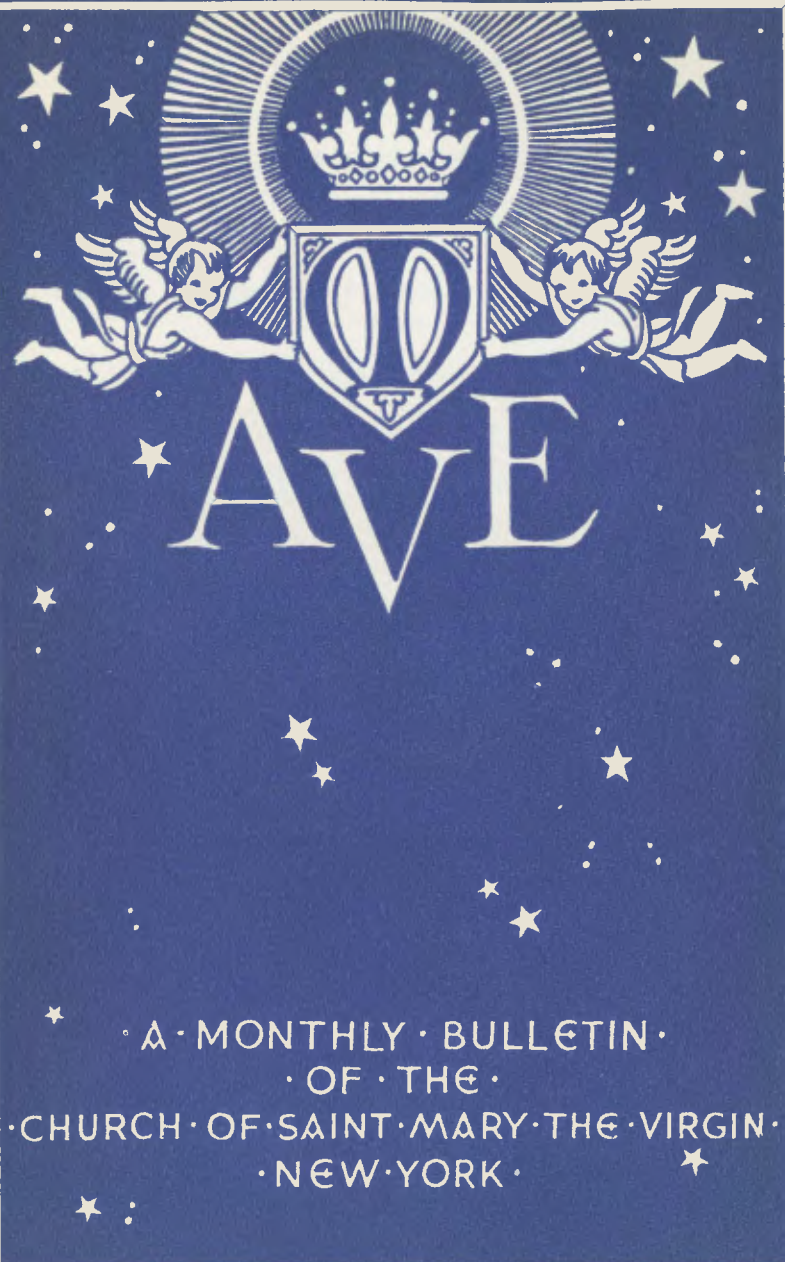


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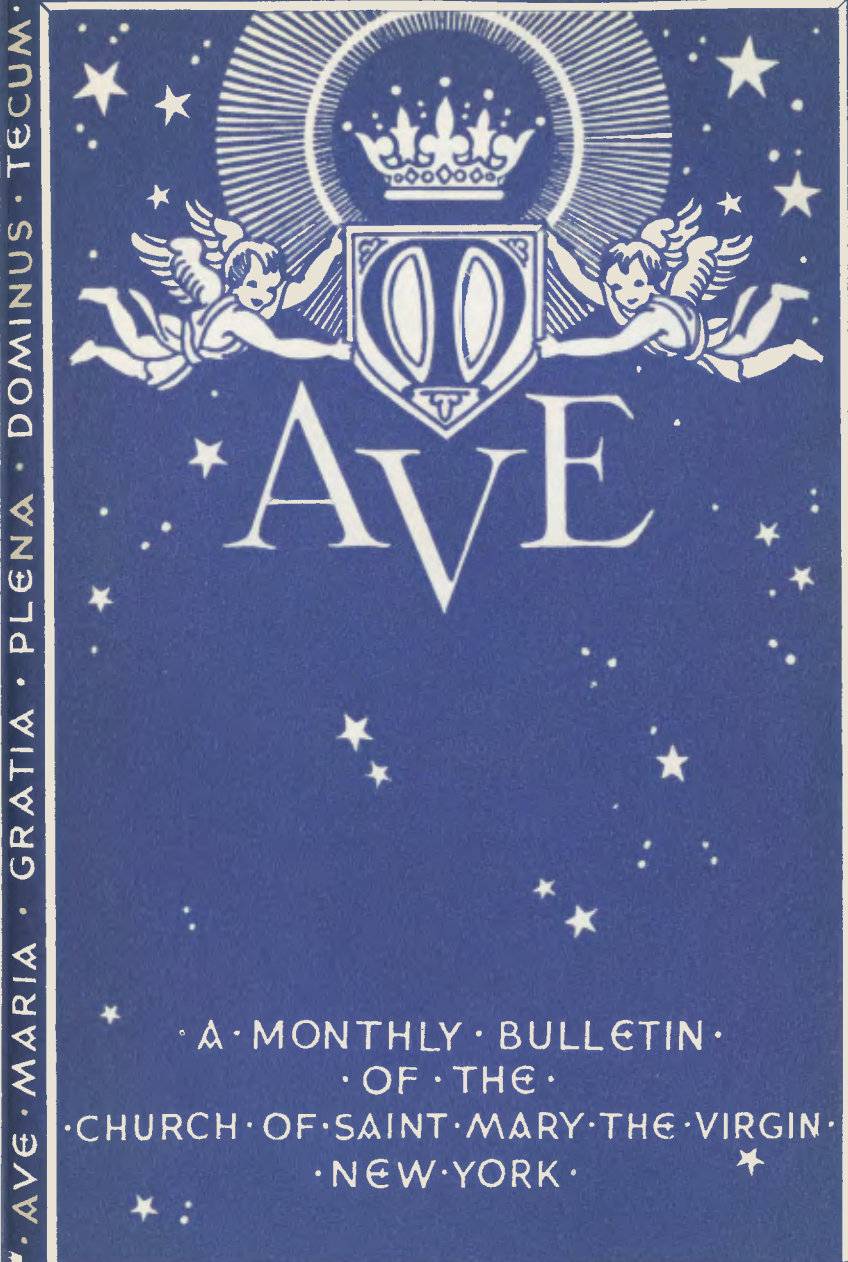
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THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

ABOUT the middle of November a letter was mailed to all our parishioners and friends asking them to promise to support the parish and the missionary work of the general Church by filling out a pledge card for the coming year. As I write, many of these cards have been returned, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those who have sent them in for their prompt and generous response. Others are still to be heard from, and I would earnestly ask any who have not returned their cards to do so at once. The Church brings us many blessings. Shall we do nothing in return? Let me again urge that every parishioner of St Mary's become a regular contributor to the parish and to missions through a regular weekly or monthly pledge. If you have lost or mislaid your card, or if, by mischance, you did not receive the pledge letter, application to any of the Fathers or Sisters will remedy the defect.

Once again I have the unpleasant task of telling you that the parish is facing a deficit at the end of the year. In spite of careful economies it looks as though we should need some seven thousand dollars additional before the end of the year if the budget is to be balanced. A most generous and totally unexpected gift made last December enabled us to finish 1936 with flying colors, but obviously we cannot expect a repetition of such an unexpected gift. May I ask each one, therefore, to make a generous Christmas presen

to our Lord through the Christmas collection? A special envelope for the purpose goes to you with this number of AVE. Let the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be *number one* on your Christmas gift list.

After prolonged and prayerful consideration I have decided to revert to the practice established when I first came to St Mary's, and omit the Christmas Midnight Mass this year. This I fear will be a real disappointment to some of you, but it becomes increasingly clear to me that a devout observance of Christmas is better secured for most of us by getting to bed at a reasonable hour on Christmas Eve, and rising early for a truly Holy Communion on Christmas morning. Christmas Eve, however, will be marked by Solemn Vespers and Benediction and the singing of Christmas Carols at 8 p.m. in the church. This service will form, I am sure, a beautiful and devotional preparation for the festival of the birth of our Lord. And do not let us forget our Christmas confessions, for which there will be ample opportunity on several days preceding the festival. A full list of Christmas confession hours will be found elsewhere in this number of AVE.

May the Christ Child be newly born in our hearts this Christmas to uphold us by His Grace during the coming year.

Affectionately your friend and Rector,

Granville Mercer Williams, S.J. C.

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ON Saturday, December the fourth, there will be held our annual Advent Retreat for women. This is the first retreat of the season; others will be found announced in the Retreat leaflet enclosed with this number of AVE. The Advent Retreat begins with Mass at eight o'clock, and the addresses (given by Father

Hoffman) will be at 10.30, 12.30 and 2.30, with Benediction following the last address. Breakfast and luncheon will be provided for those who notify the Sister-in-Charge, Mission House of the Holy Nativity, 133 West 46th Street, New York City.

We urge our readers to come to these retreats, and we especially ask our male readers to plan to attend the Lenten Retreat arranged for them. These brief times of quiet and spiritual refreshment will be found invaluable for helping us to meet the problems of life with new energy and courage. May we remind those who attend of the necessity of observing the silence, being careful not to distract their neighbours by unnecessary whispering.

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FOR sixty-nine years the Church of St Mary the Virgin has been ministering the word and sacraments to her people. This happy anniversary is celebrated on our patronal festival, the feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which falls on Wednesday, December the eighth. This is a holy day of obligation, though none of us should need this added motive to bring us to Mass on that day. Make your communion if possible, and offer it for the life and work of St Mary's. There will be ample opportunity. Low Masses at 6, 7, 8, 9.30 and 12.10. At eleven, High Mass will be sung, and we shall have for our preacher The Reverend S. Tagart Steele, Jr., D.D., Vicar of the Chapel of the Intercession in this city. Father Steele has for some years past been Rector of St David's, Roland Park, Baltimore, Maryland. He came last spring to his new work as Vicar of one of the largest chapels of Trinity Church, and has already made a secure place for himself among the clergy of this diocese. We are fortunate to have him with us on our festival.

On Sunday, December the twelfth, being the third Sunday in Advent and also the Sunday in the octave of the patronal festival, there will be a solemn procession before the High Mass. The Father

Rector will preach. In the evening, at eight o'clock, there will be Solemn Evensong and Benediction, with a brief instruction.

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THE Guild of St Mary of the Cross is sponsoring a tea and sale of useful articles on the evening of December the eighth. The proceeds of the sale will be given to the work of St Mary's Summer Home, at Keyport, New Jersey. Tea will be served from four in the afternoon. The sale of jams, cakes, aprons, towels and many other articles will offer a good opportunity to purchase practical and useful Christmas presents. Do come and help us in this important work, and treat yourself well!

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MUCH interest has been shown in the Father Rector's illustrated lectures on Japan. The subject is unusually timely, in view of the conflict still raging in the Orient, and at such times as this, it is the more necessary for us to strive to know and understand more of the nations involved and not to allow ourselves to condemn whole peoples merely because we may disapprove of some of the policies of those who govern them. Our Christian brothers both in China and Japan deserve our especial interest at this time and the support of our prayers.

The lectures, given in St. Joseph's Hall are held on Friday evenings, and begin promptly at 8.15 o'clock. There is no charge for admission. The December lecture will be on Friday, the tenth, the subject being "Nikko the Splendid." No lecture will be given on the fourth Friday of the month, that being New Year's Eve, but four others are announced for the months of January and February as follows:

January 14th—Glorious Fuji and the Inland Sea
 January 28th—The Island of Kyushu
 February 11th—Nora, the Buddhist Rome
 February 15th—Kyoto, City of the Arts.

KEYPORT again! Ground has been broken. That sounds very important, but it means only that we have had a large piece of ground plowed in preparation for a vegetable garden next spring. It will indeed be an experience for some of us to have "garden fresh" vegetables from our very own garden. In response to our appeal last month, a friend has given money for a new boat as a thank-offering for the recovery from illness of a member of the family. A very practical way of giving thanks;— and then, too, think how many people will feel thankful next summer when using the new boat. Another friend has offered to look after the trees and grass. But a good many things still have to be done during the winter in order that we may be able to open effectively next summer. Some repairs are needed on the "big house," an outdoor playroom must be built, some rough inexpensive benches are needed for the chapel, the men and boys quarters need "fashioning," and last but not least a station wagon is required for both light and heavy duty. We should like to be able to say, "From all these material things, good Lord deliver us!" But we must admit that in this day and age life would be quite difficult without them, so we say instead, "Lord, help us!" The Father Rector or Father Eckman will be grateful for any large or small contributions to help us along.

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FROM November 28th through December 5th, Father Eckman will be preaching a mission at St Mary's Church, Keyport, New Jersey. Many of our people will remember Father Fell and his good work in the town of Keyport and neighbouring villages. We feel that it is a compliment to our parish of St Mary the Virgin to be asked to send a priest to preach a mission for our neighbours in the country. Please remember the missioner and those who will make the mission in your prayers, that the Catholic religion may be truly preached and received, to the breaking down of sin and the building up of spiritual strength. Brother John

Paul will come down from Cambridge to conduct a mission for the children in the afternoons, and will help Father Eckman in the evenings.



THE chartered bus picnic to Keyport on November sixth was a grand success. Two buses were hired and one of our parishioners kindly let us have her car for the afternoon. Some seventy-four persons made the trip, and we were forced very reluctantly to refuse several last-minute applications for space, as the cost of hiring another bus would have exceeded the "cash taken in!" The dining room at Keyport was beautifully decorated with fall leaves and fall flowers, and Mrs Florence Smith, our caretaker's wife, prepared a most delicious supper for us. We danced and we sang, and toasted marsh-mallows on the beach! The revelry continued on in the buses as we returned to New York, and when we reached St Mary's at 9.50 p.m., everyone was quite ready for a good night's rest. But we all came to Mass the next day!



CHRISTMAS again! Perhaps the happiest feast of the Christian year, though traditionally Easter Day is of higher rank. But Christmas is somehow a more homely and a more human festival. Even those who, like doubting Thomas, fail to acknowledge our Lord's Resurrection until they have the evidence of sight and touch cannot help but adore the Child, "wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." The Christmas spirit makes the whole world kin. Would that the Christ Child could be lifted up over every battlefield, in every council of statesmen, in every factory and in every home, rich or poor. Then wars would cease, and we would find a way to conquer grinding poverty, social injustice, greed, hatred, fear and every other evil. For the love of the Christ Child would constrain us, and our cold hearts would

be touched with the fire of divine charity. Pray that His kingdom may come at least in our hearts this Christmas.

Remember that Christmas Eve is a day of abstinence—a time to prepare ourselves for our Christmas communion. Unfortunately some of our secular friends celebrate Christmas Eve with most unchristian revelry and feasting, and some of us may have been led astray in that direction. Better to spend some time in church, to make your confession, and to spend the rest of the evening quietly with your family—especially with the children. This is *their* special feast, as well as ours. See that you make it for them both a joyful and a holy anniversary.



VESPERS will be sung in church on December 24th, Christmas Eve, at eight o'clock, followed by the congregational singing of familiar carols, assisted by the choir. On Christmas Day there will be Masses for communion at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.10. The nine o'clock Mass will be a Missa Cantata with hymns, as on Sundays. At eleven o'clock there will be a Solemn High Mass with a procession, and a Christmas message from the Father Rector. After the Low Mass at 12.10 the church will be closed for the rest of the day, so that both the clergy and the sacristans and others who serve us so faithfully may have an opportunity of celebrating Christmas with their families.



WE cannot make a worthy Christmas communion without adequate preparation, and for most of us the important feature of that preparation will be our Christmas confession. Since Christmas Day is a holy day of obligation, and one of the days in the year when we should especially wish to make our communions, there is good reason for all of us to come to the tribunal of penance. Absolution after a penitent, searching confession is

the assurance of a joyful communion. Let us not fail through negligence or fear or shame to cleanse our souls with the help of this great sacrament, in order more joyfully and worthily to welcome our Infant King.

A schedule of hours for confessions follows. Remember, though, that the clergy are always more than glad to hear confessions at any time, if the appointed hours are impossible for you because of other obligations.

Wednesday, December 22:

4.30 to 5.30, Father Williams.

Thursday, December 23:

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

Friday, December 24:

11 to 1, Fathers Hoffman and Eckman; 3 to 6, Fathers Hoffman, Eckman and Peabody; 7 to 8, Father Williams; 9 to 10, Fathers Hoffman and Peabody.

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THE Sisters of the Holy Nativity have an attractive selection of Christmas cards for sale at the Mission House, 133 West 46th Street. They range in price from five cents up, with boxes of assorted cards at one dollar. In addition, they will be glad to take orders for cards to be obtained from the Convent in Wisconsin.

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MONDAY, December twenty-seventh, the feast of St John the Evangelist is one of the two patronal festivals of the Religious Society, members of which are privileged to serve this parish. Perhaps our readers will be good enough to remember

the Society of St John the Evangelist in their prayers on that day, and possibly make their Communion with intention for the Society. Members of the Fellowship of St John and Associates of the S.S.J.E. will, as usual, have a Corporate Communion on that day. This Mass will be at 8 a.m. at the High Altar, and will be followed by a breakfast in St Joseph's Hall.

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WITH the coming of colder weather, the problem of winter clothing becomes acute for some of our less-fortunate parishioners. Donations of discarded garments of all kinds will be more than welcome. Men's clothing may be sent to Father Eckman at 144 West 47th Street. Women's and children's garments should go to the Sister-in-Charge at the Mission House.

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ON the evening of the Sunday after Christmas, December twenty-sixth, in place of the usual carol service we shall have a "hymn-sing" which we trust may appeal to our people. A goodly number of the most familiar and well-beloved Christmas hymns and carols will be sung by the congregation. The opportunity afforded this year for the singing of more hymns by those who attend Sunday Evensong seems to have been appreciated, judging by the increased size of our congregations. We hope, therefore, that a goodly number will come to this old-fashioned "Christmas hymn-sing."

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THE William Edward Jones Memorial Library now housed in the Sisters' Mission House was given by a beloved and faithful parishioner of St Mary's in memory of her brother. At her death she left a bequest for the purchase of books for the library, and with the income which we have now begun to receive a

number of additions have been made to the collection, which contains useful devotional books, works on Church history, theology and religious biography. Visit the library and borrow and read a book. The Sisters will be glad to assist you. The hours are from 4 to 6 p.m. on week-days and after High Mass and before Evensong on Sundays. Men as well as women are invited to use the library privileges. No charges.

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THE Dramatic Society plans to present a Christmas play in St Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening, December 29th. Further notice of the play will be given in the January AVE, which will appear shortly before Christmas, but we hope you will all keep this date open.

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SAINT Mary's Guild will have its corporate communion at 9.30 on Wednesday, December the first, followed by a business meeting in St Joseph's Hall at 10.30. It is earnestly hoped that more women will share in the work of this Guild, which plays such a large part in the life of the parish. Any women are welcome who are able to do plain sewing and mending.

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ANOTHER guild which is seeking to enlarge its membership is the Guild of St Catherine of Genoa. This is composed of graduate and student nurses from the various hospitals, as well as those working independently. It is non-parochial—all Church nurses are welcome—and it affords a real opportunity for fellowship for a professional group within the Church. Devotional meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month during the winter at a quarter to six in the afternoon. The meeting in the Lady Chapel is followed by tea in the Sisters' Mission House. Father Eckman is the chaplain of this guild, and will usually give

an address at the monthly meeting. He will also conduct a quiet afternoon for this guild on Passion Sunday, April the third.

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CHURCH Kalendars for 1938 are now on sale either from the Parish Secretary's office or from Miss Julie Wright at the tract table after High Mass on Sunday. This year we have had a picture of the high altar of St Mary's printed on the Kalendars, together with a list of services. These Kalendars indicate the more important feast days and fast days of the Church Year, and are extremely useful. They may well serve as a practical and inexpensive Christmas gift. The price is fifty cents.

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THERE will be a meeting of the Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in St Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening, December the fourteenth, at 8.15 p.m. As AVE goes to press the name of the speaker at that meeting is not yet available, but a suitable announcement will appear later in the weekly leaflet.

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THE following Corporate Communion are announced for the month of December:

Wednesday, December 1, 9.30: St Mary's Guild.

Thursday, December 2, 8.00 (Mission House): Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.

Sunday, December 5, 9.00: Guild of St Mary of the Cross, Guild of St Mary of Nazareth, Knights of St Mary.

Wednesday, December 8, 9.30: Associates of the Community of St Mary.

Monday, December 27, 8.00: Associates of the S.S.J.E. and members of the Fellowship of St John.

LAST month we told you the happy news of the advance Christmas present received by the Fathers in the shape of a "music-box" of unusual distinction for the playing of records, and we asked you to keep the Fathers in mind when you might have any records to dispose of. May we now thank those who have generously sent records to us, and may we again wave our stockings about in the hope that some of you will help stuff them with records? Like Oliver Twist, we shamelessly ask for more—of every kind, except dance music and jazz!

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As of old the ever-Virgin
Through unconscious Bethlehem
Bore Thee; not in glad procession,
Jewelled robe and diadem;
Not in pomp and not in power
Onward to nativity,
Shrined but in the tabernacle
Of her sweet virginity.

Still Thou goest by in silence,
Still the world cannot receive,
Still the poor and weak and weary
Only—worship and believe.

D. H. DOLBEN

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

October 24—Ronald Schaefer (Infant)

MARRIAGES

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

October 29—Oursa N. Davagarian and
Astrik Stella Krikarian

BURIALS

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

October 29—Harriet Bullock Purdy

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DURING the month of December the altar flower memorials are as follows:

- December 8. Patronal Festival. In memory of John and Susanna Willis.
December 12. Octave of Patronal Festival. In memory of Frederick Lynch.
December 25. Christmas Day (High Altar) In memory of Thomas McKee Brown, Founder and First Rector. (Lady Chapel) In memory of Haley Fiske. (St Joseph's Chapel) In memory of Florence Loretta and Sarah Elizabeth Jones.
December 26. First Sunday after Christmas. In memory of departed members of the Guild of St Vincent.

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Howard Reed, \$5; Miss Emily Spooner, \$3; Miss Martha Townroe, \$1; Mr E. S. Utley, \$5; Mrs Theodore Vogelgesang, \$1; The Reverend Edward Vogt, \$5; Mrs Elsie G. Wickenden, \$1.

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

KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

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

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.

MUSIC LIST FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 5.—ADVENT II.

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

EVENSONG:

Magnificat, Tone VI, with *faux-bourbons* *Whitlock*
 Nunc dimittis, *Tonus peregrinus*, with *faux-bourbons* *Whitlock*
 Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" *Perti*

DECEMBER 8.—CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

MASS, "Missa quarti toni" *Victoria*
 Motet, "Ave Maria" *Bruckner*

DECEMBER 12.—ADVENT III.

MASS, "Krönungs-Messe" *Mozart*
 Motet, "Sancta Maria"* *Victoria*

EVENSONG:

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in G *Howells*
 Motet, "Ave verum corpus" *Noyon*

DECEMBER 19.—ADVENT IV.

MASS, "Missa brevis" *Palestrina*
 Motet, "O sacrum convivium" *Aichinger*

EVENSONG:

Magnificat, Tone V, with *faux-bourbons* *Tallis*
 Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with *faux-bourbons* *Giles*
 Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" *Mozart*

DECEMBER 24.—CHRISTMAS EVE.

VESPERS:

Magnificat, Tone VIII, with *faux-bourbons** *Sixteenth Century*
 Alma Redemptoris Mater *Palestrina*
 Carols

DECEMBER 25.—NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

MASS, "Missa O quam gloriosum" *Victoria*
 Motet, "Hodie nobis caelorum Rex" *Desderi*

DECEMBER 26.—ST STEPHEN, PROTO-MARTYR.

MASS in G *von Weber*
 Motet, "O magnum mysterium" *Palestrina*

EVENSONG (Christmas Hymn Service):

Magnificat, *Tonus peregrinus*, with *faux-bourbons* *Byrd*
 Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with *faux-bourbons* *Byrd*
 Motet, "O sacrum convivium" *Titcomb*

*First time.

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 Parish Secretary's office 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., Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays, 7 to 8 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. **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.**

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CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND GUILD OF ALL SOULS.—St Mary's Wards. Meetings (Lady Chapel) third Fridays at 8.15 p.m. FATHER ECKMAN, *Chaplain*.

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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. FATHER ECKMAN, *Chaplain*.

THE PARISH LIBRARY

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