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The Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Candlemas Day, occurs forty days after Christmas and recalls the fact that on that day our Lord was "presented in the temple in substance of our flesh", and proclaimed by the aged Simeon to be "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of God's people Israel". As Mary then bore in her arms the light of the world, so by a natural connection of thought and symbolism this day has long been dedicated to the annual blessing of candles for Church use and to a procession in which lighted candles are borne in memory of that original Candlemas procession in the temple in Jerusalem long ago.

As usual, we shall observe the day with a High Mass and procession at 11 A.M. Because of the High Mass the usual Saturday Sung Mass and catechism at 9.30 will be omitted, but there will be a Low Mass at that hour as well as at 7 and 8 o'clock. Since the festival falls this year on a Saturday, it seems best to omit the usual sermon, and for the same reason we shall not this year make the service a special occasion of setting forth, to all who may be interested, the place and value of the Religious Life in our Church. But we hope, nevertheless, that a good congregation will be on hand to take part in this very beautiful and moving service.

ST Blasius' Day, February 3rd, falls this year on a Sunday, so the Masses on that day will be of the Sunday with a commemoration of the Saint.
The custom of blessing throats on this particular day is said to owe its use to a miracle in which the Saint healed a youth who was choking to death on a fish bone. In the modern use of the blessing, prayer is made to God that He will keep the one receiving the blessing, “from all diseases of the throat and all other ailments.”

It is sometimes objected to the use of blessings of this sort that they are “superstitions”. Doubtless they may be so, if they are used in a superstitious way, for almost everything—all prayer, the Bible, the Holy Sacraments—can become superstitions if we forget that the God we worship is our Heavenly Father and a God of Love. We cannot force God by any prayer or blessing to do our will; we can only open up to Him our hearts and minds that His will may be done. In this respect, the blessing of St Blasius rests upon the same basis as all prayer, and all ‘faith healing’—trust in God’s love. So employed, we may indeed find a blessing, and healing too, in having our throats blessed on St Blasius’ Day.

The blessing will be given before the Low Masses, at 7, 8 and 10 o’clock, in the Lady Chapel after the close of High Mass, and before the instruction at Evensong.

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WEDNESDAY, February 6th, has been assigned to St Mary’s by the Catholic Congress Committee as one of the two “Station days” to be kept by us in the continuous Cycle of Prayer for the conversion of our country and of all mankind to the Christian religion and the Catholic Faith. For a number of years now this Cycle of Prayer has been kept up in uninterrupted sequence in parishes in the United States, in England, and, in fact, all over the world. It is a great privilege to share in such a mighty effort for the conversion of the world to Christ.

The Masses on February 6th will be offered with special intention for the conversion of many to the Catholic Faith. Beginning at 10 a.m. the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Lady Chapel until Evensong at 6 p.m. A schedule for the continuous watch before the altar will be posted in the church porch, and it is hoped that many will be willing to designate a period of intercessory prayer for which they will be responsible. Benediction will be given at 12 noon and at 5.45 p.m.

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THe committee appointed by the Father Rector to go into the whole question of organizing a Men’s Club in the parish have now finished their deliberations and, as a result, recommend that steps be taken to effect the organization. All men of the parish, therefore, are invited and urged to be present at the first meeting, to be held on Friday evening, February 8th, in the Guild Room on the third floor of the Parish House. The meeting will begin promptly at 8.15. There will be an entertainment, and later Benediction will be given in the church. We understand that the committee has a number of ingenious suggestions for future meetings, including a luncheon meeting in a downtown restaurant, and a beach party when the “good old Summer time” comes round once more. We have lots of men at Saint Mary’s. Let’s try and get together.

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The February meeting of the Guild of St Catherine of Genoa for nurses will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 10th. This is not a parochial guild, and membership is open to any nurses who care to join. The object of the guild is to foster friendship and devotion among those, who by the very nature of their work, often find it difficult to get to Church as much as they would wish, or to make suitable friends. The meetings begin at 5.45 p.m. with a devotional address and prayers in the Lady Chapel. Afterwards the Guild adjourns to the Mission House of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity where tea is served, and social intercourse may be enjoyed. We repeat that this is not a parochial guild, and nurses from any parish will be most welcome at the meetings.
The Bishop has appointed the evening of Friday, April 5th, being the Friday before Passion Sunday, for the administration of the sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is, as it were, the completion of Holy Baptism in which, through the laying on of the hands of the Bishop with prayer, the Holy Spirit comes to our souls to strengthen them for the spiritual combat. In requiring Confirmation before one can be admitted to the Holy Communion, therefore, the Church is not guilty of setting up some arbitrary barrier between the Christian and the reception of the Eucharist; rather, as a wise Mother, she is anxious that none of her children shall carelessly neglect the great gift given in Confirmation.

Those who desire to be confirmed at the time of the Bishop's visitation should give their names and addresses without delay to one of the Fathers or Sisters that they may receive the necessary instruction and preparation. Besides the usual private instructions given to each candidate, the Father Rector, assisted by the other Fathers, has arranged a series of eight public Confirmation instructions, to be given in the Lady Chapel on Monday evenings, beginning on February 11th. These lectures, or instructions, begin promptly at 8.15 o'clock, and are open to any who may be interested, whether confirmed or not, or whether or not they have decided to be confirmed.

This year the annual Acolytes' Festival of our own parish will be combined with the Annual Service of the Order of St Vincent (the National Guild for Acolytes). As usual the service will consist of a Solemn High Mass, followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The service will be held on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th, and will begin promptly at 11 o'clock. The preacher will be the Father Rector. As usual, luncheon will be served to the visiting clergy and acolytes in St Joseph's Hall after the service. It is impossible, on account of the large attendance at this service, to furnish luncheon to any others than our own servers, and the clergy and acolytes who are our guests.

The work of the Fathers of the Order of the Holy Cross in the Hinterland of Liberia is one that deserves the interest and support of all Catholic Church people. The Fathers have been carrying on this great work for some years without any assistance financially from the funds of the General Church, depending entirely upon voluntary contributions. The Holy Cross Mission to Liberia should besides be of special interest to St Mary's parishioners, as one of our own "boys", the Reverend James Gorham, O.H.C., son of our late honoured Trustee and Mrs Edwin S. Gorham, worked there for a number of years. Even if the state of our pocketbooks precludes large money gifts for this work, we ought to do what we can to learn about it, so we may at least help with our prayers.

This opportunity will be afforded us soon, for on Friday evening, February 15th the parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, in connection with the Junior Auxiliary, will hold a meeting in St Joseph's Hall at which we shall be honoured in having as the speaker, the Reverend Shirley C. Hughson, Superior, O.H.C. Father Hughson who has visited the field will give an illustrated lecture on the work of the Church in Liberia. Refreshments will be served, and an opportunity afforded to contribute toward the "supplies" sent to Liberia. All the parish is invited to attend.

Corporate Communions for the month of February are announced as follows:

Sunday, February 3rd, 9 a.m. The Guild of St Vincent, Knights of St Mary, Guild of St Mary of Nazareth, The Church School.
Monday, February 4th, 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, February 5th, 7.30 a.m. Tertiaries of the Order of St Francis (Lady Chapel).
Wednesday, February 13th, 9.30 a.m. St Mary's Guild.
FOUR organ recitals will be given in the church on the four
Wednesday evenings of February. The recitals begin promptly
at 8.30. Tickets are not required, but a collection will be taken
at each concert to help meet the necessary expenses. The dates
of these recitals, together with the organists appearing, are as
follows:

Wednesday, February 6th—Dalton McLaughlin of Toronto.
February 13th—Ralph Downes of Princeton University.
February 20th—Ernest White of Philadelphia.
February 27th—William E. Zeuch of Boston.

THE "little blue box", as it is familiarly known, is the source
whence proceeds the mighty Thank Offering which the women
of the Church present every three years at General Convention.
One could scarcely believe that these insignificant-looking little
cardboard boxes could produce such a very large sum for the
extension of Christ's Kingdom. The explanation is to be found
in the fact that so very many women in the Church are ready to
take them and give a penny or a nickel now and then in thanks
to God for His unspeakable gift.

The United Thank Offering, which comes from the "little blue
box", is an entirely voluntary contribution from the women of the
Church. There is no obligation resting upon anyone to take one
of these boxes, or to put anything in it. Yet your Rector ventures
to think that if the women of St Mary's only knew about the
"little blue box", many more would be willing to take them than
have them now.

These boxes may be secured by women who are interested at
the conclusion of High Mass on Sunday, February 3rd. Mrs
W. W. Raymond and Mrs William C. Dickey will be in the back
of the church to give out the mite boxes and to take the names of
any women who are interested. Put the box on your mantel, on
the dining-room table, or on your bureau. Now and then put in
a penny or two. You will be surprised at the result.

ADVANCE notice is hereby given that a mission study class
under the auspices of the parish branch of the Woman's
Auxiliary, and conducted by Deaconess Woodward will be held
in St Joseph's Hall on the Fridays in Lent, March 8th, 15th,
22nd, 29th and on April 5th. The hour is 10.45. The subject
this year is the work of the Church in Japan, a subject which
should be of special interest to us at St Mary's because of the
recent opening of a house of the Fathers of the Society of St John
the Evangelist in that country. All women of the parish are cor-
dially invited to attend these classes.

THE Catholic Congress is in need of new members if its work
for the spread of the Catholic Faith is to be carried on. It is
true that the large meetings of the Congress are held only every
three years or so, but that does not mean that the work of the
Congress Committee relapses into "innocuous desuetude" in the
intervening years. Local conferences, the cycle of prayer, and the
bulletin keep the good work going. But all of these cost money,
and money is mainly secured by yearly memberships. These cost
as little as a dollar a year. The Church of St Mary the Virgin
should be largely represented in the Congress membership. The
Father Rector has appointed Miss Henrietta Boyd of 43-07 42nd
Street, Sunnyside, Long Island to receive subscriptions to the
Congress. The Congress hopes to increase its membership to ten
thousand this year. Will you help?

THE Reverend Frank S. B. Gavin, Ph.D., Th.D., LL.D.,
Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the General Theological
Seminary will preach for us at High Mass on Sunday, February
17th. He will also be our special preacher on Sunday mornings
during Lent. It is a great privilege to have Dr Gavin as special
preacher at St Mary's this winter.
BISHOP Manning has asked the clergy of the Diocese to make a special effort to have all parishes represented at the Corporate Communion for men and boys to be held at the Cathedral on the morning of Washington's Birthday, February 22nd. The celebrant will be the Bishop. Following the service a breakfast will be served. There will be addresses by Doctor Manning and Doctor Harry Woodbury Chase, Chancellor of New York University. The Corporate Communion is held under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St Andrew. We hope St Mary's will be adequately represented. Those who plan to go should send their names without delay to Mr William C. Dickey, 123 East 53rd Street. Men and boys please attend.

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THE Chantry Book contains the names of the faithful departed who are remembered by intention four times a year in the Chantry of our Lady of Mercy. Sometime ago we received a letter, not from a parishioner, objecting to the practice. The writer apparently was under the impression that we are engaged in the traffic in Masses for the dead, and other Mediaeval corruptions which the Church rightly repudiates. Let it be said at once that no charge is ever made for special Masses of requiem or for any other services or sacraments in this church, though as in the case of other churches, free-will offerings of the faithful are not refused. The Chantry Book, however, represents a special and inexpensive memorial in which those who wish to do so may have inscribed the names of their beloved dead for remembrance at God's altar, and for this a fee of twenty-five dollars is asked which is used for the support of the Church. We fail to see why it is thought admirable to spend twenty-five hundred dollars for an ugly monument to the departed, and extremely wicked to spend twenty-five dollars to have our loved ones' names inscribed in a book of remembrance like the Chantry Book, unless of course we disapprove altogether of prayers for the departed. But the Episcopal Church has now definitely incorporated prayers for the departed in her official liturgy.

The names are remembered usually on the last Tuesdays in the months of October, November, January and February. The 8 o'clock Mass, therefore, on February 26th will be said in the Chantry with this intention.

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At the Annual Meeting of St Mary's Guild, held on Wednesday, January 9th, the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year:

- **President** . . . . . . . . . Miss Helena D. Appleton
- **Vice-President** . . . . . . . Mrs C. T. Vogelgesang
- **Treasurer** . . . . . . . . . Mrs Newbury Frost Read
- **Recording Secretary** . . . . Mrs J. Radford English
- **Corresponding Secretary** . . . Mrs Lawrence A. Davis

The Guild is in need of many new members, and all women who sew will be most welcome at the weekly meetings, which are held every Wednesday from 10.30 A.M. to 4 P.M. Or, if unable to attend the meetings, they may help by doing work at home. Surely sewing is not a lost art. There must be some hidden talent of the kind at St Mary's. Please discover it.
FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

December 11—David Walter Fassett
16—William Granville Poling (Infant)
16—Margaret Louise Swain (Infant)
23—Olga Emily Teresa Marlin (Infant)

MARRIAGES

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

December 21—Theodore R. Prather and Evelyn Trimarco
22—David Walter Fassett and Charlotte Cloudman

BURIALS

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

December 17—Caroline Munn Peters
21—Frederick Lynch
24—Lillian Emily Dellegar Spence

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

February 2. Purification of the B.V.M. Ursula D. Arnold.
10. Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Alice Mary Simpson.
12. The Acolytes' Festival. Departed acolytes of this parish.

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

THE following contributions to AVE are gratefully acknowledged: Anonymous, $1; Miss Amy Bishop, $1; Mrs Blair, $1; Miss Eleanor Bloomfield, $2; Miss Emily Briggs, $2; Mrs B. W. Brush, $2; Mrs Charles Cammann, $10; Mrs Elliott Daingerfield, $2; Mr John T. Davis, $1; A Friend, $1; Mrs E. S. Gorham, $1; Mrs H. A. Groesbeck, $1; Mrs M. S. Haines, $2; Mrs William M. V. Hoffman, $5; Mrs W. S. Lapham, $2; Miss Margaret Matthews, $1; Major F. G. Munson, $1; Miss Marion Pigott, $1; Mr Bruce Muir Pope, $1; Miss Cornelia Sorabji, $5; Miss Marjorie Spencer, $2; Mrs John S. Sutphen, $2; Mr Everett Titcomb, $1; The Rev. Gordon Wadham, $1.

MUSIC LIST FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 2.—PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
Mass, "Missa de Angelis" .......................... Plain Chant

FEBRUARY 3.—EPHESUS IV.
Mass in C ........................................ Schubert
Motet, "Jesu flos matris virginis" ........................ Smith
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone V, with faux bourdons ................ Tallis
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux bourdons ................ Giles
Motet, "Ave verum" ........................ Mégemont

FEBRUARY 10.—EPHESUS V.
Mass in D (The Imperial) ................................ Haydn
Motet, "O salutaris" ................................ Haydn
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VI, with faux bourdons ................ Tomkins
Nunc dimittis, Tone VI, with faux bourdons ................ Tomkins
Motet, "O bone Jesu" ................................ Bai

FEBRUARY 12.—ACOLOTS' FESTIVAL.
Mass in B flat ................................ Süssmayer
Motet, "Exultate Deo" ................................ Scarlatti
Motet, "O sacrum convivium" ........................ Bernardi
Tantum ergo in D (Pange lingua) ........................ Bruckner

FEBRUARY 17.—SEPTUAGESIMA.
Mass in C ........................................ Rheinberger
Motet, "Qui tollis" (Missa brevis in A)* .................... Bach
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tonus peregrinus, with faux bourdons* ........ Byrd
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux bourdons* ................. Byrd
Motet, "Ave verum" .................................. Deprès

FEBRUARY 24.—SEXAGESIMA.
Mass, "Messe solennelle" ................................ Franck
Motet, "Insanae et vanae curae" ........................ Haydn
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VI, with faux bourdons ................ Tallis
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux bourdons ................ Tallis
Motet, "Jesu dulcis memoria" ........................ Victoria

* First time.
KALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY, 1935

1. F. St Ignatius, B.M. Com. of St Bridget, V. Abstinence.
2. Sa. PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. (Candlemas.)
3. Su. EPIPHANY IV. Com. of St Blasius, B.M.
4. M. St Gilbert, Ab. C.
5. Tu. St Agatha, V.M.
6. W. Feria. Station day in Cycle of Prayer. Solemn Exposition from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
10. Su. EPIPHANY V. Com. of St Scholastica, V.
14. Th. St Valentine, Priest, M.
17. Su. SEPTUAGESIMA.
22. F. St Joseph of Arimathea, C. Abstinence.
24. Su. SEXAGESIMA. (St Matthias is transferred.)
25. M. ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE. (From February 24th.)
27. W. Feria.

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.

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, Votive Mass for Missions, 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 11:15 a.m. Father Otis, Chaplain.

THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY.—Meetings every second Thursday evening (St Joseph's Hall) 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.
DEVOCNAL 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.


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.

SERVICES

Sundays

Low Mass ........................................ 7 and 8 a.m.
Sung Mass, with address .......................... 9 a.m.
Low Mass ........................................ 10 a.m.
Matins ........................................... 10:30 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon ......................... 11 a.m.
Evensong and Benediction, with instruction . 8 p.m.

Week Days

Mass, daily ..................................... 7, 8 and 9:30 a.m.
Also on Holy Days of Obligation . 6 a.m. and 12:10 noon
Children's Mass and Catechism, Saturdays ... 9:30 a.m.
Matins ........................................... 9 a.m.
Vespers ......................................... 6 p.m.
Holy Hour, Saturdays ......................... 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 Fridays ............................ 9:15 to 1 and 2 to 5
Saturdays ....................................... 9:15 to 1
Closed on legal holidays.
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.