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AT RETHLEHEM

Little Jesus, dost thou know
All that life of bitter woe
Thou hast come for us to bear,
That we thy Life and joy may share?
Come on earth to die, that we,
Thralls to death, may live —in thee.

Thine we were, ourselves we sold; Thou our ransom-price hast told. Precious drops of Blood divine From that riven Heart of thine Soon on Calvary must be shed To redeem us from the dead.

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep!
Angels ward above thee keep.
Thou art but an Infant ww;
Thornless yet, thy baby brow.
Whiles thou mayest, calmly rest,
Human Babe on Mary's breast.

Hold him close, O Mother dear! Thine, to-night, he lieth here; The world to-morrow claims its own: For this, he left his Father's throne. Precious moments fleetly run — Hold him fast, thy little Son!

Anon.

THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

"COD bless us, every one!" The immortal words of Tiny Tim as recorded by Charles Dickens in his lovely "Christmas Carol", are my own wish and prayer for you and for St Mary's both at this holy Christmas season and during the coming year. May God grant us an abundance of all things needful, spiritual as well as material.

Indications now point to the probability that the coming year will be, from a material point of view, a more prosperous one for the people of our country than the past difficult depression years. What will the effect of this be on us as a people and a nation? Is our material advance (should that come about) to be matched by corresponding progress in spiritual things and noble ideals? Whatever may be the answer for others, for us as Christians it will be necessary to remind ourselves always of the primacy of the spiritual. Let us pray that every one of us may grow, day by day, during the coming year in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Iesus Christ our Lord. For that, we know, is the one thing needful.

If our Christmas offering this year is a satisfactory one, our beloved Church should close the year without a deficit. Please help to bring this happy result about by giving as generous a Christmas present as you can to St Mary's. An envelope for the Christmas offering is enclosed with this issue of AVE. Our bettered financial position this year, while a cause for thankfulness, must not allow us to relax our efforts for the year before us. The Church can go on only if everyone interested gives regularly to its support according to his or her ability. That is why it is so necessary for everyone to make a pledge for the Church's support. If you have not done so already, please fill out your pledge card at once and return it to me. And do not forget our duty towards others. Put down something for the red side of the card and envelope.

For a really Merry Christmas we must be free from sin. The Catholic Christian (thank God) knows how this may be accomplished. A good confession and a devout communion will help make our Christmas what it ought to be. Let us greet the Infant Jesus with pure and clean hearts. "God bless us, every one!"

Trainlle Mercer Williams 88 J. E.

A VE is sent free of charge to all friends and parishioners of St Mary's. Nevertheless printing bills have to be paid, and, we are frank to say, voluntary contributions of readers are ordinarily far short of meeting these. We are now at the beginning of a new year, when most magazines insist on renewal of subscriptions. If you value AVE will you not send a contribution, however small, towards the cost of publication? All such donations are gratefully acknowledged in the pages of our little magazine.

ONFESSIONS on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th will be heard as follows:—

10 a.m. to 12 noon-Father Banner

12 noon to 1 p.m.-Father Peabody

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.-Father Banner

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.-Fathers Williams, Otis, and Peabody

8 p.m. to 9 p.m.-Fathers Williams, Otis, and Peabody

9 p.m. to 10 p.m.—Father Banner

UR Christmas Festivities will begin with the first Evensong of Christmas which will be sung in the church at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th. It will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The First Solemn Mass of Christmas will be sung at midnight by the Father Rector. In order to reduce the number of revellers and mere sightseers, admission to this Mass, as in previous years, will be by ticket only. Tickets, admitting one, may be secured beforehand from the Parish Secretary at 145 West 46th Street.

On Christmas Day itself there will be Low Masses at 6, 7, 8 and 10 o'clock. The Mass at 9 will be a Sung Mass. High Mass at 11 with sermon by the Father Rector. The church will be closed at 1 p.m. on Christmas Day in order that the members of our staff may have the advantage of the holiday.

IN lieu of the regular parish social gathering for December all our friends are invited to assemble in St Joseph's Hall on the evening of Friday, December 28th, when there will be a Christmas Tree for children of all ages, and when the children of our Church School will present an entertainment. It is a very good thing for parishioners of varying ages to get together and our Christmas party offers this opportunity. Refreshments will be served.

THE "mystery of the Dramatic Society" is soon to be revealed. As already announced, the Christmas play this year has been written by one of the members of the society. In the opinion of competent critics the "book" of the Christmas play will take rank among the very best presented at St Mary's—and that is no small praise. The performances will be held on Thursday evening, December 27th and Friday evening, January 4th. Come, and bring your friends and—solve the mystery of the authorship of "Stars Over Bethlehem".

THE annual Christmas Carol service here is rightly regarded as one of special religious and musical interest. Our Musical Director, Mr Raymond Nold, has prepared a most interesting program, reprinted in this number of AVE. The service will be held on Sunday evening, December 30th. There will be no instruction or address that evening.

R Gavin of the General Theological Seminary will preach at the High Mass at St Mary's on Sundays, January 6th and January 27th. The Father Rector will preach on the other Sundays in January.

THE Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, January 1st, is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is good that it is so, and that all Catholics are required to be present at Mass on that day. The Church has never set her face against a reasonable amount of human gaiety and merriment; the presence of our Lord at the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee where He changed the water into wine, is a sufficient guarantee of that fact; but she does set her face against excess, and the ordinary "celebrations" of New Year's Eve in New York and other American cities are not calculated to make us proud of our American "civilization". Good Catholics will observe New Year's Eve with discretion, and be at Mass the next day. Low Masses will be at 6, 7, 8 and 9.30. High Mass, with brief sermon by the Father Rector at 11 a.m. The church will be closed at 1 p.m. for the remainder of the day.

THE Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th, occurs this year on a Sunday. The Feast is a very ancient one, apparently having originally been kept as the festival of the Nativity of our Lord, instead of December 25th. It recalls our minds to the contemplation of the mystery of the Word made flesh. Dr Gavin will preach at the High Mass at 11 a.m.

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LVERY year the Fathers receive inquiries about the fast before communion, when Holy Communion is received at the midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The ancient rule of the Church is perfectly plain—that those who receive Holy Communion should be fasting from midnight. As the midnight Mass begins at that hour, it would be strictly "within the law" to continue to eat and drink up until the very hour of the Mass. Good Christians, however, will wish to preserve the spirit as well as the letter of the law. For such we suggest a fast of three or more hours preceding the reception of the Blessed Sacrament at the midnight Mass. Certainly to make one's communion after an evening of feasting and revelry is far from seemly. We should do better to wait until Christmas morning.

It may be worth noting that Christmas Eve, itself, is a day of fasting and abstinence, as befits a day preceding a great feast. If our friends will observe Christmas Eve in the proper spirit, we have no doubt that they will be properly prepared to make their communions at the midnight Mass.

Speaking of abstinence, the days between Christmas and Epiphany, according to the ruling in our new Book of Common Prayer, are no longer days of abstinence. In accordance with this ruling, Fridays, December twenty-eighth and January fourth, are not to be observed as days of abstinence from flesh meat.

York a series of three lectures will be given on Wednesday evenings in January in the church by distinguished priests. The lectures will begin at 8.15 p.m. and will conclude at 9 o'clock. They will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In order to defray expenses, a silver collection will be taken at each lecture. These lectures are intended to be informative and educational, and it is suggested that you plan to attend with non-Church friends. The speakers and their topics are as follows:

Wednesday, January 9th—"Catholic Worship". The Reverend Franklin Joiner, D.D., Rector of St Clement's Church, Philadelphia.

Wednesday, January 16th—"Catholic Action". The Reverend Robert Scott Chalmers, D.D., Rector of Grace and St Peter's Church, Baltimore.

Wednesday, January 23rd—"Catholic Living". The Reverend Spence Burton, Superior, S.S.J.E., D.D., Rector of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Boston.

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THE January meeting of the Guild of St Catherine of Genoa for graduate and student nurses will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, January 13th. A devotional meeting will be held in the Lady Chapel at 5.45 p.m. with an address by Father Banner, followed by a social meeting and tea in the Mission House. This is a non-parochial Guild and all nurses who are interested are invited to attend.

THE General Social gathering for the parish will be held on the evening of Friday, January 25th. The Little Theatre Group, one of the organizations of actor-folk working through the support of our Government, has agreed to put on a play running for about three-quarters of an hour, which will be well worth the seeing. Afterwards, as usual, refreshments will be served, and the evening will end with Benediction in the church. Be sure to save the date—Friday, January twenty-fifth.

THIS year the annual parish dinner will be given in St Joseph's Hall on Thursday, January 31st beginning at 6.30 p.m. It is hoped that many of our parishioners and friends will put this date and hour on their engagement pads at once. The tickets are one dollar each. The dinner, as usual, is for the benefit of St Mary's Summer Home at Keyport, New Jersey.

THE Reverend William H. Dunphy, Assistant Editor of The American Church Monthly and lately a special preacher at St Mary's is giving a course of lectures on "The Quest of the Abundant Life" on Wednesdays, at 3 in the auditorium of St Mary's Hospital, 407 West 34th St. We recommend these lectures of Father Dunphy to our readers. Tickets for the lectures at fifty cents each may be obtained from the Sister Superior at the address given above. The subjects and dates of the remaining lectures are as follows:—

January 9th—"The Spirit of Life"
January 16th—"The Kingdom of Life"
January 23rd—"The Channels of Life"
January 30th—"The New Life and the New Humanity"
February 6th—"New Life and New Deals"
February 13th—"The New Life and the New Morality"
February 20th—"The New Life and the New Universe"

THE Seating Committee meets early in the month of January to assign seats to our regular worshippers for the coming year. The Church of St Mary the Virgin is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York as a "Free Church". The method

of incorporation makes it illegal for this church to rent pews or sittings for its services. But we have, nevertheless, always had the custom of assigning regular sittings to those who generally attend our services so that they may feel thoroughly "at home" in the church. And we have assumed that regular worshippers here would indicate their interest in the parish by making some regular pledge, however small, to its support. Everyone therefore who makes a pledge to St Mary's is assigned a sitting, and in arranging such assignments no notice whatever is taken of the amount of the pledge. Not infrequently a parishioner who is able to contribute but a small amount occupies a more desirable sitting than a far larger contributor. It is all a case of "first come, first served".

The Seating Committee always try to do their best to meet our parishioners' desires, but, necessarily, there must sometimes be disappointments and we fear some heart-burnings also. But what can be done when some twenty people ask to be put in pew nine (let us say) which holds six, and already has four people assigned to it? Obviously most of the applicants have to sit elsewhere. It is not a fault of the Committee for they are only human and cannot make room, where none is.

So we beg everyone to be patient and good-natured and believe that the Committee is trying to do their best. After all we should do well to remember:—

- (1) That this is a free Church.
- (2) That it is impossible to oust old parishioners from their pews in order to make room for newcomers.
- (3) That even when a sitting is assigned it does not guarantee to the assignee any particular position in the pew. Except for the assignment in a certain pew, seats in the pew are not reserved.

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T is our constant effort to make the 9 o'clock Mass on Sundays a "People's Mass", in fact as well as in name. This is a kind of Mass that is increasingly popular throughout the Catholic Church today. We are well aware that a considerable number of our parishioners attend only the 9 o'clock Mass. Many of our young people and children make their communions only at this Mass. A goodly proportion of the mothers and fathers on our

parish lists worship only at this hour, on a Sunday. The music of the Mass and of the hymns is simple. All are asked to take the front seats and to join heartily in the Amens and other responses, as well as in the singing. You are urged to borrow (or better still), to buy a copy of the Mass music. The Brothers on duty at this Mass will gladly explain about this to you. Everyone can have a real part in making this service a "family Mass".

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

November 4—Joan Catherine Piehl (Infant)
4—Cornelia Whipple Davenport (Infant)
15—Helen Costello Chase (Infant)

25-Robert William Wood

CONFIRMATIONS

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye were sealed unto the day of redemption."

November 26—Roger Ewing Briner Julia Elizabeth Brogan Hoxie N. Fairchild Robert William Wood

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

November 3-Manfred K. Barber and Shirley Bernice Thomas

BURIALS

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

November 9-Helen Kathleen Maynard Pennyfeather 23-Caroline Frances Melville

THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

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Septuagesima Sunday February 17th									
Ash Wednesday March 6th									
Easter Sunday April 21st									
Rogation Days May 27th, 28th and 29th									
Ascension Day									
Whit Sunday June 9th									
Trinity Sunday June 16th									
Corpus Christi June 20th									
The Sacred Heart of Jesus June 28th									
Christ the King October 27th									
First Sunday in Advent December 1st									

EMBER DAYS

Spring. March 13th, 15th, and 16th.

Summer. June 12th, 14th, and 15th.

Autumn. September 16th, 18th, and 19th.

Winter. December 18th, 20th, and 21st.

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

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

- January 1. The Circumcision. Henry Miller Bolton.
- January 6. The Epiphany, Elizabeth Wyman Aldrich.
- January 13. First Sunday after Epiphany. Ursula Marshall.
- January 20. Second Sunday after Epiphany. George Harding.
- January 27. Third Sunday after Epiphany. Everett Vincent Thomas and Ina Maine Thomas.

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

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ORPORATE Communions for the month of January are announced as follows:

Sunday, January 6th, 9 a.m. The Guild of St Vincent, Knights of St Mary, Guild of St Mary of Nazareth, The Church School.

Monday, January 7th, 8 a.m. Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity (Mission House), Associates of the Community of St Mary (St Joseph's Chapel).

Tuesday, January 8th, 7.30 a.m. Tertiaries of the Order of St Francis (Lady Chapel).

Wednesday, January 9th, 9.30 a.m. St Mary's Guild.

KALENDAR FOR JANUARY, 1935

1 .	Tu.	THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD.
2.	W.	Octave of St Stephen. Com. of Octave of St John.
3.	Th.	Octave of St John the Evangelist.
4.	F.	Octave of the Holy Innocents.
5.	Sa.	Eve of the Epiphany.
K 6.	Su.	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.
7.	M.	In the Octave of the Epiphany.
8.	Tu.	In Octave.
9.	W.	In Octave.
10.	Th.	In Octave.
11.	F.	In Octave. Abstinence.
12.	Sa.	In Octave.
X 13.	Su.	OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY. Com. of Epiphany I.
14.	M.	St Hilary, B. C. D.
15.		
16.	W.	Feria. Chantry Masses.
17.	Th.	St Anthony, Ab. C.
18.	F.	St Prisca, V. M. Abstinence.
19.	Sa.	Feria. Votive Masses of the B. V. M.
¥ 20.		EPIPHANY II. Com. SS Fabian and Sebastian, MM.
21.	Μ.	St Agnes, V. M.
22.	Tu.	St Vincent, Deacon, M.
23.	W.	Feria. Chantry Masses.
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25.	F.	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL. Com. of St Peter. Abstinence.
26.		St Polycarp, B. M.
2 7.		EPIPHANY III. Com. St John Chrysostom, B. C. D.
28.		Feria. Chantry Masses.
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30.		King Charles the Martyr.
31.	Th.	Feria. Votive Masses of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

DECEN	MBER 25.—First Mass of the Nativity (Midnight).
MA	ass in G
	CAROLS
Go Th Cor Par Flo In	essed be that Maid Marie
DECEN	MBER 25.—Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
MA	Ass in E flat
DECEN	MBER 30.—SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY.
	Ass in B flat
	Unknown Edwardine Composer
	CAROLS
Qu Ho Lui A Pe: I s Ca Ba	oria in excelsis Deo

^{*} First time.

MUSIC LIST FOR JANUARY

JANUARY 1.—The Circumcision of the Lord.	
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Mass, "Missa Misericordias Domini"	
JANUARY 6.—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.	
Mass in G	
Evensong:	
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Second Service) Byr Motet, "Ave verum" Elga	
JANUARY 13.—Octave of the Epiphany.	
Mass in D	ı k
Motet, "O sacrum convivium"	
Evensong:	
Magnificat, Tone II, with faux bourdons Willa Nunc dimittis, Tone III, with faux bourdons Willa Motet, "O bone Jesu"*	ın
JANUARY 20.—Epiphany II.	
Mass in C	
Motet, "Halleluja"	
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SERVICES

SUNDAYS										
Low Mass								7 an	d 8	a.m.
Sung Mass,	with address								9	a.m.
Low Mass									10	a.m.
Matins .								10		
High Mass,	with sermor									
Evensong as	nd Benediction	n, wi	th in	stru	ction	١.		•	8	p.m.
Week Days										
Mass, daily								and 9		
Also on Ho	oly Days of C)blig:	ation		6	a.m	ı. an	d 12	:10 r	noon
Children's I	Mass and Cat	echis	m, S	atur	days		*	. 9	:30	a.m.
Matins .					•	•			9	a.m.
Vespers .		•							6	p.m.
Holy Hour	, Saturdays	•			•		•	5	to 6	p.m.
	Services duri as announced	-		_					,	
The Church	h is open dail	y fro	m 6	:30	a.m.	till	9 p.	.m.		
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Mondays to Fridays . . . 9:15 to 1 and 2 to 5

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Saturdays

Closed on legal holidays.

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.

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