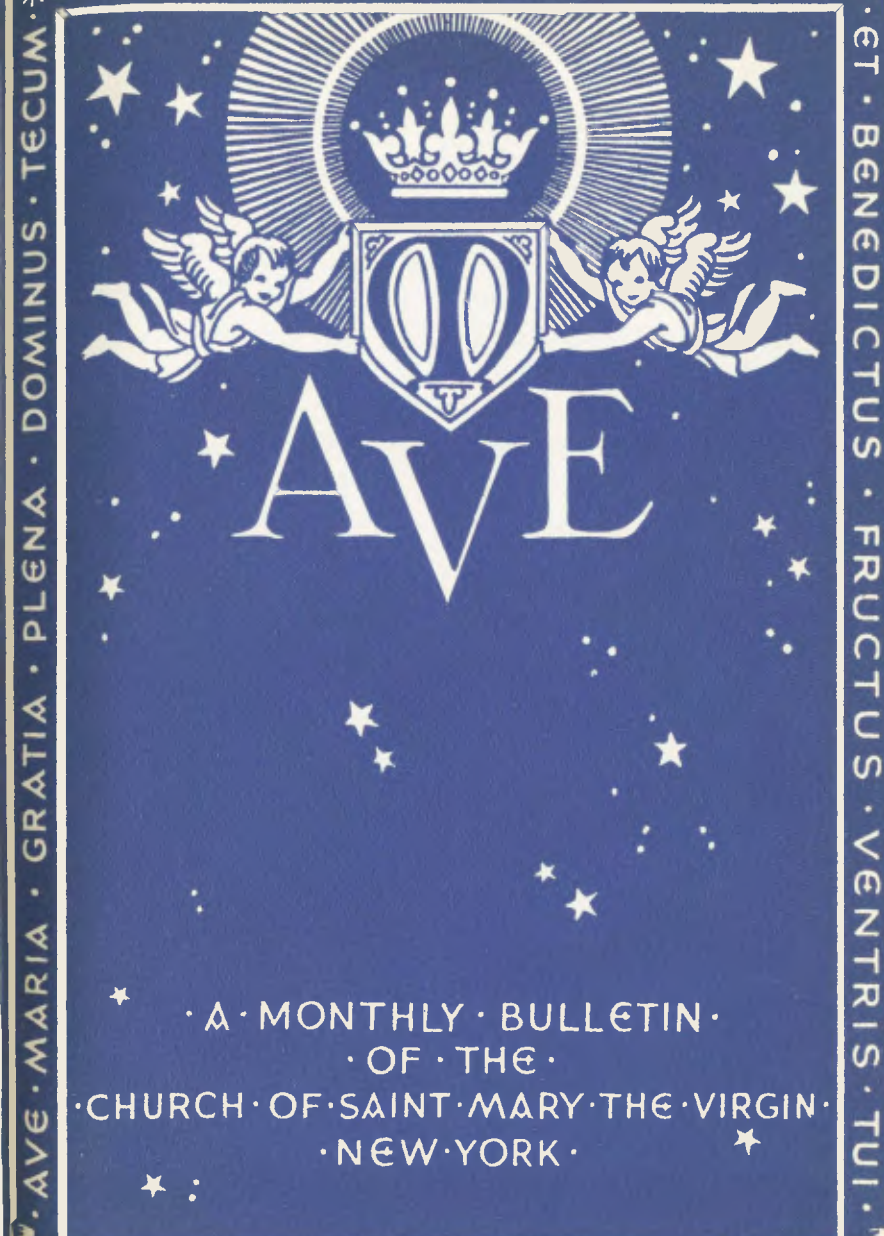


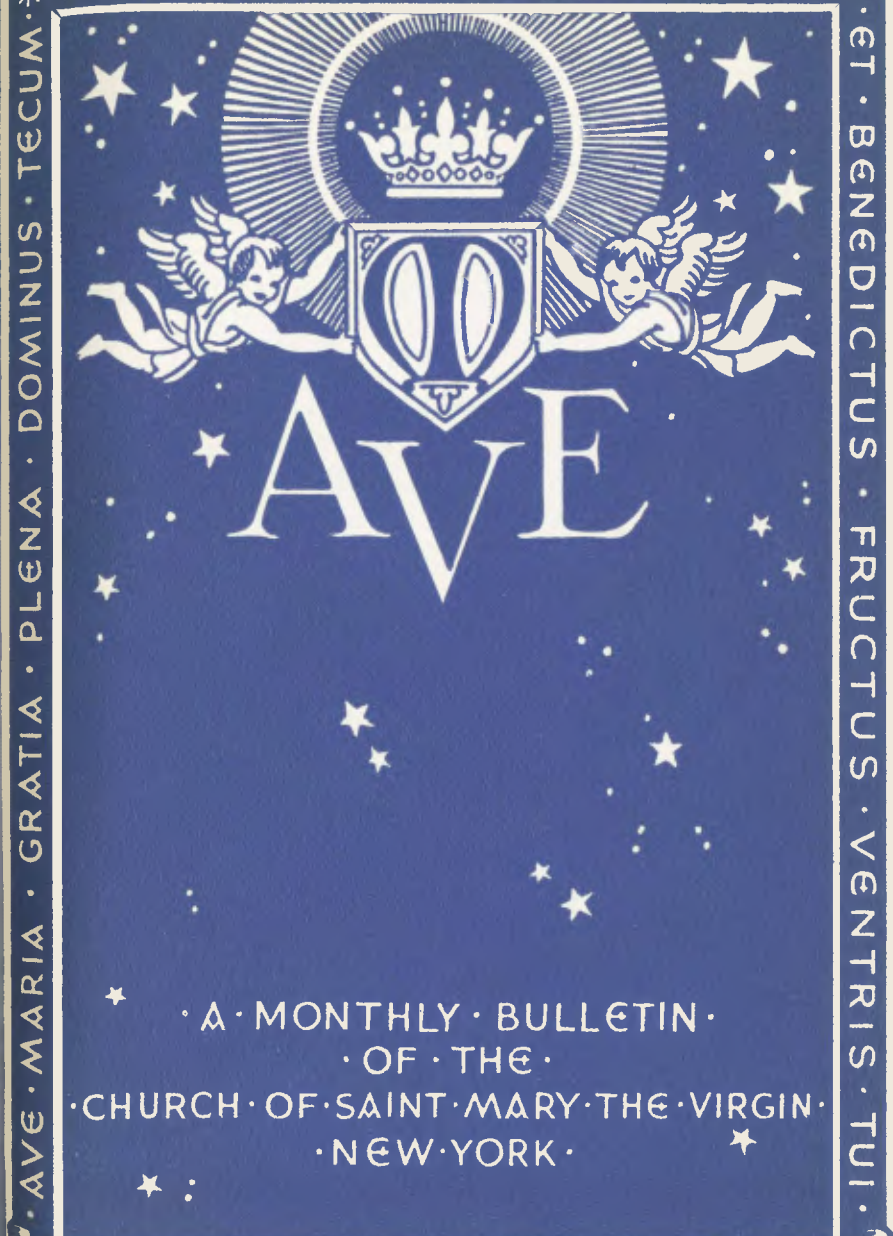
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WE have come once more to the forty days of Lent, that most solemn penitential season of the Church's year, when Christians all over the world will be intensifying their spiritual disciplines, and seeking, by self-denial, retirement and prayer to make themselves ready for a more worthy Easter communion. "Come ye apart." "Watch and pray." "Again I say unto you, Watch." These words of our Lord will set the tone of our Lenten observance.

A word about our Lenten rule. Instead of the usual formula, "What shall I *give up* for Lent?" we might profitably omit one word, and ask ourselves, "What shall I *give* for Lent?" The great need of our lives is for more contact with God, more intimate knowledge of His holy ways. And that means first and foremost more time for prayer. To attend mass several times a week, or even daily; to make a careful meditation in church every day; to come to the Stations of the Cross each Friday, or to the noon-day mass and instruction, will involve a good deal of self-denial for most of us. It is well to mortify our self-indulgent use of spare time, to gather up the fragments of time that remain over and above our daily duties, and offer them all to our Lord. Then, as we grow in the spirit of devotion, the matter of cutting down on bodily indulgences and amusements will very likely take care of itself. Dr Barry said in one of his sermons: "The ordinary observance of Lent has little to commend it. A divine invitation, mediated by the

Church of God, to come apart with our Lord and learn of Him, is hardly adequately answered by giving up butter."

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SHROVE TUESDAY falls on February the ninth. It is the day when we come to make our confessions, and to be "shriven," or absolved, so that by the grace of this great cleansing sacrament we may start the observance of Lent with a clean slate and a well-prepared communion on Ash Wednesday. It is important to prepare your confession carefully, making notes if necessary, so that it may be precise and orderly. On days when the confessionals will be crowded, such as Shrove Tuesday and before the great feasts, it is desirable to use as brief a form as possible before and after the body of your confession. The following will suffice: "Since my last confession, which was (two weeks, a month, etc.) ago, I have . . ." "For these, and all other sins I cannot remember, I am truly sorry; I will try to do better; and I ask forgiveness of God, and of you, father, penance, advice and absolution." Such brevity is not inadequate or irreverent, and it is an act of consideration toward those who are waiting to approach the sacred tribunal.

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ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of Lent, receives its name from the ancient custom of the imposition of ashes. These ashes are secured by burning the palms which were distributed to the faithful last year on Palm Sunday. Before the mass on Ash Wednesday, the priest, vested in alb and stole and cope, blesses the ashes at the altar; the faithful then kneel at the communion rail and the priest, dipping his thumb in the ashes, makes a cross on the forehead of each one, saying to each: "Remember, O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." It is a reminder of our mortality, and of the fact that only by penitence can we prepare ourselves for the life to come.

On Ash Wednesday there will be Low Masses at 7, 8 and 9.30. At 11 there will be a High Mass, at which the Lord Bishop of Algoma will assist, followed immediately by a sermon (to be preached by the Father Rector). After the sermon (at about 12.10) there will be an additional Low Mass. Imposition of ashes will be given before each of the masses, before the Stations of the Cross at four in the afternoon, and at the eight o'clock evening service.

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THE FATHERS will be available for confessions on Shrove Tuesday at the following hours:

- 11 to 1 — Fathers Williams, Eckman and Peabody.
- 3 to 5 — Fathers Williams, Hoffman and Peabody.
- 7 to 9 — Fathers Hoffman, Eckman and Peabody.

In the case of those whose duties make any of these hours impracticable, the fathers are always glad to hear confessions at any time by appointment.

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THE Feast of St Blasius, bishop and martyr, falls this year on February the third. Throats will be blessed as usual on that day, and we shall pray that those receiving the blessing may be protected from winter colds and other ailments. The blessing takes place before each mass of the day and after evensong. Those desiring the blessing at mass will please present themselves at the altar rail as soon as the priest enters the sanctuary.

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THE Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Tuesday, February the second. There will be the customary Low Masses at 7, 8 and 9.30. At 11 there will be a High Mass in the interests of Religious Communities. The Lord Bishop of Algoma will assist at the Mass, and the preacher will be the Reverend Allen G. Whitemore, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross. A number of pews will be reserved for members of

Religious Communities and for their associates. Before this Mass the candles which will make bright our altars during the year are solemnly blessed, and lighted candles are carried in the procession. This will direct our meditation and prayers to that lovely scene in the temple at Jerusalem, when Mary, the immaculate Mother of God, bore in her arms the Light of the world, and presented him before God, according to the ancient Jewish rite. We shall recall the aged Simeon, "just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel," who then welcomed his redeemer in the words of *Nunc Dimittis*—"A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

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WE are very fortunate in having with us again this year the Right Reverend Rocksborough R. Smith, D.D., Lord Bishop of Algoma, who has for many years been a good friend to the Society of St John the Evangelist and to the parish of St Mary's. He is, as you may know, the Episcopal Visitor of our autonomous Canadian province, and his counsel and encouragement have been invaluable in the establishment of our work there.

The Lord Bishop will be with us from the first through the twelfth of this month. On Tuesday, February 2, he will assist at the High Mass in the Interests of Religious Communities. On Sunday, February 7, he will assist at the High Mass and also preach. Ash Wednesday, February 10, he will assist at the High Mass, and preach for us at the Penitential Service in the evening. Finally, on February 12, Lincoln's Birthday, he will pontificate at the High Mass with which we celebrate our Acolytes' Festival. We are indeed grateful that the bishop can spare so much time for us from his heavy diocesan responsibilities.

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THE Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and the Guild of All Souls will not have their regular monthly meetings during Lent. They will, however, attend the Stations of the Cross on

Friday evenings instead. This means that there will not be another regular scheduled meeting until April the sixteenth. At the April meeting, several candidates will be admitted to the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. We are greatly encouraged by the attendance at these devotional meetings, and hope that members will always feel free to bring their friends with them, and encourage Catholics to become actively affiliated with the Guilds. The Chaplain, Father Eckman, will be glad to give any information and help to those who are interested.

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THE Guild of St Mary of the Cross will not hold its regular social meetings during Lent, but the members of the Guild will attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings instead. Consequently, after February the third, there will be no meetings until April the seventh, when the Easter party takes place.

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HEREAFTER the Corporate Communion and monthly business meeting of St Mary's Guild will be held on the first Wednesday instead of the second Wednesday as has been the custom recently.

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THE February meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary is to be held on the evening of Tuesday, February the sixteenth, in St Joseph's Hall. As the second Friday falls on Lincoln's Birthday this year, the meeting has been transferred to Tuesday, the sixteenth. The speaker will be Mrs Etta S. McGrath, one time missionary in Japan and now Diocesan Vice-President. Mrs McGrath will speak on the United Thank Offering—its spiritual meaning and practical accomplishments.

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THERE will be a brief Lenten Retreat for women on Saturday, February the twentieth, to be conducted by the Father Rector. The retreat mass will be celebrated at eight o'clock, and the medi-

tations will come at ten-thirty, twelve-thirty and two-thirty. Breakfast and lunch will be served, and the retreat will close with Benediction after the last address. It is important for those who have charge of the arrangements to know quite accurately the number of meals to be served. All those who plan to attend are urged to notify in good season the Sister-in-Charge, Mission House of the Holy Nativity, 133 West 46th Street, New York City.

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ON Saturday, February the twenty-seventh, the Father Rector will conduct a quiet evening for men. The schedule is as follows:

First Address	5.00 p.m.
Benediction	5.45 p.m.
Evensong	6.00 p.m.
Supper	6.30 p.m.
Second Address	7.45 p.m.

Please notify Father Hoffman, S.S.J.E., St Mary's House, 144 West 47th Street, of your intention to attend this quiet evening, so that adequate preparation for supper may be made.

Both this retreat and the Lenten retreat for women on February the twentieth are open to any who care to come. It is a real opportunity to bring some friend who may be unfamiliar with Catholic devotion. Many first confessions have been heard at these brief retreats, and many men and women have been led to seek instruction for confirmation.

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ON Friday evening, February the fifth, there will be the regular monthly meeting of the Living Rosary of Our Lady and Saint Dominic. The meeting will be held in the Lady Chapel at 8.15 p.m.

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THE Bishop of the Diocese has appointed Friday evening, March the twelfth, as the day on which he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mary's. The service will be held at

eight o'clock in the evening. Those who desire to be confirmed at that time will please get in touch with one of the fathers at once, who will make arrangements for their systematic instruction and will suggest books for them to read. In addition, there will be a series of lectures on the fundamentals of the Christian faith. These will be held in the Lady Chapel on Monday evenings at 8.15 p.m. You do not commit yourselves to being confirmed by attending these lectures. They are open to anyone who cares to come. We sincerely hope that our communicants will manifest a real missionary zeal, and that many of them will bring one or more unconfirmed friends to the lectures. This year we plan to establish a question-box as a feature of the instructions. Bring your questions, written out but unsigned, to any of the meetings, and they will be answered to the best of our ability. A schedule of the lectures follows:

- February 1 — The Meaning of God—The Father Rector.
- February 8 — Jesus Christ, the Divine Son—Father Hoffman, S.S.J.E.
- February 15 — The Church and Her Authority—Father Eckman, S.S.J.E.
- February 22 — Grace and the Sacraments—The Father Rector.
- March 1 — Christian Morals—Father Hoffman, S.S.J.E.
- March 8 — Practical Christian Living—Father Eckman, S.S.J.E.

Those who have children to be confirmed will please get in touch with Father Eckman, or with one of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity. We can probably arrange for the individual instruction of the children, at hours which will be convenient for the parents. Remember that the best age for confirmation is between eight and twelve—in other words, as soon as a child can learn the catechism, and can appreciate the truth that Jesus comes to him in communion to make him strong and good. It is a great mistake to put off confirmation until fourteen or fifteen. In fact, the period of adolescence is the worst time to be confirmed. Dr Pusey's rule still holds good, "Before twelve or after twenty." The ideal is to establish solid habits of regular confession and communion before

adolescence sets in. If that can be accomplished, the child has every hope of coming through the "teens" period with flying colours, loyal to his ideals and to his Lord.

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EVERY weekday in Lent until Maundy Thursday, except on February twelfth, there will be a noon-day service at St Mary's, consisting of a Low Mass, followed by a ten-minute address. The mass will begin promptly at 12.10, and the address will be over at 12.45 at the latest, leaving time for a bite of lunch before one o'clock. Please feel free to come either to the mass or to the address, or to both, as your time serves you. If you are fasting, and prepared to make your communion, please come to the communion rail promptly when the bell rings at the priest's communion. The server will say the General Confession with you, and the priest will then pronounce the absolution and communicate you.

On Ash Wednesday the sermon will immediately follow the High Mass; and on Saturday, February 20, the day of the retreat for women, the noon-day address will be the second meditation of the retreat. We print below a list of the preachers and their subjects.

NOON-DAY PREACHING

Wednesday, February 10th to Saturday, February 13th — The Father Rector — The 'Notes' of Lent.

February 10 — Penitence.

February 11 — Abstinence.

February 12 — (Acolytes' Festival—High Mass).

February 13 — Prayer.

February 15th-20th — Father Eckman, S.S.J.E. — God.

February 15 — His Majesty.

February 16 — His Rights.

February 17 — His Patience.

February 18 — His Humility.

February 19 — His Generosity.

February 20 — (Retreat Address by The Father Rector).

February 22nd-27th — The Rev. Frederick W. Lightfoot — Some Lesser Characters Who Assisted at the Passion.

February 22 — In the Upper Room.

February 23 — In the Garden of Gethsemane.

February 24 — At the High Priest's Palace.

February 25 — In Pilate's Judgment Hall.

February 26 — Via Crucis.

February 27 — At Golgotha.

March 1st-6th — Father Eckman, S.S.J.E. — Man.

March 1 — Obedience to God.

March 2 — Reverence for God.

March 3 — Trust in God.

March 4 — Hope in God.

March 5 — Surrender to God.

March 6 — Satisfaction in God.

March 8th-13th—The Father Rector — Some Miracles of St John's Gospel.

March 8 — The Marriage at Cana.

March 9 — The Ruler's Son.

March 10 — The Pool of Bethesda.

March 11 — Feeding of the Multitudes.

March 12 — The Man Born Blind.

March 13 — The Raising of Lazarus.

March 15th-20th — Father Hoffman, S.S.J.E. — "Except".

March 15 — "Except ye repent . . ."

March 16 — "Except a man be born again . . ."

March 17 — "Except ye be converted . . ."

March 18 — "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man . . ."

March 19 — "Except your righteousness shall exceed . . ."

March 20 — "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die . . ."

March 22nd-24th — Father Hoffman, S.S.J.E. — The Passion.

March 22 — In the heart of God.

March 23 — In the world.

March 24 — In the lives of Christians.

THE Father Rector will be the preacher at High Mass on the Sundays in Lent, except on Palm Sunday, when there will be no sermon. The subjects of his sermons will be as follows:

February 14 — Life.
 February 21 — Light.
 February 28 — The Way.
 March 7 — The Truth.
 March 14 — Love.

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FATHER ECKMAN will continue during Lent to give the ten-minute addresses at Evensong on Sunday. Beginning on the first Sunday in Lent he will preach a course on "The Prophets of the Old Testament."

February 14 — Elijah.
 February 21 — Elisha.
 February 28 — Hosea.
 March 7 — Daniel.
 March 14 — Jeremiah.
 March 21 — Isaiah.

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EVERY Friday evening in Lent at eight o'clock (with the exception of Friday, March 12, when the Bishop comes for Confirmation) there will be Stations of the Cross, a brief address, and Benediction. Father Hoffman will give the following addresses:

February 12 — The Uses of Temptation.
 February 19 — The Crucifixion of the Body.
 February 26 — The Crucifixion of the Mind.
 March 5 — The Crucifixion of the Spirit.
 March 12 — (Confirmation).
 March 19 — The Crucifixion of Love.

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THE Annual Meeting of St Mary's Guild was held on Wednesday, January the thirteenth, and the following officers were elected for a term of one year:

President Mrs Warrington G. Lewis
Vice-President and Treasurer Mrs Newbury Frost Read
Recording Secretary Miss Hildegarde Nicholas
Corresponding Secretary Mrs Lawrence H. Davis

The Rector greeted the members and thanked the Guild for its work, paying a special tribute to Miss Appleton, who resigned from the office of President after three years of faithful service.

The work accomplished during 1936 included mending ninety-six silk vestments, several hundred linen vestments, making a white cope and stole for the Summer Home at Keyport, altar linen for St Cyprian's Chapel at San Francisco and the Church of the Incarnation at West Point, Mississippi—also the laundering of 2024 pieces of altar linen.

Seven parishioners answered the appeal in the December number of AVE, and four stoles and six girdles were purchased for the parish.

The Guild meets for sewing every Wednesday morning from October to May. Women who are able to sew are urged to come to the Guild Room any Wednesday. The business meeting in St Joseph's Hall at 10.30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

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ON Friday, January the eighth, at a business meeting of the St Mary's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, the following officers were elected to serve during the year:

President Mrs Matthew Carswell
First Vice-President Mrs John H. Moon
Second Vice-President Mrs James H. Carll
Treasurer Miss Ethel Jones
Recording Secretary Mrs William C. Dickey
Corresponding Secretary Miss Mary E. Dryer
United Thank Offering Secretary Mrs William W. Raymond
Supply Secretary Miss Edna Finch
Church Periodical Club Secretary (Acting) . . Mrs James H. Carll

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.

February 12—Lincoln's Birthday. Mrs Archibald D. Russell.

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OUR Acolytes' Festival will be celebrated this year on Friday, February twelfth by a High Mass at eleven o'clock, at which the Lord Bishop of Algoma will pontificate, followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Father Rector will preach the sermon. The visiting clergy and acolytes and our own Guild of St Vincent will remain for lunch afterwards in St Joseph's Hall.

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AT this time of the year it is customary to make an appeal for funds on behalf of the Social Service Department of St Luke's Hospital. Our relations have always been particularly close with this hospital, and many of our parishioners have reason to be grateful for the care and skill of St Luke's doctors and nurses. If you can possibly make a contribution to their social service work, please send it to Mrs Eugene Mason, 111 East 69th Street, New York City.

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ONCE more, as Lent is approaching, let us remind you of the Church's wise regulations concerning fasting and abstinence. Remember that the words are not synonymous. Abstinence means abstaining from flesh meat in any form, but is not concerned with the quantity of food taken. Fasting means cutting down the amount of food. All the weekdays of Lent are days of fasting, on which only one full meal should be taken. Formerly these days were also days of abstinence, but the Church now expects the laity to abstain from flesh meat only on Wednesdays and Fridays and on Saturday, February the twentieth (being an Ember Day). It is customary to keep Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as strict fasts, taking as

little food as possible until the evening meal. Water, and also tea and coffee without sugar or cream, may be taken on a fast day, since they contain no nourishment. This relaxation is *not* true of the fast before sacramental communion, which is broken by taking even a glass of water. Young men and women under twenty-one, people who have reached their sixtieth birthday, those who are sick, and those engaged in severe physical labour are dispensed from the rules of Lenten fasting, though many will observe them out of devotion, according to their strength and capacity.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

CONFIRMATIONS

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

- December 14—Alice Leavitt Eastman.
 " 14—June Leavitt Eastman.
 " 14—Edwin Jay Hall.
 " 14—Dorothy Lee Talbot.

MARRIAGES

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

- December 17—James H. Ridabock and
 Margaret J. Blow.
 " 26—John Adriani and
 Eleanor R. Anderson.

BURIALS

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

- December 12—Thurston Carlyle Culyer.
 " 22—Edwin G. Wagenseller.
 " 27—Sara Emily Parks Peabody.
 " 28—Charles Lewis Cammann, Jr.

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MUSIC LIST FOR FEBRUARY

- FEBRUARY 2. — PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
 MASS, "Missa O quam gloriosum" *Victoria*
 Motet, "Beata es Virgo Maria" *Gabrieli*
- FEBRUARY 7. — QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.
 MASS, in honour of St Clare of Assisi *Refce*
 Motet, "O mysterium ineffabile" *Couperin*
 EVENSONG:
 Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Short Service) *Byrd*
 Motet, "Panis angelicus" *Titcomb*
- FEBRUARY 10. — ASH WEDNESDAY.
 MASS, "Missa Deus genitor alme" *Plain Chant*
- FEBRUARY 12. — ACOLYTES' FESTIVAL.
 MASS in G *Schubert*
 Motet, "O admirabile commercium" *Palestrina*
 Motet, "O salutaris hostia" *Tallis*
- FEBRUARY 14. — LENT I.
 MASS, "Missa Il bianco e dolce cigno" *Bernardi*
 Motet, "Miserere mei, Deus" *Byrd*
 EVENSONG:
 Magnificat, Tone II, with *faux-bourbons* *Willan*
 Nunc dimittis, Tone III, with *faux-bourbons* *Willan*
 Motet, "O Domine Jesu" *Palestrina*
- FEBRUARY 21. — LENT II.
 MASS, "Missa In die tribulationis"* *di Lasso*
 Motet, "Caligaverunt oculi mei" *Victoria*
 EVENSONG:
 Magnificat and Nunc dimittis for four voices *Farrant*
 Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" *Rosselli*
- FEBRUARY 28. — LENT III.
 MASS, "Missa quarti toni" *Victoria*
 Motet, "O vos omnes" *Morales*
 EVENSONG:
 Magnificat, Tone VII, with *faux-bourbons* *Tallis*
 Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with *faux-bourbons* *Tallis*
 Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" *Mozart*

*First time.

KALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY, 1937

1. M. St Ignatius, B.M. Com. of St Bridget, V.
2. Tu. THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. High Mass, 11 a.m.
3. W. St Blasius, B.M.
4. Th. St Gilbert, Ab.C.
5. F. St Agatha, V.M. *Abstinence.*
6. Sa. *Feria.* Masses of St Mary.
- ✕ 7. Su. QUINQUAGESIMA.
8. M. *Feria.* Chantry Masses.
9. Tu. *Feria.*
10. W. ASH WEDNESDAY. Com. of St Scholastica, V. High Mass, 11 a.m. *Fast and abstinence.*
11. Th. *Feria. Fast.*
12. F. *Feria.* Solemn Votive Mass and Procession, 11 a.m. (Acolytes' Festival). *Fast and abstinence.*
13. Sa. *Feria. Fast.*
- ✕ 14. Su. LENT I. Com. of St Valentine, P.M.
15. M. *Feria.* Chantry Mass, 8 a.m. *Fast.*
16. Tu. *Feria. Fast.*
17. W. Ember Day. *Fast and abstinence.*
18. Th. *Feria. Fast.*
19. F. Ember Day. *Fast and abstinence.*
20. Sa. Ember Day. *Fast.*
- ✕ 21. Su. LENT II.
22. M. St Joseph of Arimathea, C. Ferial Mass, 7 a.m. *Fast.*
23. Tu. Vigil. *Fast.*
24. W. ST MATTHIAS, AP. *Fast and abstinence.*
25. Th. *Feria.* Chantry Mass for names in Chantry Book, 9.30 a.m. *Fast.*
26. F. *Feria. Fast and abstinence.*
27. Sa. *Feria. Fast.*
- ✕ 28. Su. LENT III.

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 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, Mondays (February 1st to March 8th, incl.)	8:15 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Wednesdays	4 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, with sermon and Benediction, Fridays (except March 12th)	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.	

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., 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.

Father Lightfoot, Sundays, 8:30 to 9 a.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, first 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. FATHER ECKMAN, S.S.J.E., *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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