A MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN NEW YORK
ENT to some people means another opportunity to advance spiritually, growing in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. To others it means a time when we are obliged to go to more trouble on account of the rules of the Church in regard to fasting and abstinence. The second class of Christians are not held in high esteem by many. Actually, however, where there is true love there is always a real sense of obligation. Quite frequently we do what we should for the love of doing it, or for other reasons which make us forgetful of what our conscience would tell us if we did not have these reasons. Of course we should cultivate a spirit of joy and eagerness to show our love and personal devotion to Christ. If, despite earnest effort, God does not grant us spiritual sweetness, we should remember that God keeps those waiting whom he intends to reward the most if they will persevere. The time that we should really be concerned about ourselves is when we feel no sense of obligation when it is inconvenient or unpleasant to do what the Church asks of us.

The forty week-days preceding Easter are days of fasting and abstinence according to the Book of Common Prayer. By ecclesiastical authority, however, the days of abstinence are reduced to the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent (also Ember Saturday). That means that no meat may be eaten on those days. The entire forty days are days of fasting. That means we should definitely eat less than we ordinarily do unless our health requires otherwise. One should consult his spiritual advisor in case of doubt.

Let us each endeavor to make this a good Lent and try to offer something to our Lord which involves definite self giving. While
it is necessary for us to know the minimum which we are asked to do, we may well be ashamed if we stop with that. The many spiritual privileges offered at St Mary's are for each and every one. Surely God will bless those who draw nigh to him in loving devotion.

During Lent, in addition to the usual winter schedule of services at St Mary's, we have the noon-day Mass at 12.10 followed by a ten-minute address six days each week. Some are able to come only for the Mass. We understand the circumstances under which New Yorkers work in regard to hours. Please feel free to come as much of this service as is possible. The two exceptions in regard to the time of the addresses are Ash Wednesday, when it occurs before the Mass and April 4th, the Quiet Day for Women, when the retreat conductor will give one of the scheduled meditations after the noon-day Mass. The names of the preachers and the subjects to be taken up at these ten-minute addresses during Lent are as follows:

NOON-DAY PREACHING

Wednesday, February 26th to Saturday, February 29—The Father Rector—“The Cardinal Virtues”

February 26.—Temperance.
" 27.—Prudence.
" 28.—Justice.
" 29.—Fortitude.

March 2nd-7th—Father Banner, S.S.J.E.—“The Precepts of the Church”

March 2.—On hearing Mass.
" 3.—Abstinence and Fasting.
" 4.—The Sacrament of Penance.
" 5.—On Communion.
" 6.—On Almsgiving.
" 7.—On Holy Matrimony.

March 9th-14th—Father Otis, S.S.J.E.—“Some Passiontide Parables”

March 9.—The Pounds.
" 10.—The Two Sons.
" 11.—The Vineyard.
" 12.—The Wedding Feast.
" 13.—The Ten Virgins.
" 14.—The Talents.

March 16th-21st—The Father Rector.—“Paths to Christ”

" 17.—The Way of the Bible.
" 18.—The Way of the Cross.
" 19.—The Way of Communion.
" 20.—The Way of the Mystical Body.
" 21.—The Way of the Sacramental Body.

March 23rd-28th—Father Banner, S.S.J.E.—“Confirmation”

March 23.—Confirmation in the Early Church.
" 24.—Confirmation in Eastern Christendom.
" 25.—Confirmation in Western Christendom.
" 26.—The Matter and Form of Confirmation.
" 27.—Sacramental Grace Given in Confirmation.
" 28.—Sacramental Character Given in Confirmation.

March 30th-April 3rd—Father Otis, S.S.J.E.—“The Sorrowful Mysteries”

March 30.—The Agony of Gethsemane.
" 31.—The Scourging.
April 1.—The Crowning with Thorns.
" 2.—The Carrying of the Cross.
" 3.—The Death Upon the Cross.

April 6th-8th—Father Banner, S.S.J.E.—“True Repentance”

April 6.—Contrition.
" 7.—Confession.
" 8.—Satisfaction.

The Father Rector will be the preacher at High Mass on the Sundays in Lent, except on Palm Sunday when there is to be no sermon. He will preach on the Lord’s Prayer:

March 1.—Our Father.
" 8.—Hallowed be thy Name.
" 15.—Give us this day our daily bread.
" 22.—Forgive us our trespasses.
" 29.—Lead us not into temptation.

On Sunday evenings during Lent Father Otis will give a series of short instructions entitled “The Support of the Catholic Life”. The topics for these addresses are as follows:

March 1.—Faith.
" 8.—Prayer.
" 15.—The Eucharist—The Sacrifice.
" 22.—The Eucharist—The Holy Communion.
" 29.—The Sacrament of Penance.
April 5.—Our Protectors in Heaven.
THE Stations of the Cross, properly used, make very personal and real the events of Good Friday. To pause before each Station in turn and think about what is portrayed makes one wish to pray more earnestly. During Lent the Stations will be recited publicly in this church on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. with no address, and on Fridays at 8 p.m. when a brief address and Benediction will follow. [The one exception to this is March 27th when Confirmation will be administered.] The preacher on these Friday evenings will be the Reverend William Osborne Baker who has been so helpful to us on Sundays and on the greater festivals this winter. The subjects chosen for this series, under the general title “Our Five Sorrowful Mysteries,” are:

February 28.—The Agony (Our Fears).
March 6.—The Scourging (Our Sorrows).
13.—The Crowning with Thorns (Our Doubts).
20.—The Bearing the Cross (Our Temptations).
April 3.—The Crucifixion (Our Death).

Father Otis will give the address at the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday evening. *

RETREATS and quiet times for prayer and recollection should mean much in one’s spiritual life. One may find spiritual sweetness and joy in making a retreat or one may not. It is certain, in any case, that God will bless and strengthen those who do draw apart from the world to hear his voice.

The three retreats to be held at Saint Mary’s during Lent are as follows:

Quiet Afternoon for Nurses.
Sunday, March 8th.
Conductor: The Reverend Father Otis, S.S.J.E.

Quiet Evening for the Guilds of St Mary of the Cross and St Mary of Nazareth.
Wednesday, March 11th.
Conductor: The Reverend Father Williams, S.S.J.E.

Quiet Day for Women.
Saturday, April 4th.
Conductor: The Reverend Father Burton, Superior, S.S.J.E.

Further particulars of these retreats will be found in the Lenten Service List which is being mailed with this number of AVE.

In addition to the above, two week-end retreats for men are to be held at St Mary’s Retreat House, 407 West 34th Street, New York. The dates for these retreats are:

First Sunday in Lent. Saturday to Monday, February 29th to March 2nd.
Conductor: The Reverend Charles Townsend, Jr., Rector of St Stephen’s Church, Providence, Rhode Island.

Passion Sunday. Saturday to Monday, March 28th to 30th.

BISHOP Manning has appointed Friday, March the 27th at 8 p.m. as the time for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be administered in this parish. In preparation for the reception of this sacrament nine lectures are being given in the Lady Chapel on Monday evenings at 8.15. The remaining lectures with their dates are as follows:

March 2.—The Sacraments . . . . . . . The Father Rector
9.—The Sacraments . . . . . . . . . Father Otis, S.S.J.E.
16.—Christian Morality . . . . . . Father Banner, S.S.J.E.
23.—Christian Living . . . . . . . . . The Father Rector

MORIEXPENSIVE tracts and books of instruction and for devotional use than those that are to be found on the tract table may be secured after High Mass on Sundays at that table, or in the office of the Parish Secretary on week-days. Those who are being prepared for Confirmation will find the following of especial interest:

“A Handbook of Christian Religion”. By the Rev. H. B. Young @ 35¢.
“Our Mother’s Voice”. By the Rev. G. R. Oakley, @ 35¢.

Those desiring a better understanding of what the priest does and says at a Low Mass will find The Holy Eucharist, by the Reverend J. A. Velasco (price 50¢) very instructive. Most of the week-day Masses said in Lent do not have propers provided in the Book of Common Prayer. There is a book called The Masses of Lent which contains the propers, if one wishes to follow the daily liturgy at the altar. This book is also priced at 50¢.
The Parish Lending Library in the Mission House has many worthwhile books which members of the parish may borrow by application to the Sisters. Other books especially suited for Lenten reading which may be had at the tract table include:

"Prayer". By the Right Reverend Arthur Chandler, D.D. @ 35.  
"The Five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Passion". By the Reverend F. Biggart, C.R. @ 35.  
"Things Which Belong to Our Peace". By the Reverend Kenneth Martin @ 35.  
"The Return to God". By the Reverend Bede Frost @ 35.  
"The English Holy Week Book". @ 60.  
"Revolution, Christian or Pagan"? By the Reverend Gabriel Gillett, @ 35.  
"After Confirmation, What"? By Bishop Thomas F. Davies. @ 35.

SHROVE Tuesday occurs this year on February 25th. As its name indicates, this is the traditional day for good Catholics to be shriven—or, in other words, to receive God's forgiveness in his appointed way after making a good sacramental confession. Priests will be in the church at the following times to hear the confessions of those who wish to take the best possible means to prepare for a good Lent:

11 to 1—Fathers Otis, Banner and Peabody.  
3 to 5—Fathers Williams, Banner and Peabody.  
7 to 9—Fathers Williams, Otis and Peabody.

ON Ash Wednesday, Masses will be at 7, 8, 9.30, 11 (High) and 12.10. Imposition of ashes will be given before each of the Masses, after the Stations of the Cross in the afternoon and at the eight o'clock evening service. The sermon will be preached immediately after the High Mass and will conclude before the 12.10 Mass.

CHANTRY Masses in March will be on Tuesday the 3rd at 8 a.m., Tuesday the 10th at 7 a.m., Monday the 16th at 8 a.m., and Monday the 23rd at 9.30 a.m. If you wish any of your faithful departed remembered please send the name in by letter or by giving a note to the sexton.

TENEBRAE will not be sung in the church this year owing to the continued illness of our Director of Music, Mr Raymond Nold. On Good Friday the Stations of the Cross will be recited publicly in the church at 8 p.m. and Father Otis will preach.

THE First Sunday in Lent, March 1st, has been assigned for a corporate communion by the Forward Movement Commission. The Forward Movement in the Church has come to mean a great deal to many of our people in this country. Some of you may have seen some of the devotional material sponsored by the leaders of this Movement. That, however, is only one phase of the work being done. The leadership of the Forward Movement is vested in a commission of about fifty persons who are endeavoring to arouse as many individuals as possible to take a more active part in the work of the Church. This work has been well defined by the Reverend Canon Gilbert P. Symons in the following words:

We are acutely aware of the work awaiting the Church. It falls into two classes: (1) Redemptive, (2) Creative.

(1) Whether we think of his body, mind, soul, or social condition, man stands in need of redemption. The sick body, the ignorant mind, the sin-burdened soul, the maladjusted society—all appeal to the heart of the Church for attention. And they shall not be denied.

(2) Beyond the mercy work of the Church, lies the Land of Promise. While some forces are battling with the powers of evil, others must be pioneering into the fields of health, discovering new truths and restating old truth, training new-born souls for sainthood, planning to take part in a better social order.
All this constitutes a campaign of the highest order—the campaign of the coming of the Kingdom of God. But before campaigns begin—and while they are in progress—Field Marshals cry, “Give us men!” Plans must be inspired, but only inspired men can carry them through. That is why the Church insists that we must satisfy the demands of Discipleship, first, last, and all the time. It is not our invention. It is our Lord’s own plan of enlisting men for the work of the Kingdom. He calls to us, saying “Follow Me.”

The Forward Movement is asking all our communicants to make a special effort for a Church-Wide Corporate Communion on the First Sunday in Lent. What a splendid way for all of us to enter upon this holy season. Let all the communicants of St Mary’s who can possibly do so receive the Blessed Sacrament on the First Sunday in Lent.

MONEY IS SPIRITUAL IF WE ARE

"There are those who apologize for having to mention money in connection with the work of the Church. It seems to me they proceed upon a wrong theory as to what money really is. It is just what those who have it are. If we are spiritual then it is, for money is just ourselves in another and more usable form. It is the sum and result of all we are. We give ourselves, all we are if we are honest, to that particular form of work through which we serve mankind and receive in return what we call money, a token, but our very life blood at that. In the highest act of worship we have, that of the Holy Communion, we plead the sacrifice of our Lord. In the very next breath we plead another sacrifice of ours—our souls and bodies—and offer as an earnest of our souls and bodies, money. It is the only thing ever allowed to keep company on the altar with the Body and Blood of Christ and carries with it the complete surrender of our souls and bodies for which it stands; we associate ourselves in sacrifice with our Lord; we mean to match His with ours. I shall not dwell upon the terrible sacrilege involved for the most part, which is the cause of all our trouble and distress; but let no one be mistaken as to the spiritual character which our money bears, if we will have it so.”

—BISHOP MITCHELL.

CORPORATE Communion for the month of March are announced as follows:

- **Sunday, March 1st, 9 a.m.** The Parish, The Church School, Guild of St Mary of the Cross, Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.
- **Monday, March 2nd, 8 a.m.** Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity (Mission House).
- **Tuesday, March 3rd, 7:30 a.m.** Tertiaries of the Order of St Francis (Lady Chapel).
- **Wednesday, March 4th, 9:30 a.m.** Associates of the Community of St Mary (Lady Chapel).
- **Sunday, March 8th, 9 a.m.** Knights of St Mary.
- **Wednesday, March 11th, 9:30 a.m.** St Mary’s Guild.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

**MARRIAGES**

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


**BURIALS**

"Grant them, 0 Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them."

January 4. Warreta Atlanta Selden.


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


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, $1; Mrs M. Durham, $1; Miss Fanning, $1; A Friend, $5; Mr F. K. Langford, $1; Mrs R. D. Lewis, $1; Mrs W. G. Lewis, $2; Mr C. C. Marshall, $5; Mr C. W. Petty, $1; Mr M. F. Pfau, $1; Miss Edith Saunders, $2; Miss M. M. Spencer, $2; Mr W. L. Stout, $2; Mrs W. R. Gilbo, $1.

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**MUSIC LIST FOR MARCH**

**MARCH 1.—LENT I.**

| Mass, “Missa Il bianco e dolce cigno” | Bernardi |
| Evensong: | Turn our captivity | Byrd |

**MARCH 3.—LENT II.**

| Mass, “Missa brevis” | Palestrina |
| Evensong: | Vere languores | Victoria |

**MARCH 15.—LENT III.**

| Mass, “Missa O quam gloriosum”* | Victoria |
| Evensong: | Adoramus te, Christe* | Handl |

**MARCH 22.—LENT IV.**

| Mass, “Missa Missericordias Domini” | Rheinberger |
| Evensong: | Crux fidelis | Roger-Ducasse |

**MARCH 29.—PASSION SUNDAY.**

| Mass in C | Henschel |
| Evensong: | O vos omnes | Victoria |

*First time.
KALENDAR FOR MARCH, 1936

1. Su. LENT I. Com. of St David, B.C.
2. M. St Chad, B.C. Fast.
8. Su. LENT II. Quiet Afternoon for Nurses.
15. Su. LENT III.
22. Su. LENT IV.
27. F. Feria. Fast and Abstinence.
29. Su. PASSION SUNDAY.

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

SERVICES IN LENT

SUNDAYS

Low Mass . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7 and 8 a.m.
Sung Mass, with address . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9 a.m.
Low Mass (except on Palm Sunday) . . . . . . . 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.
Mass, with short address, daily . . . . . . . . . 12:10 p.m.
Children's Mass and catechism, Saturdays . . . . . 9:30 a.m.
Matins . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9 a.m.
Evensong . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6 p.m.

EVENING SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Confirmation instructions, March 2, 9, 16, 23 . . . 8.15 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Wednesdays . . . . . . . . 4 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, with sermon and Benediction, Fridays . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 p.m.
Holy Hour and Benediction, 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.

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 a.m. Evening meetings, alternate months, 8:15 p.m. Father Otis, Chaplain.

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, and for the missions in Bracebridge, Ontario, conducted by the Society of St John the Evangelist and the Sisters of St Margaret. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Monthly devotional meeting, third Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, first Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Otis, Chaplain.

Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.—For Young Women. Sewing and Games, Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Corporate Communion, first Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Otis, Chaplain.

Guild of Help.—For forwarding the social service work of the Church. 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. Corporate Communion, the Sunday after the first Thursday, 9 a.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


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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