FRIDAY, May the sixth, is the Patronal Festival of the Society of St John the Evangelist — the Feast of St John Before the Latin Gate. This feast was chosen rather than the Prayer Book feast on December twenty-seventh, because the latter is overshadowed in the solemnities of Christmas. We shall have a corporate communion of the Associates of the Society, and the members of the Fellowship of St John at the eight o’clock Mass on that day, followed by a breakfast in St Joseph’s Hall. Envelopes have already been sent out to Associates and members of the Fellowship, in which you may send an offering to the general funds of the Society. In addition, the collection taken up at the eight o’clock Mass will be applied to the same purpose. We do hope for a generous offering, since in these days of depression and dwindling income the funds of the Society are at a low ebb, and we find real difficulty in maintaining the works of the Society in our various Houses.

In the afternoon there will be an informal reception given by the Fathers in St Joseph’s Hall from four to six. We hope that most of our parishioners will be there, and any other friends of the Society who can arrange to be present.

THE May meeting of the Parish Branch of the Woman’s Auxiliary will be held in St Joseph’s Hall on Saturday, the fourteenth at twelve o’clock noon. Following a brief business
session, luncheon will be served at a cost of seventy-five cents. The guests of honor are to be Mrs Charles Gilmore Kerley, the incoming Diocesan President of the Auxiliary and Mrs J. Ralph Jacoby, the retiring President. We hope that many of our parishioners will not only honor these ladies by their presence, but also help to raise our parish Auxiliary budget for which the proceeds of the luncheon are to be used. Every woman in the parish should be a member of the Auxiliary.

ALSO on Saturday, May the 14th, the Father Rector will go to St Mary's Summer Home, Keyport, New Jersey, with the "Parish Excursion," and formally dedicate the new Ogden Playroom, which has just been built through the generosity of our English friends, Mr and Mrs Thomas Ogden. Buses will be chartered, and will leave St Mary's Church at 1.45 p.m. and will return to St Mary's about 10 p.m. The cost of the trip, including a picnic supper, is $1.10. All members of the parish are invited to attend, but to be assured of accommodations, please give your name and also your dollar and ten cents to Father Eckman not later than May 9th.

MORE about Keyport. By the time AVE reaches you, the new Playroom should be near completion, and possibly the new Lawrence Dormitory will have been started. We hope that the new Dormitory can be formally dedicated when we open for the summer season. Another generous friend has made it possible to place the order for thirty-six new beds for the new Dormitory and also for the girls' week-end room. As yet we have no bedding to accompany this handsome gift of beds, but it is a joy and relief to know that we have beds to sleep on! A gift of $5.00 has been made to start a fund for the purchase of "His Royal Highness the Station Wagon!" We leave the rest with good St Christopher, and hope that soon we may be able to place his medal upon "His Royal Highness!" The Summer Home will open this year on July 1st, and will remain open until and including Labor Day, September 5th. The first group will arrive at Keyport July 1st, and remain until July 15th. The second group from July 18th to July 31st. The third group from August 3rd to 17th. The fourth group from August 19th to September 2nd. There are no doubt a number of people who cannot spend two weeks away from work and so they will be accommodated over several week-ends upon arrangement with the priest-in-charge. It should be borne in mind by all who expect to be guests of the parish at the Summer Home this season, that inasmuch as a good many things have been provided for the entertainment of our people on our own place, there will be no permissions granted to be absent from the grounds after midnight, on any night. While we want everyone to have a good time, it does not seem fair or courteous for a few persons to arouse the family by coming in long after midnight. Week-end guests will please take particular notice of this. Let us cultivate a true family spirit, and show others that a real practice of the Catholic Faith can bring us a lot of joy and pleasure even without remaining up until the wee hours.

On the evening of Sunday, May 15th a special service in honor of our Lady will take the place of our usual Evensong. The service is being arranged under the auspices of St Mary's Ward of the Living Rosary. Vespers of the Blessed Virgin will be sung, and after a brief address, there will be a procession and the statue of our Lady will be crowned with flowers. The service will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We hope a large congregation will be on hand to honour the Blessed Mother of our Lord, and to sing praises to her Divine Son.

THE FATHER RECTOR is anxious to have some costumes made to be used exclusively for the pageant of the Three Kings at Epiphany. Those who saw this beautiful pageant in the
church on January 6th, 1937, will agree that it has a powerful teaching appeal. We could not have the pageant this year, as the costumes, borrowed last year from St Thomas' Chapel, were not available. Here is a goodly thought;—as many persons will be wrapping up winter things in moth marbles, a good many things such as dresses, veils, cloaks, hats, jewelry, shoes, etc. will not be wanted any more. Such articles are just the things needed to make costumes of. Several of our ladies have agreed to make the costumes during the summer. Father Eckman is in charge of the pageant, and the Father Rector would appreciate it immensely if those who have cast-off winter things suitable for costume material would send them to the Rectory in his care.

THURSDAY, May the twenty-sixth, is the great Feast of the Ascension, and a Holy Day of Obligation. Every faithful Catholic Christian will expect to be present at Mass on that day, to join in the triumph of our Lord, and to rejoice that He has gone back to the throne of His Father, clothed in our redeemed human nature. There will be Low Masses at 6, 8, 9.30 and 12.10. At 7 there will be a High Mass with Communions, and it is hoped that many of our parishioners will join in this festal holy communion.

"While they beheld, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight." There is the terse account, from the Book of the Acts. Yet some good people have difficulty with this account. They will tell you that heaven isn't a place, and it isn't "up." So the account must be an invention, or an elaboration.

This would seem to be a most superficial criticism. We know that our Lord had risen from the dead; He had appeared many times to His disciples in His resurrection body, identical with the body which had been laid in the tomb on Good Friday, and yet possessing different and higher powers, because it was filled with “pneuma,” or spirit, which gave it the power of transcending the limitations of space and time. We know that for a time, traditionally estimated at forty days, our Lord tarried on earth, teaching His disciples, confirming their faith in the resurrection, making sure of the foundation of His Church. At last His mission was accomplished; He must return to the Father, to take again the glory He had willingly laid aside in the humility of the Incarnation. What could be more natural than that His final leave-taking should be symbolic of His purpose? In all His mighty works, His miracles of healing, and His other miracles, our Lord embodied a lesson to be learned. His use of divine power was always educational, instructive. Quite possibly heaven is not a place somewhere beyond the apparent blue dome of the sky. Quite possibly our Lord might have receded over the horizon, or disappeared into the earth, or simply have faded away till He was invisible. But His disciples were familiar with the old biblical conception of heaven being above us, and by rising from their midst He illustrated simply and powerfully His return to the throne of the universe, where God Almighty dwells in light unapproachable.

CATHOLICS in the Anglican Communion are always glad to celebrate the feast days of the Church with pomp and ceremony, but they are not always so ready to be loyal to the traditional discipline of the Catholic Church. Most of us, are careful to keep the strict fast before Holy Communion, and to observe the days of abstinence appointed by the Church. But in two other matters, there are many who are apt to be lax. The first is attendance at Mass on Holy Days of Obligation, including all the Sundays of the year. Our Lord said, "Do this in remembrance of Me," and the Church has quite naturally made the Eucharist the center of her devotional life, and has laid on us all the obligation of being present at Mass every Sunday, and on certain great feasts of the Church's year, which may fall on days
other than Sunday. It has for centuries been the teaching of the Church Catholic that deliberately to be absent from Mass on one of these days is to be guilty of grave sin. Mere inconvenience, or the desire to get an early start for a holiday, is no excuse.

The other matter in which Catholics often fail to observe the Church's discipline is in connection with Holy Communion. The Sacrament of Penance was primarily instituted for the forgiveness of grave sin committed after baptism; yet we find people who have allowed a number of grave or mortal sins to accumulate for two or three months before making a sacramental confession, and who have since their last confession made several sacramental communions. This is a careless practice which would seem to indicate that we have not a sufficiently high regard for the Blessed Sacrament. Let us not be ashamed to come every week, or even oftener, to our confessions, if that is necessary in order that we may make a reverent and well-prepared communion.

Ascension Day will furnish an opportunity to show our loyalty and sincerity in both these matters. By all means come if possible to your communion on that day; but be sure to come beforehand to the Sacrament of Penance if there is any sin on your conscience which hinders you from worthily approaching our Lord's altar. Confessions will be heard on Wednesday, May 25th, from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 and at other times by appointment.

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SUMMER is approaching, and plans are being made for the rest periods of the various priests who serve St Mary's. Though these plans are tentative, it seemed well to indicate them here, in order that our parishioners might know when particular clergy could be reached and when they would not be available. There will always be an adequate staff at St Mary's, and it is hoped that Fathers on vacation may be spared unnecessary correspondence, so that they may gain complete refreshment and strength for the coming year.

Father Peabody will be away from the first of May till the middle of June. Father Hoffman will leave on May 16th and return for the summer on June 30th. Father Eckman will be at Keyport from June 19th till about September 10th, after which he will go off for his rest period, returning to St Mary's toward the end of October. The Father Rector will be absent from the first of August till the end of September.

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THERE was no room in the last number of AVE to print the Regina Coeli, the devotion which is used instead of the Angelus during Eastertide. Eastertide ends with None on the Saturday before Trinity Sunday, and with the First Vespers of that feast the Angelus is resumed. The bells are rung differently for this devotion — four single strokes followed by nine, instead of three three's and nine. The words are printed below. Try to memorize them, so that you may say this prayer at the appropriate times each day.

Hail to thee, 0 Queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As He promised hath arisen, alleluia;
Pour for us to Him thy prayer, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

LET US PRAY:

O GOD, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world; grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the prayers of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE CORPORATE COMMUNION of St Mary's Guild will be held at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, May the fourth, followed by the last regular monthly business meeting of this season in St Joseph's Hall at 10.30. All members are urged to be present.
It is a pleasure to present the report of the work done by this fine guild during the past season. The members deserve our sincere congratulations for their untiring energy and their splendid record of achievement.

New articles made: 95 linen pieces for the altar; 10 linen stole collars; 8 albs; 6 surplices; 14 cottas; 1 amice; 5 linen girdles; 1 hand-crocheted linen girdle; 9 stoles; 1 burse; 2 tabernacle veils.

Repairs: 220 linen articles; 92 silk articles; 365 articles in the sacristy.

Laundry: 1721 pieces of altar linen.

Flowers have been supplied by the Flower Committee for Sundays and Saints' Days.

Donations outside the Parish: 5 sets of eucharistic vestments to missions in Vermont and California; 2 sets of altar linens and 1 lace super-frontal to Father Nobes for the missions in the Philippines; 24 purificators to the S.S.J.E. mission in Japan; 3 fair linens and 3 cere cloths to the S.S.J.E. Chapel in Cambridge.

The average attendance in the work-room on Wednesdays has been ten. With more members and more money, St Mary's Guild can do more work!

We shall have the pleasure this month of listening to two more organ recitals by our own organist-Mr Ernest White. These programs have in the past elicited much interest, and we expect even larger audiences for the present series of recitals. The music which is to be played is listed below, together with a brief commentary provided by the organist.

**MAY 2 — WORKS BY JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)**

Kleine harmonisches Labyrinth
- Introitus
- Centrum
- Exitus

Concerto in G Major
- Allegro
- Grave
- Presto

Schübler Choral — vorspiele
- Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
- Wo soll ich fliehen hin
- Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten
- Meine Seele erhebt den Herren
- Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ
- Kommt du nun, Jesu, kom Himmel herunter

Praeludium und Fuge in D Major

Partita: O Gott du frommer Gott

Toccata und Fuge in D Minor

"The Bach program has two unusual items—the first in which he experiments in 'modern' harmony—that is, in extended key relationships; and the Six preludes on Chorales published by Schübler. These six were not originally written as organ pieces—but are tunes that Bach liked—from his own or some other writer's work. He set them in the organ form to have them readily available. Though he started with ideas from another source, they are so modified in the transition to organ idiom as to be in effect new organ material."

**MAY 9 — MODERN PROGRAM**

Kleine Praldüien und Intermezzi, Op. 9

- Maestoso
- Andante
- Allegro Moderato
- Andantino
- Allegretto
- Poco vivace

Symphonie de la Passion, Op. 20

- Prologue
- Le Tumulte au Prétoire
- Marche au supplice
- O Golgotha!
Fuge, Kanzone und Epilog, Op. 85, No. 3
Organ, Violin and Women's voices
La Nativité du Seigneur
IX Dieu Parmi Nous
Olivier Messiaen

"The third program is just what the title indicates. Schroeder is known here by the Missa Dorica—these little pieces contain much phrase material that was worked into the Mass. The Maleingreau is quite frankly 'program' music with the Passion story as a background. The composer is a famous Belgian organist—whose writings cling closely to Church melodies. The Karg-Elert piece takes the last phrase of the Credo for a theme—which in different movements is treated both structurally and atmospherically. Olivier Messiaen is organist of La Trinité in Paris. A young man, but a recognized front rank French composer. He has such an individual style that even his chord structure is unique. The work sounds like nothing I have ever heard before in music. Structurally it is economical and sound. He appears to be trying to transfer moods directly by the relative intensity of the sound and dissonance. This music should be heard for what it is—rather than related to previous conceptions and experience too closely."

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THIS month's tid-bit is contributed by a friendly parishioner:

SCRIPTURE CAKE

Take
1 Cup Judges 5:25 (last clause).
½ Teaspoon St Mark 16:1.
1 Tablespoon I Samuel 14:25.
1 Cup Genesis 24:20.
1½ Cup I Kings 4:22 (last clause) (prepared).
2 Cups (chopped) I Samuel 30:12 (first clause).
2 Cups I Samuel 30:12 (Second clause).
1 Cup Numbers 17:3 (last clause).

Follow Solomon's advice for making good boys in Proverbs 23:14 (first clause)—and you will have a good cake.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."
March 6—Delta Mae Long
March 9—Helen Stephanie Partridge (Conditional)
March 19—Elizabeth Lane Toole (Conditional)

CONFIRMATIONS

By the Right Reverend William T. Manning, D.D.

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye were sealed unto the day of redemption."
March 25—
Muriel Lenton Amoros
Ruth Lillian English
Ruth Agnes Ferguson
Jessie Lamson Flint
Martha Regina Gourley
Delta Mae Long
Louise Brandt Lyle
Dorothy Madsen
Helen Stephanie Partridge
Charles Dean Smith

Anna Elizabeth Shryock
Dolores Aisha Mary Sirgheney
Eleanor Southern
Elizabeth Teauhey
Guyon Giles Mercier Bassett
Peter Michael Gavin
William Frank Maier
Charles Schauss
Arthur Tyler Smith

BURIALS

"Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them."
March 22—Frank S. B. Gavin, Priest.
March 23—Joan V. Manookian.
March 30—Dewey Thomas Mooney.

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THE altar flowers during the month of May are given in memory of the following:
May 1—SS. Philip and James. Emily Speir Arnold.
May 6—St John ante Portam Latinam. The gift of the Fellowship of St John. (Lady Chapel)
May 15 — Fourth Sunday after Easter. Glover Crane Arnold.
May 22 — Fifth Sunday after Easter. Louise C. Read.
May 26 — Ascension Day. Richard Ellis Jones and Mary Jones.
May 29 — Sunday after Ascension. Edith Harding.

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

THE following Corporate Communions are announced for the month of May:

Sunday, May 1, 9:00: Guild of St Mary of the Cross, Guild of St Mary of Nazareth, The Church School.
Wednesday, May 4, 9:30: St Mary's Guild.
Thursday, May 5, 8:00: (Mission House): Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
Friday, May 6, 8:00: Fellowship of St John, Associates of the Society of St John the Evangelist.
Sunday, May 8, 9:00: Knights of St Mary.
Wednesday, May 11, 9:30: Associates of the Community of St Mary.

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KALENDAR FOR MAY

1. Su. SS PHILIP AND JAMES, AA. Com. Easter II.
2. M. St Athanasius, B.C.D.
3. Tu. INVENTION OF THE HOLY CROSS.
4. W. St Monica, Matron.
11. W. In Octave.
12. Th. In Octave.
15. Su. EASTER IV.
17. Tu. Feria.
18. W. Feria.
19. Th. St Dunstan, B.C.
20. F. St Bernardine of Siena, C. Abstinence.
22. Su. ROGATION SUNDAY.
23. M. Rogation Day.
26. Th. ASCENSION DAY. Low Masses, 6, 8, 9:30 and 12:10. High Mass and Holy Communion, 7 a.m.

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 MAY

May 1. — SS Philip & James, Apostles.

Mass in E minor ......................................................... Bruckner
Motet, “O quam gloriosum” ........................................ Victoria

Evensong:
Magnificat, Tonus peregrinus, with faux-bourdons ........ Byrd
Nunc dimittis, Tone 1, with faux-bourdons ................. Byrd

May 8. — Easter III.

Mass, “Messe solennelle” ............................................... Franck
Motet, “Estote fortis in bello” ...................................... Victoria

Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (four voices) .................. Farrant
Motet, “O quam suavis” ............................................ Titcomb

May 15. — Easter IV.

Mass, “Missa O quam gloriosum” ................................. Victoria
Motet, “Dum transisset Sabbatum” ................................ Tallis

Vespers:
Magnificat, Tone VI, with faux-bourdons .................... Tomkins
Motet, “Tota pulchra es, Maria” ................................. Bruckner
O salutaris (Mass in C) .............................................. Henschel
Tantum ergo ............................................................... Liszt

May 22. — Easter V.

Mass, “Missa dorica” .................................................. Schroeder
Motet, “Laudate Dominum” ....................................... Bonamico

Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VI, with faux-bourdons .................... Whitlock
Motet, “Verbum caro” .............................................. Victoria

May 26. — Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass, “Missa de Angelis” ............................................. Plain Chant

May 29. — Sunday Within the Octave of the Ascension.

Mass in E minor ......................................................... Schubert
Motet, “Ascendit Deus” ........................................... Philips

Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Short service) ............. Gibbons
Motet, “Adoramus te, Christe” ................................... Aichinger

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.
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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 appli-
cation 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
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