the American Church, have contributed to this great work. Among the features that are new in a book of this kind the following are noteworthy:

1. A complete account of all recent revisions of the Book of Common Prayer.
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3. A summary account of the life and cult of every Saint occurring in Anglican Calendars.
4. Essays on the Additional Services, and on the Prayer Book in the Mission Field. These give information not existing elsewhere in print.
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The book is a publication of the Literature Committee of the English Church Union. Copies of the American edition are obtainable from Edwin S. Gorham, 18 West 45th Street, New York City.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

- ✕ 1. Su. THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD.
 2. M. Octave of St. Stephen. Com. of Octave of St. John.
 3. Tu. Octave of St. John the Evangelist.
 4. W. Octave of Holy Innocents.
 5. Th. Vigil. Holy Hour, 8 p.m.
 6. F. THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD. Last performance of
 Christmas Play, 8:15 p.m. *Friday abstinence dispensed.*
 7. Sa. Of the Octave.
 ✕ 8. Su. SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY.
 Pontifical High Mass, 11.
 9. M. In Octave.
 10. Tu. In Octave.
 11. W. In Octave.
 12. Th. In Octave.
 13. F. Octave of the Epiphany. St. Mary's Guild Tea and Ex-
 hibition, 3 to 6 p.m.
 14. Sa. St. Hilary, Bp. of Poitiers, C., D. (368).
 ✕ 15. Su. EPIPHANY II. Com. of St. Paul the first Hermit in The-
 baide, C. (341), and of St. Maurus, Benedictine Abbot.
 C. (508).
 16. M. *Feria.* Chantry Mass, 7 a.m.
 17. Tu. St. Anthony, Abbot in Egypt, C. (356).
 18. W. St. Prisca, V.M. at Rome.
 19. Th. *Feria.* Chantry Mass, 8 a.m.
 20. F. St. Fabian, Bp. of Rome (250) and St. Sebastian (Rome,
 303), MM.
 21. Sa. St. Agnes, V.M. at Rome (305). Children's Retreat.
 ✕ 22. Su. EPIPHANY III. Com. of St. Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa.
 M. (304).
 23. M. *Feria.* Chantry Mass, 9:30 a.m.
 24. Tu. St. Timothy, Bp. of Ephesus, M.
 25. W. CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL. Com. of St. Peter.
 26. Th. St. Polycarp, Bp. of Smyrna, M. (167).
 27. F. St. John Chrysostom, Archbp. of Constantinople, C., D. (407).
 28. Sa. St. Mary on Saturday.
 ✕ 29. Su. EPIPHANY IV. Com. of St. Francis de Sales, Bp. of
 Geneva, C. (1662).
 30. M. *Feria.*
 31. Tu. *Feria.* Votive Mass of King Charles the Martyr (1649),
 8 a.m.

Days indicated by ✕ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass. Days on which votive and requiem Masses may be said are printed in italics.

Music List for Christmas and January

DECEMBER 25.—FIRST MASS OF THE NATIVITY (MIDNIGHT).

Mass in C Schubert

CAROLS

A Child this day is born *Traditional English*
 Now blessed be thou, Christ Jesu *Traditional English*
 God rest you merry *Traditional London*
 The First Nowell *Traditional English*
 Flos de radice Jesse *Ancient German Melody*
 In the bleak mid-winter Darke
 Love came down at Christmas Darke
 Noël dauphinois Eymieu
 The blessed birth Davies
 Stille Nacht Grüber

DECEMBER 25.—NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

MASS in D (The Imperial) Haydn
 Motet, "Christmas Hymn" R. Vaughan Williams

VESPERS:

Magnificat in E Lemare
 O salutaris (Quatrième Messe solennelle) Cherubini
 Tantum ergo (No. 3) Schubert

JANUARY 1.—THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD.

MASS in B flat Süssmayer
 Motet, "Chant de la Nativité"* Roger-Ducasse

VESPERS:

Magnificat in A Bennett

CAROLS

"In the Ending of the Year" *Fourteenth century melody.*
 Arr. Boughton
 "The Holly and the Ivy" *Traditional. Arr. Davies*
 "Whence those Sounds Symphonious"* Kitson
 "Lullay" *Traditional. Arr. Boughton*
 "Geistliches Wiegenlied" Brahms
 "Ein Weinacht-Gesängelein"* *Traditional. Arr. Colin Taylor*
 "I Saw a Fair Maiden"* Warlock
 "A Christmas Rose", *Corner's Nachtigall*, 1649. *Arr. Clive Carey*
 "Terly terlow"* Holst
 O salutaris (No. 2) Elgar
 Tantum ergo (Men's voices) Liszt

* First time.

Music List—Continued

JANUARY 8.—SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY.

MASS in G *von Weber*
 Motet, "Jesu, flos matris virginis" (Rhapsody of St. Bernard),
Smith

VESPERS:

Magnificat in B flat *Silas*
 O salutaris *Gorno*
 Tantum ergo (No. 2) *Brückner*

JANUARY 15.—EPIPHANY II.

MASS, "Krönungs-Messe" *Mozart*
 Motet, "O salutaris" (Messe solennelle) *Dulcken*

VESPERS:

Magnificat in A *Beach*
 O salutaris *Noyon*
 Tantum ergo (Lyra Sacra)* *Boëllmann*

JANUARY 22.—EPIPHANY III.

MASS, "Messe solennelle de Ste. Cécile" *Gounod*
 Motet, "Ave coeli munus supernum" *Lully*

VESPERS:

Magnificat (Vesperæ de confessore) *Mozart*
 O salutaris (Quatrième messe solennelle) *Cherubini*
 Tantum ergo (Op. 11, No. 5) *Kromolicki*

JANUARY 29.—EPIPHANY IV.

MASS, "St. Dominic" *Farjeon*
 Motet, "O sacrum convivium"* *Bernardi*

VESPERS:

Magnificat in A *Lemare*
 O salutaris (Op. 17, No. 3) *Kromolicki*
 Tantum ergo (Op. 23, No. 4)* *Messner*

* First time.

Services

SUNDAYS

Low Mass 7 and 8 a.m.
 Children's Mass, with hymns 9 a.m.
 Low Mass 10 a.m.
 Matins 10:30 a.m.
 High Mass, with sermon 11 a.m.
 Vespers and Benediction, with sermon 8 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily 7, 8 and 9:30 a.m.
 Also on Holy Days of Obligation 6 a.m.
 Children's Mass and Catechism, Saturdays 10:30 a.m.
 Matins 9 a.m.
 Vespers 6 p.m.

EVENING SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Parish Instruction (St. Joseph's Hall), Fridays 8:15 p.m.
 Benediction, Fridays 9:30 p.m.
 Holy Hour, Thursday, January 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 9 p.m.

The Priests of the Church 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.

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