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The Right Reverend Benjamin F. P. Ivins, Bishop of Milwaukee. He expects to arrive at St Mary's House on the first of February. On the next day he will assist at the throne and preach on the occasion of our High Mass in the interests of Religious Communities. The next Sunday he will assist at Mass and preach. On Saturday, the eleventh, he will conduct a quiet day at St Mary's. The following Sunday the bishop will celebrate pontifical Mass, and on the thirteenth (the date of the Lincoln's birthday holiday) he will again pontificate at our annual acolytes' festival.

Bishop Ivins is well known to the congregation of St Mary's. In addition, he has for several years been the Episcopal Visitor of the Society of St John the Evangelist, so that his coming to St Mary's House is a special pleasure to the Fathers and Brothers there.

IN case you have mislaid your copy of the December AVE, we are reprinting briefly here the hours for confessions and the schedule of services for Christmas. Christmas confession is more important than last-minute Christmas shopping, and a devout, well-prepared communion is the best Christmas present we can give to our Lord.

CONFESSION HOURS

Friday, December 23:

11 to 1, The Father Rector and Father Peabody; 3 to 6, Fathers Hoffman, Eckman and Peabody; 7 to 9, The Father Rector and Father Hoffman. Saturday, December 24:

11 to 1, Fathers Hoffman and Eckman; 3 to 6, Fathers Hoffman, Eckman and Peabody; 7 to 8. The Father Rector;

9 to 10. Fathers Hoffman and Peabody.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve:

Vespers, Carols and Benediction, 8 p.m.

Christmas Day:

Low Masses, 6, 7 and 8. Matins, 8.40. Sung Mass, with five-minute address, 9.

Low Mass, 10.

High Mass, with Solemn Procession and sermon (The Father Rector),

Low Mass, 12:10.

Evensong, Carols and Benediction, 8 p.m.

is limited to members of the Catholic Club.

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N Monday, December the twenty-sixth (St Stephen's Day), being the Christmas legal holiday, the church will be closed at noon, in order that the clergy staff and the sacristans may enjoy Christmas dinner with their families.

THE New York branch of the Clerical Union for the Maintenance and Defence of Catholic Principles, more usually known as the "Catholic Club," will hold its December meeting at St Mary's on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh. There will be a High Mass at half-past eleven, with a choir of priests furnishing the music. All our parishioners and friends are cordially invited to assist at this Mass. The business meeting and luncheon afterward

THE Christmas party for the Guild of St Mary of the Cross will be held on December the twenty-eighth, at eight o'clock in the evening, in the Guild Room. Santa Claus will be on hand with a big bag of tricks.

THE Church School Christmas party will be held in the afternoon of Thursday, December the twenty-ninth, at three-thirty. A short Christmas play will be presented by the children. Parents

and friends are invited to attend the party, but gifts will be limited to those enrolled in the Church School.

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CHRISTMAS PLAYS! The Dramatic Society is proud to announce the world premier of a new play written especially for it. The play is a dramatization by Nancy Parker Crowell, a friend of the Society, of the popular twelfth-century French legend of "Le Jongleur de Notre Dame," which is doubtless familiar to most of you.

With this it is reviving, by request, the Irish Christmas play, "The Table Set for Himself," by Elene Wilbur, which was so enthusiastically received when given two years ago.

To give everyone opportunity to see this exceptionally fine program there will be two performances. The first will be on Friday, December the thirtieth, the second on Wednesday, January the fourth. The place, of course, will be St Joseph's Hall, and the time eight-thirty p.m.

The production of these plays will introduce to the audience the many improvements to the stage over which members have been labouring during the summer and fall. The collection, after the expenses of the Christmas production have been deducted, will be devoted to paying for these alterations. The Society, which is quite excited about all its new gadgets, will be happy to show and explain them after the performances, to anyone interested.

Many moans are heard about the sad state of the flooring of the stage which, despite many patches, is so rotten that it may be expected to collapse at any time. The stage crew are anxious to lay a new floor if they could only find the money to buy the lumber. Aren't there some people who would like to contribute a few dollars towards a lumber fund? Miss Millicent McLaughlin, the treasurer, or Mr Edward Garlick, the stage manager, would be delighted to accept all donations.

EW YEAR'S DAY is also the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, and a holy day of obligation, even when it does not fall, as it does this year, on a Sunday. No doubt there will be the usual noisy revelry in the night clubs and along Broadway, making sleep impossible for the Fathers and Brothers in St Mary's House,

but we are sure that faithful Catholics will be thinking more o New Year's resolutions, and preparing for a good communion Sunday morning. Since the feast falls on Sunday, there will not be the usual extra Masses at six and twelve-ten, but we hope for a corporate communion of the parish at the regular Masses at seven, eight, nine and ten, and a record attendance at the High Mass at eleven. The Preacher at the High Mass will be the Reverend Bernard Iddings Bell, D.D. of Providence, Rhode Island.

WORD to remind you that Friday, December the thirtieth, and Friday, January the sixth are not days of abstinence, since they fall on or between Christmas and Epiphany, and are specially excepted in the rules for fasting given in the new Prayer Book.

THERE will be a corporate communion of St Mary's Guild at nine-thirty on Wednesday, January the fourth, followed by the annual meeting and election of officers for 1939 in St Joseph's Hall at ten-thirty.

DERHAPS a good many of our parishioners will remember the beautiful Epiphany Pageant, "The Three Kings," which was presented two years ago by some of the young men of the parish. The Pageant will be presented again on the Eve of the Epiphany, January the fifth, at eight in the evening. It will be held in the church. Please put this date on your engagement pad, and come to offer yourself to the Christ Child, as the best gift you can possibly make. There is no better way of teaching both young and old than this method of "eye teaching" or pageant. During the past months, some lovely materials and jewelry have been presented for permanent costumes for the Three Kings Pageant, which we hope will be an annual event. However, we still have not nearly enough, so we must go on collecting things for our own costume box. Perhaps by 1940 we may have enough. If anyone has "silk

or satin," "calico or cotton," jewelry, etc., to part with, please send such things to the rectory in care of Father Eckman, for the "Three Kings" costumes.

N January the eleventh, the Guild of St Mary of the Cross will hold its annual Fair and Sale of food and fancy articles. The proceeds from this Fair will go towards much-needed repairs at St Mary's Summer Home, Keyport, New Jersey. Please everyone come and support this Fair as generously as you can, so that when we all go to Keyport on our annual "Spring Bus Picnic" we may see the result of your goodwill in the improvement of our Summer Home property.

EFEAT! How we hate to admit it! But the women won the battle, and quite honestly too, so we must give them credit and tell the story. Someone started the battle by throwing a snowball at Mrs Doring, whereupon that otherwise quiet and peaceful ladv began to roll snowballs furiously. The priest-in-charge came along rather innocently and wanted to know what was going on. He was promptly pelted with a barrage of snowballs from the firm and, "sure to hit," hands of the ladies. Others joined and the battle went on. Finally, the men made a retreat, and the ladies retired to the priest's cottage to warm themselves around the new and efficient oil heater. Dear reader, if you haven't guessed the place of the battle, let us tell you. There is only ONE place where we can ALL have such fun - St Mary's Summer Home. The occasion was the annual fall bus picnic, held on Saturday afternoon, November the twenty-sixth. The day couldn't have been better for the bus ride. But some were afraid of the snow. so we had only one bus load of passengers. But such a fine spirit of fellowship from beginning to end, and what a grand opportunity of seeing the Home in winter dress! An excellent roast beef dinner was provided by Mrs Florence Smith, our caretaker's wife, and we may say it made an amiable truce to the battle. Mrs

Higman vowed she would not take part in the battle, but we have authentic reports that she fell mightily before reaching home that evening!

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at ten-thirty on Friday, January the thirteenth, in St Joseph's Hall.

EVERY year in January we have a parish dinner, both to provide another social opportunity for our people, and to raise money for St Mary's Summer Home at Keyport, New Jersey. This year the date is Wednesday, January the eighteenth. Dinner will be served in St Joseph's Hall from six-thirty to eight. Tickets cost one dollar and may be secured from Mrs William C. Dickey at 123 East 53rd Street, or from the Parish Secretary. From past experience of parish dinners at St Mary's we can assure you that there will be more than a dollar's worth of fun and food. In fact, this is one of the most painless ways of contributing to a good cause that we know of. Don't miss it.

N the evening of Monday, January the twenty-third, the American Guild of Organists is sponsoring a recital in St Mary's Church by Claire Coci. Miss Coci was formerly the organist and choirmaster of the Jesuit Church in New Orleans, to which position she was appointed at the age of sixteen. As wife of Bernard LaBerge, the concert manager, she is now a New Yorker.

It has been the custom of the Guild of Organists to arrange for the public hearing of organists who have something to say to other members of the profession—so through the Guild we welcome Miss Coci to her second Manhattan recital.

The program starts at 8:30 and is open to the public. No tickets will be required.

FATHER Williams will give one of his instructive bookreview lectures at the residence of Mrs Eugene W. Mason, 111 East 69th Street on Tuesday, January the twenty-fourth. The time is four in the afternoon. Tea will be served after the lecture. Tickets are two dollars and the proceeds will go to the Guild of Help.

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FRIDAY, January twenty-seventh, will be another gala day for the Guild of St Mary of Nazareth. They intend to have a barn dance in St Joseph's Hall, starting at seven-thirty with movies and other entertainment. Their last party in December was a great success and they are confident that they will have an even bigger crowd this month. Please make a note of this date and plan to be present and help the girls raise money for the church.

SECULAR music contains the individual expression of the composer. It comprises his personal views and reactions to life as seen through his own experiences, while music for use in church is objective. Certainly there will be present some subjective elements, in that it is usually the product of one mind, but it must be a mind in harmony with the ideas and ideals of the teachings of the Church. It is a view of the Church through human agency. The personal elements in the composer's nature are subdued as is the individuality of the members of the congregation.

Modern individualistic music with its apparent or implied emotionalism may stir like emotions in its hearers, but that is far from the serene depths of feeling required in the situation. In personal emotionalism there is no foundation for a Church style. We do not expect in church the reactions which we experience in a concert hall—rather we should follow the aims of the mediaeval composers, who in writing for the Church subjugated their own personality to the needs of the Liturgy.

Conversely, abuses in Church music have from time to time crept in through the individualistic tendencies and emotional expression of performers who wished to stamp the meaning of the sacred text with their own reactions.

The prime purpose of the use of music in church is that it be an offering to Almighty God, in the same sense as the Sacrifice. Each part must be the best obtainable. It must amplify the Liturgy, forming a setting for it without directing undue attention to itself. In no sense is it something to please, in the common sense. It is not to draw a crowd nor to present a pleasant half hour to the attendants at Mass. That we can leave to secular music.

NCE upon a time there was a Minister of a City Church, writes "Safed the Sage." And he went, he and his household, and sojourned in the Wilderness in the Good Old Summertime. And the folk who dwelt in that region sent unto him a Committee, saying, Behold, we are informed that thou art a man of Distinction, and we desire thee to Preach for us on the coming Sabbath.

And he said, I will do it.

And on the Sabbath day he walked, he and his son, unto the Synagogue, and as they entered the Minister beheld that the Contribution Box was attached to the Wall in the Vestibule. And he dropped therein a silver Half Dollar.

And at the close of the Service, the Committee waited upon him, and thanked him. And they said, It is our custom to give unto the Minister, when one preacheth here, the contents of the Contribution Box; will that be satisfactory?

And he answered, That will be satisfactory.

And they produced a Key, and unlocked the Box, and gave unto him one silver Half Dollar.

And the Minister and his son walked back through the hot sunshine to the place of their sojourn. And as they went, the lad spake unto his father, saying, Dad, if you had put more into that Box, you would have got more out of it.

Now the same is true of many other men, who would get more out of the service of the House of God if they put more into it of Prayer and Service and Loyalty and Love, and even of Cash.

And the same is true of the Minister, with respect to his Sermon.

And the same is true of Life as a Whole.

There are many folk who are getting Mighty Little out of Life, and to whom the whole Shooting Match is worth less than Half Price, because they do not put more into it.

Wherefore give unstintedly of thy Love and of thy Service, and thou shalt get more out of it.

DURING the month of January, the altar flowers are given in memory of the following:

January 1 — The Circumcision, James Otis Sargent Huntington, O.H.C., Priest.

January 6 - The Epiphany. James H. Gorham, O.H.C., Priest.

January 8 - First Sunday after Epiphany. Ursula Dunham Marshall.

January 15 - Second Sunday after Epiphany. George Harding.

January 22 - Third Sunday after Epiphany. Charles Clinton Marshall.

January 29 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. Benjamin and Eliza F. Verplanck Richards.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

MARRIAGES

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

November 26 — Joscelyn C. Black and Daisy L. Nosworthy.

CORPORATE Communions for the month of January are as follows:

Sunday, January 1, 9:00 — The Church School, Guild of St Mary of the Cross, Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.

Monday, January 2, 8:00 — (Mission House) Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.

Wednesday, January 4, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.

Sunday, January 8, 9:00 - The Knights of St Mary.

Wednesday, January 11, 9:30 - Associates of the Community of St Mary.

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

KALENDAR FOR JANUARY, 1939

- ¥ 1. Su. THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD. Com. Christmas I.
 - 2. M. Octave of St Stephen. Com. St John.
 - 3. Tu. OCTAVE OF ST JOHN.
 - 4. W. Octave of Holy Innocents.
 - 5. Th. Epiphany Eve.
 - 6. F. THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.
 - 7. Sa. In Octave of the Epiphany.
- **★** 8. Su. SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY. Com. Epiphany.
 - 9. M. In Octave of the Epiphany.
 - 10. Tu. In Octave.
 - 11. W. In Octave.
 - 12. Th. In Octave.
 - 13. F. OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY. Abstinence.
 - 14. Sa. St Hilary, B.C.D.
- ¥15. Su. EPIPHANY II. Com. St Paul the First Hermit, C., and St Maur, Ab.C.
 - 16. M. Feria. Chantry Masses.
- 17. Tu. St Anthony, Ab.C.
- 18. W. St Prisca, V.M.
- 19. Th. Feria.
- 20. F. SS Fabian and Sebastian, MM. Abstinence.
- 21. Sa. St Agnes, V.M.
- ₹22. Su. EPIPHANY III. Com. St Vincent, Deacon, M.
 - 23. M. Feria, Chantry Masses.
 - 24. Tu. St Timothy, B.M.
 - 25. W. CONVERSION OF ST PAUL. Com. St Peter.
 - 26. Th. St Polycarp, B.M.
 - 27. F. St John Chrysostom, B.C.D. Abstinence.
 - 28. Sa. Feria.
- ¥29. Su. EPIPHANY IV. Com. St Francis de Sales, B.C.D.
 - 30. M. Feria.
 - 31. Tu. Feria. Chantry Masses (at 8 a.m. for names in the Chantry Book).

Days indicated by X 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 JANUARY

JANUARY 1. — THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD.
Mass, "Missa brevis"
EVENSONG: Magnificat, Tone II, with faux-bourdons Holmes Nunc dimittis, Tone VIII, with faux-bourdons Holmes Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" Sixteenth Century
whotet, Adoramus te, Christe
JANUARY 8 SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY.
Mass, "Missa in honorem Sanctæ Claræ Assisiensis" Refice Motet, "Laudate cæli"
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Short Service) Gibbons
Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" Palestrina
JANUARY 15 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.
Mass, "Missa Ascendo ad Patrem"
Motet, "O salutaris hostia"
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone II, with faux-bourdons
Nunc dimittis, Tone III, with faux-bourdons Willan Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe"* Viadana
Motor, Additional to, Charlette,
JANUARY 22. — THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.
Mass, "Missa quarti toni"
Motet, "Jubilate Deo"
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis for four voices
Motet, O bone jesu
JANUARY 29 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.
MASS. "Missa Dona pacem" Desderi
Mass, "Missa Dona pacem" Desderi Motet, "O admirabile commercium"*
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VII, with faux-bourdons
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux-bourdons
Motet, "Panis angelicus"

^{*}First time.

SERVICES

SUNDAYS											
Low Mass									7 a	nd 8 a	.m.
Matins .									8	3:40 a	.m.
Sung Mass, w	ith add	ress								9 a	.m.
Low Mass										10 a	.m.
High Mass, w	ith seri	non								11 a	
Evensong and										8 p	.m.
WEEK DAYS Mass, daily Also on Holy Children's Ma Matins Evensong Holy Hour, Sa Other Set	ss and	cated	chisn	n, Sa	aturo	days		Fest	. S	9:30 a 7:30 a 6 p to 6 p	.m. .m.
The Church is	open d	laily	from	n 6:	: 3 0 a	a.m.	till	9 p.	m.		
Adults or child fession, Baptism,				_		_					on-
The Parish Se	cretary's	s offi	ice is	ope	n at	the	folle	owir	ng tir	nes:	
Mondays to Saturdays	Friday	/S	•			9:1	5 to	1 a	nd 2	to 5	

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, 10.30 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 missions of the Church. 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. Supper, Sewing and Games, Tuesdays, 6.30 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, in charge.

DEVOTIONAL GUILDS

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.

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 Communions, 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 Mondays, 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

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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