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THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

NEW Christian year is dawning upon us. For, as we all know, the Christian year does not wait for the secular New Year's Day, but boldly begins anew on the First Sunday in Advent. That seems to us both significant and fitting. For the Church should always lead the world; the Church's ideas should be better than the world's ideas; the Church's morals superior to the world's morals; the Church's faith and hope and courage and strength and love are supposed to contrast with the world's despondency and pessimism and selfishness and lack of faith. That is what our Saviour meant when He said that Christians were the light of the world, and a city set on a hill. So it is entirely right that our "happy new year" should begin this year on December second, and not wait for January first.

But the Church lives in the world. For purposes of convenience, the fiscal year of the parish coincides with the secular year and begins on January first. Before that date it will be necessary that we know where we are likely to stand financially for the year 1935. The answer to that question depends entirely upon you, dear Reader.

We have been greatly blessed here at St Mary's. If our Christmas offering is what it should be, it now appears that we may close this year without a deficit. That seems to us very wonderful in view of the difficulties which everyone is facing, and we may well give thanks to God for it. But 1935 is a new year, and brings to us a new financial problem.

Whether we like it or not, it seems that we are coming inevitably to a more equitable distribution of wealth in this country, as in the world at large. In the days of large fortunes, and surplus incomes, it was the wealthy as a rule that supported the churches and charitable institutions. Now all that is changing. Increased taxation and reduced income make it difficult (or at least it seems difficult) for those who formerly supported charitable and spiritual works to continue to do so. What are we going to do about it? Are we going to let our hospitals, churches, and charitable institutions close for lack of support? That, it seems, is what must happen, unless the rank and file of the people come to the support of these beneficent institutions.

Your Rector has for a long time urged a more general support of the parish through the weekly pledge envelopes. He has asked that those who can afford to give, let us say, only ten cents or twenty-five cents a week, nevertheless give that. Now it is more necessary than ever to insist that unless everyone does what he or she can, we cannot hope to carry on. It can no longer be said, "What does my little offering count in comparison with what Mr B. or Mrs C. gives? They are the ones who support the parish." For the truth now is that Mr B. and Mrs C. no longer give large sums for this purpose, and very often give nothing at all.

Regular giving to the Church is as much a Christian duty as saying our prayers, or making our Communions regularly. Within a few days you will receive a pledge card for the support of the parish and of the work of the Church at large during the coming year. Please give something, no matter how small. And if you can give largely, please do that too. It will mean a healthier church if our work is carried on by many small subscriptions rather than by a few large ones. Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the parish.

Frankle Mercer Williams, 89 J. E.

THE Brotherhood of St Andrew has arranged a Corporate Communion of the men and boys of the entire Church on the first Sunday in Advent, December second. Although at St Mary's we have no branch of the Brotherhood, nevertheless, it is to be hoped that the men and boys of the parish will wish to join in this act which will unite them in spirit with their fellow Churchmen both in this country and in our missionary fields beyond. How could we better begin the Christian Year than by a devout and humble reception of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? The Father Rector urges all our men and boys who can do so to make their Communion at one of the early Masses on that day.

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CORPORATE Communions for the month of December are announced as follows:

Sunday, December 2. Men and boys of the parish, 7, 8, 9 or 10 A.M.
The Church School, The Knights of St Mary, The Guild of St
Mary of Nazareth, 9 A.M.

Monday, December 3. Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity (Mission House), 8 A.M.
Associates of the Community of St Mary (St Joseph's Chapel), 8 A.M.

Tuesday, December 4. Tertiaries of the Order of St Francis (Lady Chapel), 8 A.M.

Saturday, December 8 (Patronal Festival) General Communion of the Parish.

Wednesday, December 12, St Mary's Guild, 9.30 A.M.

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day) General Communion of the Parish.

Thursday, December 27. Fellowship of St John and Associates of S.S.J.E., 8 A.M.

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SATURDAY, December eighth, the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the patronal festival of this church. It also marks the sixty-sixth anniversary of the founding of the parish by Father Brown.

There will be Low Masses said at 6, 7, 8 and 9.30 A.M. At 11 o'clock there will be a Solemn High Mass, the music of which

will be the beautiful "Messe Solennelle" of César Franck. We shall be honored in having with us as the preacher on this occasion the Reverend Father Spence Burton, D.D., Superior of the American Congregation of the Society of St John the Evangelist.

Father Burton will, we are glad to say, also be with us as special preacher on the Sunday in the Octave of the Festival, December ninth. On that Sunday, there will be a solemn procession in the church before the High Mass at 11 o'clock. The preacher at Evensong on that Sunday will be the Father Rector.

We should regard our patronal festival as a Holy Day of Obligation. We should all be present at Mass on that day, and also receive the Blessed Sacrament if it is possible to do so.

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THE December meeting of the Guild of St Catherine of Genoa for graduate and student nurses will be held on the second Sunday of the month, December ninth. There will be a devotional address in the Lady Chapel at 5.45 P.M., followed by a tea in the Mission House. All nurses who worship here at St Mary's are cordially invited to these monthly meetings of the Guild.



TEA and cake sale for the benefit of our parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at the residence of Mrs William C. Dickey, 123 East 53rd Street on Tuesday afternoon, December eleventh from three to six. Cakes for sale will be gratefully accepted. Please send them to Mrs Dickey before three o'clock. A silver offering will be taken for the tea.



N envelope containing three one-dollar bills and the flaps of five pledge envelopes was placed in the alms basin recently. The flaps are dated August 5 to September 2, 1934, but there is neither name nor pledge number. As the Treasurer is desirous of crediting the proper pledge, will the person who gave the money please notify the Treasurer?

THE Knights of St Mary will hold a dance in St Joseph's Hall on Thursday evening, December 13th from 9 until 12. Tickets (fifty cents) for the dance may be secured from any of the Knights. Any surplus above the expenses of the dance will be for the benefit of the Knights of St Mary.



A BOUT fifty men of the parish assembled in St Joseph's Hall on the evening of November ninth to listen to a most interesting address by Bishop Mosher of the Philippine Islands and to form the nucleus of what we hope may become a resuscitated Men's Club of the Church of St Mary the Virgin. Frankly, the response was not as large as the Father Rector had hoped for, and he therefore urges all men and young men in the parish to come to the next similar gathering which will be held on the evening of Friday, December fourteenth. Mens' Clubs have done much in other parishes, and there is also much that they might do here, could we secure a more general cooperation from our men. So far, we have attempted no organization, though such may be desirable. The matter might well be discussed at the meeting on the fourteenth. Instead of meeting in St Joseph's Hall, where smoking is not permitted, we will meet in the Guild Room on the third floor of the Parish House where we may smoke as much as we please. Let us try to have a large attendance. The hour is 8.15 P.M. Please be prompt.



THE Annual Advent Retreat for women will be held this year on Saturday, December fifteenth. The Retreat will begin with Mass at 8 o'clock, and the addresses will be given at 10 A.M., 12 noon, and at 3 P.M. The whole will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 P.M. Breakfast and luncheon will be served to those who indicate to Sister Mary Virginia, S.H.N. at 133 West 46th Street by December fourteenth that they wish to be present for these meals. The conductor of the Retreat will be the Father Rector.

One of the greatest values of such brief Retreats is the keeping of silence by those who take part in them. If silence is broken by conversation between two retreatants it is not a matter which concerns themselves alone; it also disturbs the recollection of others who value that silence which is so hard to find in our busy modern life. We urge all those who come to the days of Retreat at St Mary's to be very careful about the silence.

In connection with the Advent Retreat announced above may we emphasize the importance of letting the Sister in Charge know beforehand if you intend to come. It is somewhat difficult to plan for an unknown quantity at breakfast or at luncheon. At one of our recent Lenten Retreats for women forty-five acceptances were received, and we thought a liberal allowance had been made when tables were set for fifty. However, no less than sixty-three women appeared for luncheon, and not a little inconvenience was caused in making places for the thirteen not provided for. Furthermore several who had sent in acceptances did not appear at all. Please let Sister Mary Virginia know!

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THE Church of St Mary the Virgin should ever hold in loving and grateful remembrance the memory of Thomas McKee Brown, priest, founder and first Rector of this church. In the face of an appalling ignorance on the part of church people of the Catholic faith and Catholic worship, and in the face of misunderstandings and bitter opposition, Father Brown established this parish upon secure Catholic principles, largely by the force of his own wonderful Christian personality. A sung Mass of Requiem will take place in the Chantry on the morning of December nineteenth, the anniversary of Father Brown's death. The hour is 9.30.

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THE January number of AVE will appear early enough to bring to our readers the complete program for the Christmas festival. Here we give briefly the main facts concerning our observance of the Nativity of our Lord:

December 24. Monday. Christmas Eve.

First Evensong of Christmas and Benediction, 6 P.M. Solemn High Mass (admission by ticket only), 12 midnight.

December 25. Tuesday. Christmas Day.

Masses, 6, 7, 8, 9 (Sung), 10, and 11 (Solemn High Mass).

The Church will be closed at 1 P.M. on Christmas Day.

December 27. Thursday. St John the Evangelist.

Christmas Play of the Dramatic Society, St Joseph's Hall, 8.30 P.M.

December 28. Friday. Holy Innocents' Day.

General Social Gathering of the Parish and Children's Party and Play, St Joseph's Hall, 8.15 P.M.

December 30. Sunday after Christmas.

Annual Christmas Carol Service, 8 P.M.



DMISSION to the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve will be, as in previous years, by ticket only. Our friends and parishioners are asked to assist in seeing that these tickets are distributed only to those who will come to the solemn service primarily as worshippers rather than as revellers or sight-seers.

The tickets will be ready for distribution on and after December tenth, and may be obtained from the Parish Secretary upon application in person or by mail. Please include with your application a stamped and self-addressed envelope. This will lighten materially the burden connected with the distribution of about a thousand tickets. The Secretary's office is open Mondays to Fridays inclusive from 9.15 to 1 and from 2 to 5. On Saturdays it is open only in the mornings from 9.15 to 1. If you intend to apply personally for tickets please come at the hours indicated above.

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DISTINGUISHED English musician recently visiting this country declared that Sunday Evensong in the Church of St Mary the Virgin was the most beautiful service of the sort that he had heard anywhere in this country. It may be added that he had travelled from coast to coast. A great deal of thought

and care has been expended in planning for this service just the right balance of popular appeal, and musical beauty. The result of this is seen in increasing congregations, which, however, still fall far short of what we should wish. May we hope that more of our readers may be induced to "sample" Evensong some Sunday in our beloved church?

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THIS year St Mary's Dramatic Society has a surprise in store for the parish: a Christmas play written by one of the members. You are to have the privilege of being "first-nighters" and seeing the original performance of "Stars Over Bethlehem." The play is being costumed, staged and produced by the Dramatic Society. We solicit the support of the parish, not because of any obligation toward parish organizations, but because we believe the production will merit your attention. Come and see. Thursday, December 27th and Friday, January 4th.

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THE altar flowers during the month of December are given in memory of the following:

December 8. Patronal Festival. Susanna and John Willis.

December 9. Sunday in Octave of Patronal Festival. Sarah Jones.

December 25. Christmas Day. The Reverend Thomas McKee Brown, Founder and First Rector.

December 28. Holy Innocents. Alice and Harriet Augusta Jones.

December 30. First Sunday after Christmas. Departed members of the Guild of St Vincent.

Of your charity, pray for the happy repose of their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed. Requiescant in pace.

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THE following contributions to AVE are gratefully acknowledged: Miss Ada Beazley, \$1; Miss Elizabeth M. Bryan, \$2; Mrs Edward L. Coster, \$5; Mr Abraham Hatfield, \$10; Miss

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Inquiries concerning AVE should be sent to the Editor, The REVEREND FATHER WILLIAMS, S.S.J.E., 144 West 47th Street, New York.

To insure delivery of AVE, the Parish Secretary should be notified promptly of any permanent change of address.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ,
have put on Christ."

October 21-Emily Joan Cozier (Infant)

BURIALS

"Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them."

October 12-Elizabeth Bessie Swift

KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

1.	Sa.	Feria.
X 2.	Su.	ADVENT I.
3.	M.	St Francis Xavier, C. Com. of Feria.
4.	Tu.	St John of Damascus, C.D. Com. of Feria.
5.	W.	Feria.
6.	Th.	St Nicholas, B.C. Com. of Feria.
7.	F.	Feria. Abstinence.
¥ 8.	Sa.	CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Patronal Festival. Com. of Feria.
X 9.	Su.	ADVENT II. Com. of Octave of Conception B.V.M.
10.	M.	In Octave of Conception B.V.M. Com. of Feria.
11.	Tu.	In Octave. Com. of Feria.
12.	W.	In Octave. Com. of Feria.
13.	Th.	St Lucy, V.M. Com. of Octave and Feria.
14.	F.	In Octave. Com. of Feria. Abstinence.
15.	Sa.	Octave of the Conception of the B.V. Mary. Com. of Feria.
X 16.	Su.	ADVENT III. O Sapientia,
17.	M.	Feria.
18.	Tu.	Feria.
19.	W.	Ember Day. Abstinence.
20.	Th.	Vigil.
21.	F.	ST THOMAS, APOSTLE. (Ember Day) Abstinence.
22.	Sa.	Ember Day. Abstinence.
¥ 23.	Su.	ADVENT IV.
24.	M.	Christmas Eve. Abstinence.
¥ 25.	Tu.	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. (Christmas Day).
26.	W.	ST STEPHEN, THE PROTOMARTYR. Com. of the Nativity.
27.	Th.	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST. Com. of the Nativity.
28.	F.	THE HOLY INNOCENTS. Com. of the Nativity and of St John. Friday abstinence dispensed.
29.	Sa.	St Thomas of Canterbury, B.M. Com. of the Nativity and of St John.
¥ 130.	Su.	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. Com. of St John.
31.	M.	St Sylvester, B.C. Com. of the Nativity and of St John.

Days indicated by X 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 DECEMBER

DECEMBER 2.—First Sunday in Advent.
Mass, "Missa brevis"*
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone V, with faux bourdons Tallis Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux bourdons Giles Motet, "Jesu dulcis memoria" Rheinberger
DECEMBER 8.—Conception of the B. V. M.
Mass, "Messe solennelle" Franck
Motet, "Beata es virgo Maria"
DECEMBER 9.—Second Sunday in Advent.
Mass in C
Motet, "Ave Maria"* Bruckner
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VI, with faux bourdons Tomkins Nunc dimittis, Tone VI, with faux bourdons Tomkins Motet, "O bone Jesu"*
DECEMBER 16.—Third Sunday in Advent.
Mass, "Missa Il bianco e dolce cigno" Bernardi Motet, "Rorate cæli desuper"* Palestrina
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VII, with faux bourdons Tallis
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux bourdons Tallis Motet, "Ave verum"
DECEMBER 23Fourth Sunday in Advent.
Mass, "Missa brevis"
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone II, with faux bourdons Holmes
Nunc dimittis, Tone VIII, with faux bourdons Holmes
Motet, "Ave verum" Deprès

MUSIC LIST FOR DECEMBER, CONTINUED

DEC	EMBER 25.—First Mass of the Nativity (Midnight).
1	Mass in G
	CAROLS
; ; ; ;	Blessed be that Maid Marie Traditional English God rest you merry Traditional London The first Nowell Traditional English Corde natus ex parentis Flemish Noël Parvulus nobis nascitur Vulpius Flos de radice Jesse Ancient German Melody In the bleak mid-winter Traditional English Oël Parvulus nobis nascitur Traditional English Oellish
DEC	EMBER 25.—Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
	Mass in E flat
DEC	EMBER 30.—Sunday Within the Octave of the Nativity.
	Mass in B flat
	Evensong: Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Second Service) Byrd
	CAROLS
	Gloria in excelsis Deo

SERVICES

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WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily					•		7	, 8 aı	nd 9:30 a.m.
Also on Holy	Days o	f O	oliga	tion		6	a.m.	and	12:10 noon
Children's Ma	ass and	Cate	chisn	n, Sa	turda	ıys			. 9:30 a.m.
Matins .					•				. 9 a.m.
Vespers .		•	•			,			. 6 p.m.
Holy Hour, S	aturday	'S							5 to 6 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.

Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The office of the Parish Secretary is open at the following times:

Mondays to F		9:	15	to 1	and 2	to :	5	
Saturdays .						9:15	to	1
Closed on legal	l holidays	S.						

SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

CONFESSIONS

Father Williams, S.S.J.E., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m. Father Otis, S.S.J.E., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.

Father Banner, S.S.J.E., Sundays, 8:30 to 9 a.m. Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Father Peabody, 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.

PARISH GUILDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

All persons who come regularly to the Church of St Mary the Virgin are urged to ally themselves with one of the Guilds and thus take their share in the work of the Church and its missionary activities. Any inquiries concerning each particular Guild may be addressed to the Chaplain, who will gladly give information.

- THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.—Second Fridays, Corporate Communion, 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 10:30 a.m. FATHER OTIS, Chaplain.
- THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY.—First meeting and organization on Thursday, October 18, at 8 p.m.
- ST MARY'S GUILD.—For making and care of vestments. Working meetings, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Corporate Communion, second Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. Monthly business meeting, 10:30 a.m. The FATHER RECTOR, Chaplain.
- Guild of St Mary of the Cross.—Works for the support of St Mary's Summer Home, Keyport, New Jersey. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Monthly devotional meeting, third Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. Father Otis, Chaplain.
- Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.—For Young Women. Sewing and Games, Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Father Otis, Chaplain.
- Guild of Help.—Meetings as announced from time to time. The Father Rector, Chaplain.
- ST MARY'S DRAMATIC SOCIETY.—FATHER BANNER, Chaplain.
- Guild of St Vincent.—For Altar Servers. Last Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Father Banner, Chaplain.
- KNIGHTS OF ST MARY.—For Young Men. Mondays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. FATHER OTIS, Chaplain.
- CHURCH School.—Saturdays, Children's Mass and Catechism, 9:30 a.m. Sundays, Sung Mass, 9 a.m. The FATHER RECTOR, in charge.

DEVOTIONAL GUILDS

- Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.—St Mary's Ward. Father Banner, Chaplain.
- Guild of All Souls.—St Mary's Ward. Father Banner, Chaplain.
- LIVING ROSARY OF OUR LADY AND ST DOMINIC.—St Mary's Ward. FATHER BANNER, Chaplain.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- FELLOWSHIP OF ST JOHN.—Prayer and work for the Society of St John the Evangelist. Corporate Communions, December 27th and May 6th. The FATHER RECTOR, Chaplain.
- Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.—
 Prayer and work for the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
 Meetings, as announced. Corporate Communion, first Mondays, 8 a.m., in the Sisters' Chapel in the Mission House.
- GUILD OF ST CATHERINE OF GENOA.—A non-parochial Guild for Graduate and Student Nurses. Devotional address (Lady Chapel) second Sundays at 5:45 p.m., followed by tea in the Mission House. Retreats and other meetings, as announced. For further information, application should be made to Sister Mary Virginia, S.H.N., Directress.

THE PARISH LIBRARY

WILLIAM EDWARD JONES MEMORIAL LENDING LIBRARY.—In the Sisters' Mission House there is available a collection of books in theology, apologetics, ecclesiastical history, religious biography and devotional literature. Books may be borrowed for home-reading. Hours: Week-days, 4 to 6 p.m. Sundays, half-an-hour after High Mass and before Evensong.

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