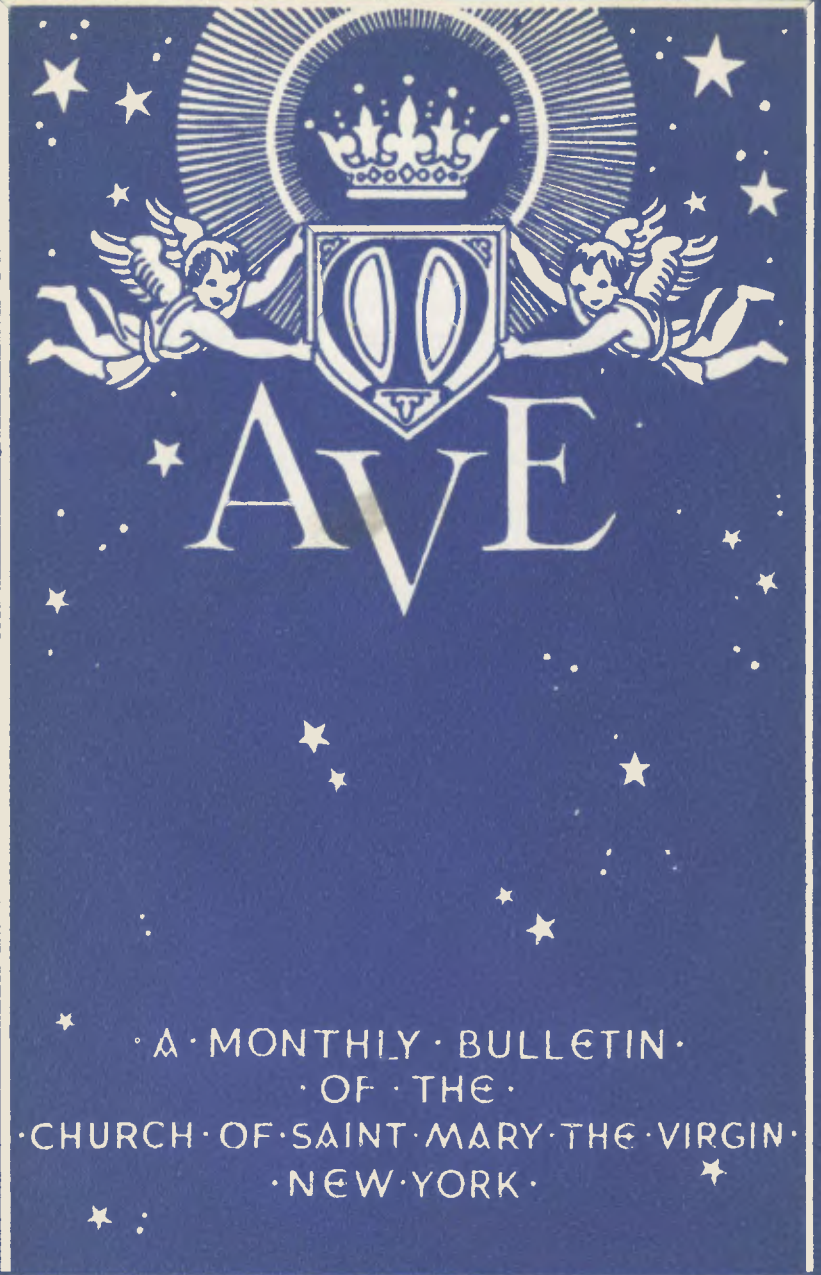
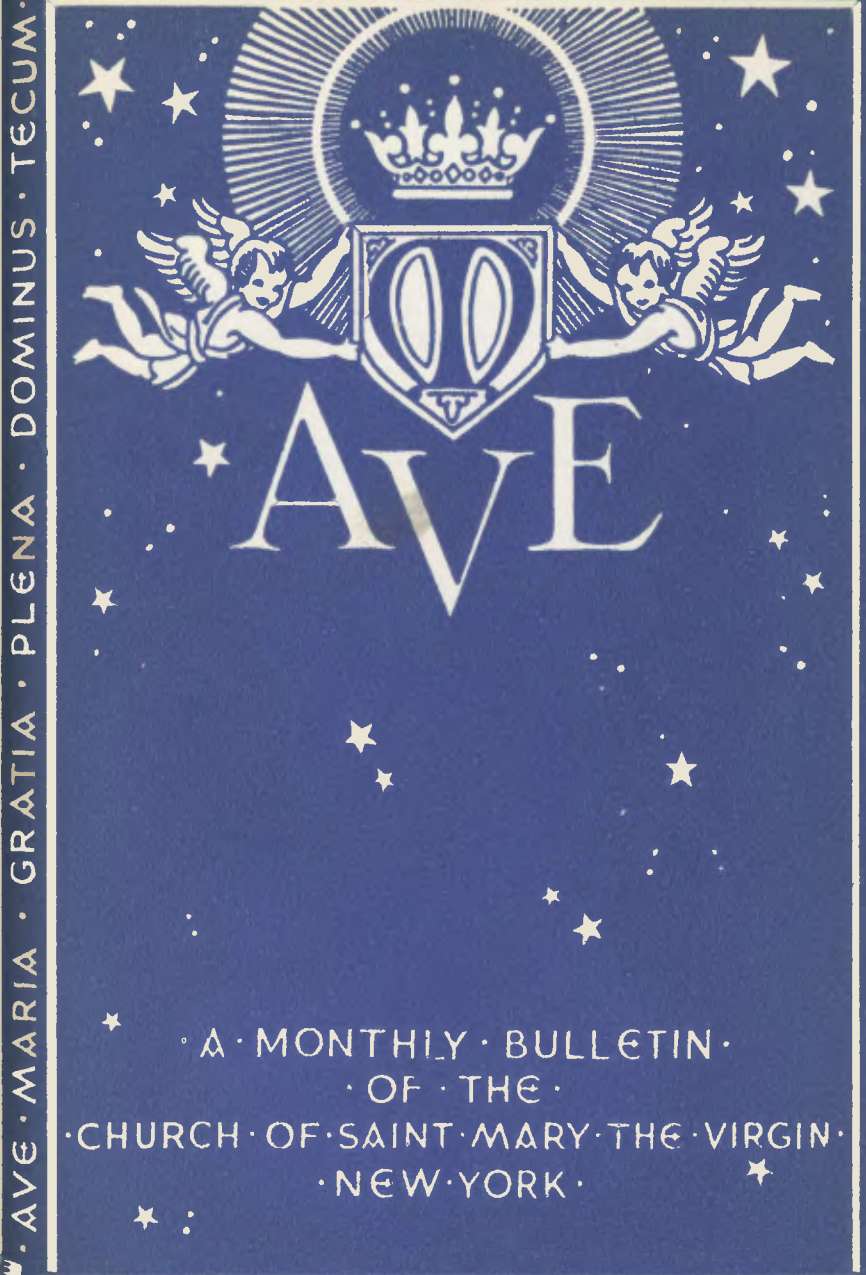


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THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

WITH the approach of the end of the year it again becomes my painful duty to write about finance. No one wishes more than I that the whole subject might be dropped altogether, and that every parish priest might be free to approach his flock as a friend, pastor, and spiritual advisor, rather than as a collecting agent. The hard fact remains that a parish costs money to run; that unless the money comes in all the parish activities — including the spiritual — must cease; and that (apparently) no one but the Rector and he (metaphorically at least) on bended knee can obtain the necessary funds for carrying on the work of Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

The most important single item in meeting our parish budget consists in the systematic pledges of members and friends of our parish. At the present time, I am happy to say, we have more regular pledges for parish support than at any time in the past. There are (or were according to the last report of our Treasurer), 377 persons pledging a regular amount each week to the support of St Mary's. Some of these pledges come from the head of a family, and assuming therefore that each single pledge actually stands for giving by two communicants of the parish we find that 754 of our communicants are accounted for. But this is a liberal estimate, and we must not forget that there are nearly 1200 com-

municants of St Mary's. Where are the rest? Won't they come to life?

Dear reader, if you are one of those who does not pledge to the support of your church, may I beg you to do so during the year 1937.

Another strange phenomenon. The Treasurer reported at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, that on some twenty-five pledges made to the Church for 1936, not one cent had been paid. This is mystery indeed. It is always possible, of course, that some unforeseen financial difficulty may make it impossible to keep up a pledge, — may require its complete abandonment, or a reduction of the amount. In such cases a mere word to that effect made to the Treasurer or the Rector is understood and an adjustment is made at once. The Church is no Shylock seeking its pound of flesh. But pledges are made in December. Is it conceivable that any circumstances could arise between the end and the beginning of the year, which would make it impossible to pay *anything* on a pledge? Would it not be possible at least to write and explain the intention to pay *nothing*? Pledges made and not paid are of no assistance to the parish, rather a liability.

I beg all our readers to support the parish with a regular pledge during the coming year. And I ask everyone to pledge to the church *at least one dollar* a Sunday, if it is possible to do so. In some cases I know that that is impossible, and in all such cases smaller pledges are a real help. God does not expect the impossible. Let each one do what he can. But in many cases where people cry 'impossible,' second and soberer thought will convince them that they can give a dollar a week to the church if they wish to do so. How much, per week, do you spend on the theatre, the movies, candy, tobacco, clubs and other pleasant but unnecessary things? Can the church mean so little to you that you "economize" on your religious giving?

Besides the parish, there is the general missionary work of the Church to be kept in mind. Only 234 persons pledged on the

"red side" of the card (for the support of the Church's work) during the past year. This is nothing to be proud of. Let's do better this year. A Catholic parish should believe in missions, and demonstrate that fact.

Shortly after AVE arrives I expect to send you a letter on the subject of finances for the coming year, accompanied by a pledge card. We face, for the current year, a deficit of some five thousand dollars. We cannot continue to go on this way with mounting deficits any longer. If you are better off this Christmas than last, you ought to help your church to be better off too. Please return your pledge card promptly to me, and try to be really generous to God and to your parish.

Our patronal festival on December eighth marks the sixty-eighth anniversary of the Church of St Mary the Virgin. We shall celebrate the day itself by a High Mass, and on the Sunday following we shall observe our anniversary with a solemn procession preceding the High Mass. As the years pass we believe and hope that St Mary's grows stronger in that supernatural strength derived from the Catholic religion which has been practised and taught here from the beginning and will, please God, be practised and taught here for many years to come. The Conception of the Blessed Virgin is for us, especially, a high, holy day. All our faithful people should attend Mass that day without fail. And let all who can do so make their communions either on that day or on the Sunday following, praying God to bless and prosper the life and work of this Catholic shrine dedicated to the holy Mother of our Lord.

The month of December closes with the glad festivities connected with the Feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Lord. May this be for all of us, the happiest, holiest, merriest Christmas we have known for some years. The dark days of the depression are passing behind us. A brighter dawn is breaking. And although difficulties and sorrows and trials can never be avoided altogether in this life — what Christian soldier would wish to avoid them

altogether?—Christmas assures us that in spite of difficulty all is well. Here is the absolute assurance of peace to men of good will. For:—

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. And the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

God bless us every one, and grant us a truly Merry Christmas!

Affectionately your Rector,

*Granville Merce Williams, S.J. C.*

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THE Guild of Help is a parish organization composed of women who are interested in assisting the important social service agencies and activities of our Church. The first meeting of the season will be held at the residence of Mrs William C. Dickey, 123 East 53rd Street, New York City on Thursday, December third at four p.m. Miss Marguerite Marsh, Executive Secretary of the Church Mission of Help, Diocese of New York, will bring a message from this organization which is doing so much to encourage and help young women and girls. The Father Rector expects to be present at this meeting. He has hopes that the activities of the Guild may be broadened to provide opportunity for direct social service work for those interested in undertaking this. The meeting will be followed by afternoon tea.

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THE Guild of the Living Rosary of our Lady and St Dominic will hold their monthly devotional meeting in the Lady Chapel, December fourth at 8:15 p.m. The devotional meeting will be followed by a social one in St Joseph's Hall. Father Eckman is the chaplain of the Guild.

OUR Patronal festival, the feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Tuesday, December eighth. It marks the sixty-eighth anniversary of our parish, and a holy day of obligation when all our people should attend Mass without fail, and, if possible, also receive Holy Communion. In addition to the ordinary Low Masses at 7, 8 and 9.30, there will be extra Low Masses at 6 a.m. and at 12.10 noon. High Mass will be sung at 11 o'clock, the preacher being the Reverend Gordon B. Wadhams, Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, New York City.

On the Sunday within the Octave, December thirteenth, being the Third Sunday in Advent, there will be a solemn procession before the High Mass. The Father Rector will preach. Solemn Evensong and Benediction will be sung at 8 p.m. with an address by Father Hoffman.

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SOME members of the devotional guilds of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and the Guild of All Souls have expressed a wish that meetings of these Guilds might be held from time to time, in order to heighten interest in the Guilds and to build up the spirit of fellowship within them. While the main purpose of these Guilds is devotional — intercessory prayer — it does seem as though it might be desirable to have, also, some more outward expression of the life of their members. A Catholic parish, like St Mary's, stands very especially for the honor due to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and for prayer for the faithful departed in Christ. We hope, therefore, that as many members of St Mary's wards of these organizations as can do so will come to the devotional meeting to be held in the Lady Chapel on Thursday evening, December tenth at 8.15 o'clock. Father Eckman, the Chaplain of the Guilds will be present and give a brief address. Afterwards the members will adjourn to St Joseph's Hall where means will be discussed of making these organizations more vital in our parish life.

**R**ELIGIOUS Christmas cards, not always so easy to procure in these days of the secularization of Christmas, are for sale in the Mission House of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity, 133 West 46th Street. In addition copies of the Churchman's Ordo Kalendar, containing a complete Kalendar, not only of the greater feasts of the year, but also of the lesser holy days observed in Catholic parishes, may be obtained at the office of the Parish Secretary, on the second floor of the parish house. This Kalendar, introduced for the first time last season, is attractively printed in the liturgical colors of the various festivals. It may be obtained for thirty-five cents per copy, and will make a welcome and attractive Christmas remembrance for Church friends.

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**T**HE December meeting of the parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be an evening one. It will be held in St Joseph's Hall on Friday, the eleventh at 8:15 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs F. Courtney Stone, whose subject will be the scope of the Auxiliary's work and its missionary aim. These evening meetings of the Auxiliary have been specially planned to make possible the attendance of women who for business or other reasons cannot attend the morning meetings. Meetings are now held in alternate months in the morning and evening, with the thought of securing the maximum of attendance and interest. Every woman in the Church, by virtue of her baptism, is a member of the Auxiliary, but not as many take an active interest in its work as your Rector desires, or as its worth deserves. Here is an opportunity for those who have formerly held aloof to come and learn more of the splendid work being done by the organization. We hope that many of our women will be on hand to hear Mrs Stone.

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**T**HE Guild of St Catherine of Genoa for graduate and student nurses will hold its December meeting on Sunday, the thirteenth at 5.45 p.m. After a brief devotional service in the Lady Chapel

with an address by Father Eckman, the nurses will adjourn to the Sisters' Mission House for tea, and social intercourse. This Guild, established by Father Dale and Sister Mary Virginia, some four years ago, is not confined to members of our parish, but rather seeks to draw all Church nurses who care to come to its meetings into a fellowship of mutual prayer and friendliness.

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**W**HY not give a Christmas present to the Church? We are not now referring to your Christmas money offering, but to the possibility of your being willing to contribute to buy some vestments which are sorely needed. Miss Appleton, the president of St Mary's Guild reports that some new preaching stoles are needed at once, also some linen girdles for use at Mass.

Stoles are needed in the liturgical colors of white, red, green and purple. These, with simple embroidery cost from \$10.50 to \$18.00 each. Six linen girdles are required. These cost \$5.50 each. Please pick out your gift and send the money at once to Miss H. D. Appleton at the Hotel Seville, Madison Avenue and Twenty-Ninth Street, New York City, so that your package may be ready for St Mary's Christmas Tree.

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**O**UR friends who have radios may like to do some "listening-in" on the afternoon of Friday, December eighteenth, when the National Broadcasting Company plans to put "on the air" the annual "Boar's Head and Yule Log" of Hoosac School. This joyous and beautiful Christmas pageant was gradually built up during the years that the Reverend Edward Dudley Tibbetts was Rector of the School. All who have been privileged to attend any of these celebrations know the unique old-world flavor of Christmas which they convey. Now, the radio makes possible a larger audience for the pageant. Tune in on the Red Network, headed by station WEAf in New York on Friday the eighteenth from 4 to 5 and you will not be disappointed. Hoosac continues to carry on the fine Catholic Traditions established under Dr Tib-

bitts. Father Whitcomb, the present Rector, is building up a boys' School of which the Church may well be proud.

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WE are sending out with this number of AVE a leaflet containing a complete list of retreats and quiet days to be given at St Mary's during the coming season. While the women's retreats are usually all well attended, we have been somewhat disappointed by the showing our men have made at the annual quiet day announced for them. This year, therefore, we are planning to have only a brief "quiet evening" for men on Saturday, February twenty-seventh. The Father Rector will be the conductor. We are hoping that some of our men who may have felt some reluctance to committing themselves for a longer retreat, may be willing to "try out" this shorter "quiet evening." We feel sure that those who do so will feel well repaid for having come to this brief retreat and quiet time with God. It begins at 5 p.m. and will be over by 8.30. We are calling attention to this thus far in advance that our men may reserve the date now, and plan to be there.

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WITH the thought of preparation for the coming Christmas festival especially in view, a day of retreat for women will be conducted by the Father Rector in the church on Saturday, December nineteenth. The retreat Mass will be at 8 a.m. Breakfast in St Joseph's Hall will follow, and the addresses will be given at 10.30, 12.30 and 2.30. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the last address. Luncheon as well as breakfast will be served to those who indicate their intention of coming by notifying the Sister-in-Charge at the Mission House, 133 West 46th Street, New York City. Such notifications should reach her at least three days before the Retreat.

In past years a great deal of difficulty has been caused by women who have not bothered to notify the Sister, presenting themselves for meals. This causes great confusion, and might

cause serious embarrassment. Please be thoughtful and courteous enough to notify Sister Mary Virginia *beforehand* of your intention of being present at the Advent Retreat.

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DECEMBER nineteenth marks the anniversary of the death of Thomas McKee Brown, the beloved Rector and Founder of this Church of St Mary the Virgin. As the years pass, the courage and vision of Father Brown in starting this sanctuary of Catholic worship, appears more and more remarkable. Many of the practices for which he, and other pioneers of the Catholic revival, stood almost single-handed in those early days have now become the generally-accepted norm of the Episcopal Church in this country. There is still, of course, much dislike and suspicion of the Catholic religion on the part of those who know of it only by hearsay; there is still much to be accomplished. But it becomes clearer day by day how much the whole Church, and not only this parish, owes to the vision of men like Father Brown. And so, though the number of those who knew this great priest in the flesh grows smaller with the passing years, the number of those who rise up and call him blessed should daily increase. Father Brown will be remembered in this his parish by a sung Mass of Requiem at 9.30 on the anniversary of his death. It will be offered at the High Altar.

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SACRAMENTAL confession as a part of the preparation for Christmas communion is taken for granted by all instructed Catholics. Priests will be on hand on Wednesday, December twenty-third and Thursday, December twenty-fourth between the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to hear the confessions of the faithful. The full schedule follows:—

Wednesday, December 23:

11 to 1, Fathers Williams and Peabody; 3 to 6, Fathers Hoffman, Eckman and Peabody; 7 to 9, Fathers Williams and Hoffman.

Thursday, December 24:

11 to 1, Fathers Hoffman and Eckman; 3 to 6, Fathers Williams, Eckman and Peabody; 7 to 9, Fathers Hoffman, Eckman and Peabody.

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**T**HIS copy of AVE contains the envelope for your Christmas offering. At the present writing our parish faces a deficit on the yearly budget of about five thousand dollars. Only some extra gifts, and those generous ones, can keep us from "going into the hole" — not a pleasant prospect for Christmas. Perhaps you may receive, as a Christmas gift, some unexpected money — a bonus, a dividend, or some other sum you did not expect. If so, why not share it with your Church and help thus to give those responsible for running the parish a truly Merry Christmas.

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**O**UR Christmas services will be ushered in by Vespers sung in the church on Christmas Eve, Thursday the twenty-fourth at 6 p.m. Vespers will be followed by Benediction. At nine o'clock the church will be closed for two hours, the doors on Forty-Sixth Street being reopened at eleven for the Midnight Mass. Admission to this Mass will be by ticket only, as noted below. On Christmas morning there will be Masses at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 — all for Communion. The nine o'clock Mass will be a Missa Cantata. High Mass will be sung at eleven o'clock on Christmas morning and the Father Rector will deliver a brief Christmas message. The final service on Christmas Day will be a Low Mass at 12.10 p.m., after which the church will be closed for the balance of the day. It is gravely sinful to miss Mass on Christmas Day, and we hope that no one will do so, with the many opportunities provided. If possible, every communicant should receive Holy Communion on the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord.

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**T**ICKETS for the Midnight Mass of Christmas will be ready for distribution on and after December tenth. Applications may be made at once for such tickets to the Parish Secretary, 145

West 46th Street, New York. A separate ticket is required for each person desiring to attend the Mass. It is necessary to enforce the rule about tickets in order to exclude from this solemn service of worship mere curiosity seekers and Christmas Eve revellers. If you are planning to receive Holy Communion at midnight, please remember this fact and try to preserve the proper devotional atmosphere during the preceding evening.

If preferred, applications for tickets may be made in person to the Parish Secretary. Those writing for tickets should enclose a stamped and self-addressed envelope.

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**T**HE usual Friday abstinence from flesh-meat is dispensed on Christmas Day, and on the Feast of the Circumcision (New Year's Day).

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**T**HE annual Christmas play to be presented by St Mary's Dramatic Society will be given in St Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening, December thirtieth at 8.30. The title of the play will be announced later, but it will be religious in character and have to do with the holy mystery of Christmas. Admission to the play will be free, but a collection will be taken up towards the expenses of the production. The Society's Christmas plays in previous years have been unusually beautiful, and we have every reason to believe that this year's production will not fall below the standards already set.

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**S**UNDAY, December twenty-seventh is the feast of St John the Evangelist, patron saint of the Society of St John the Evangelist (The Cowley Fathers). There will be a corporate communion for members of the Fellowship of St John and Associates of the Society at the eight o'clock Mass on that Sunday. The sermon at the eleven o'clock High Mass will be preached by the Father Rector. The Mass will be preceded by a Solemn Procession.

**S**T MARY'S Retreat House at 407 West 34th Street, New York City is conducted by the Sisters of the Community of St Mary whose Mother House is at Peekskill, New York. It offers a number of opportunities during the year for women who desire to do so to make week-end and other brief retreats. This season the Sisters are providing also some single quiet days for those who cannot get away for longer periods. The longer retreats begin at five o'clock in the afternoon and conclude with breakfast on the second morning. The fee for these retreats is three dollars. The quiet days begin at 9 a.m. and run until 5 p.m. Any women wishing to attend any of these retreats or quiet days should notify the Sister Superior at the Retreat House at least one week in advance. The schedule for the balance of the season is as follows:—

Quiet Day, Saturday, December 5th. Conductor, The Rev. Harold F. Hohly, Rector of Christ Church, Bronxville.

Retreat, Thursday to Saturday, December 10th to 12th. Conductor, The Reverend Wallace E. Conkling, Rector of St Luke's Church Germantown, Philadelphia.

Retreat, Saturday to Monday, January 16th to 18th. Conductor, The Rev. Leicester C. Lewis, S.T.D., Rector of St Martin's-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

Retreat, Saturday to Monday, February 13th to 15th. Conductor, The Rev. Shirley C. Hughson, O.H.C., West Park, N. Y.

Retreat, Thursday to Saturday, March 18th to 20th. Conductor, The Rev. William Pitt McCune, Ph.D., Rector of St Ignatius' Church, New York City.

Quiet Day, Saturday, March 20th. Conductor, The Rev. Herbert S. Hastings of St Luke's Chapel, Trinity Parish, New York City.

Retreat, Saturday to Monday, April 10th to 12th. Conductor, The Rev. Karl Tiedemann, O.H.C., West Park, N. Y.

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**C**ORPORATE communions for the month of December are announced as follows:

Wednesday, December 2. Associates of the Community of St Mary (Lady Chapel), 9.30 a.m.

Thursday, December 3. Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity (Mission House), 8 a.m.

Sunday, December 6. The Church School, The Knights of St Mary, The Guilds of St Mary of the Cross and of St Mary of Nazareth, 9 a.m.

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

Wednesday, December 9. St Mary's Guild (Lady Chapel), 9.30 a.m.

Friday, December 11. Votive Mass for Missions (W.A.), 9.30 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 27. Fellowship of St John and Associates of the S.S.J.E., 8 a.m.

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I give, devise and bequeath the sum of.....dollars to the Society of the Free Church of St Mary the Virgin, a religious corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, and located at 139 West 46th Street, New York, New York.

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## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

## BAPTISMS

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

October 25.—Israel David Gordon (Adult)

## MARRIAGES

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

October 10.—Aram B. Iskyan and  
Alice Sarkisian

## BURIALS

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

October 22.—Anita Linda Morley

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**D**URING the Month of December the altar flowers are given  
as follows:

- December 8. Patronal Festival. In memory of Susanna and John Willis.  
December 13. Octave of Patronal Festival. In memory of Louise Picton.  
December 25. Christmas Day. (High Altar). In memory of Thomas McKee Brown, Founder and First Rector. (Lady Chapel). In memory of Haley Fiske.  
December 27. St John Evangelist. In memory of departed members of the Guild of St Vincent.

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## MUSIC LIST FOR DECEMBER

## DECEMBER 6.—ADVENT II.

MASS, "Missa *Il bianco e dolce cigno*" . . . . . *Bernardi*  
Motet, "Rorate cæli desuper" . . . . . *Palestrina*

## EVENSONG:

Magnificat, Tone I, with *faux-bourbons* . . . . . *Fayrfax*  
Nunc dimittis, Tone VII, with *faux-bourbons*  
*Unknown Edwardine Composer*  
Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" . . . . . *Perti*

## DECEMBER 8.—CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

MASS in E minor . . . . . *Bruckner*  
Motet, "Beata es, virgo Maria" . . . . . *Gabrieli*

## DECEMBER 13.—ADVENT III. (In Octave of the Conception, B.V.M.)

MASS in C. . . . . *Schubert*  
Motet, "Tota pulchra es, Maria" . . . . . *Bruckner*

## EVENSONG:

Magnificat, *Tonus peregrinus*, with *faux-bourbons* . . . . . *Byrd*  
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with *faux-bourbons* . . . . . *Byrd*  
Motet, "Ave verum" . . . . . *Noyon*

## DECEMBER 20.—ADVENT IV.

MASS, "Missa *Quarti toni*" . . . . . *Victoria*  
Motet, "Ave verum" . . . . . *Byrd*

## EVENSONG:

Magnificat, Tone VI, with *faux-bourbons* . . . . . *Tomkins*  
Nunc dimittis, Tone VI, with *faux-bourbons* . . . . . *Tomkins*  
Motet, "Panis angelicus"\* . . . . . *Titcomb*

## DECEMBER 25.—FIRST MASS OF THE NATIVITY (Midnight).

MASS in B flat . . . . . *Süssmayer*

## DECEMBER 25.—NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

MASS, "Missa *O quam gloriosum*" . . . . . *Victoria*  
Motet, "Gloria in excelsis" (Missa brevis in A) . . . . . *Bach*

## DECEMBER 27.—ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST.

MASS, "Kronungs-Messe" . . . . . *Mozart*  
Motet, "O magnum mysterium"\* . . . . . *Palestrina*

## EVENSONG:

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Short Service) . . . . . *Gibbons*  
Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" . . . . . *Aichinger*

\*First time.

KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

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

*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.*

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.
- Evensong . . . . . 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.

## SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

## CONFESSIONS

Father Williams, S.S.J.E., Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m. Saturdays, 3 to 5 p.m.

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

Father Eckman, S.S.J.E., Sundays 8:30 to 9 a.m. Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 to 9 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. The **FATHER RECTOR**, *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 ECKMAN**, *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 HOFFMAN**, *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 ECKMAN**, *Chaplain*.

**GUILD OF ST VINCENT.**—For Altar Servers. Last Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. **FATHER HOFFMAN**, *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 HOFFMAN**, *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 ECKMAN, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ALL SOULS.—St Mary's Ward. FATHER ECKMAN, *Chaplain*.

LIVING ROSARY OF OUR LADY AND ST DOMINIC.—St Mary's Ward. Meetings (Lady Chapel) first Fridays at 8:15 p.m. FATHER ECKMAN, *Chaplain*.

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

FELLOWSHIP OF ST JOHN.—Object: Prayer and work for the Society of St John the Evangelist. Corporate Communion, December 27th and May 6th. The FATHER RECTOR, *Chaplain*.

ASSOCIATES OF THE SISTERHOOD OF THE HOLY NATIVITY.—Object: Prayer and work for the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity. Meetings, as announced. Corporate Communion, first Thursdays, 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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