A Monthly Bulletin of the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, New York
AVE takes pride in usually appearing on time. But this month, due to a series of mishaps beyond our control, we shall not maintain our record, and this March number will not be in your hands, as it should be, by the first of the month. For this unavoidable delay we ask your pardon and indulgence, and we promise to do our utmost to see that the April number, dealing with the solemnities of Holy Week, is in your hands before the end of this month.

By the time that this number of AVE reaches you Lent will be well under way. You have all, we hope, prepared for the Lenten season by a good confession on Shrove Tuesday; you have sealed your penitence by a good communion, and on Ash Wednesday you have been signed on your forehead with a cross of ashes as a reminder of the transitoriness of human life, and the need for seriousness in our penitence and devotion if we would qualify for the resurrection life of triumph and rejoicing. By this time some of the novelty of Lent has worn off. Our rules, which we undertook in a moment of generous fervour, may now seem irksome; our usual duties seem to crowd in as importunately as ever, and leave us less time than we had hoped for extra services and private devotions. It is now that the testing comes. It is in periods of dryness and staleness and boredom that we can really manifest our devotion to our Lord. As Thomas á Kempis points out, many come gladly to the altar to participate in the joy of communion, but few are found who will go with our Lord to Calvary.
Let us pray for perseverance,—perseverance in self-discipline, in devotion, in self-control, in the mortifying of those inordinate and sinful affections which have so often in the past led us astray. For the goal which Lent sets before us is the formation of a Christian character, little by little, year by year. It is the work of a lifetime, and even a long lifetime is all too short to accomplish it perfectly. Let us, then, make this Lent count. We cannot tell whether we shall be granted many more Lents to make up for our past negligence. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it . . . I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world . . . Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

We believe that noon-day Mass on weekdays in Lent, followed by a brief address, is really appreciated by many of our people. We hope that this Lent the congregations at noon will be larger than ever. The Mass begins promptly at twelve-ten, and the address closes promptly at twelve-forty-five. Office workers in the Times Square district can thus leave their offices at twelve and be back at one, with time for a milkshake or a sandwich between church and office. Please feel free, however, to come either to the Mass or to the address, if you cannot manage both. If you are fasting and prepared for your communion, please present yourself in the sanctuary promptly when the bell rings signifying that the priest is making his communion. The server will then say the General Confession with you, and the priest will give the absolution and communicate you.

Below is a list of the noon-day preachers, with the topics of the sermons they will preach (beginning March 6th):

**NOON-DAY PREACHING**

**March 6th to March 11th — Father Hoffman, S.S.J.E. The Holy Bible.**
- March 6 — The Bible as the Word of God.
- March 7 — The Bible as Literature.
- March 11 — How to Read the Bible.
**March 13th to March 18th — The Father Rector. St Peter, the Apostle.**
- March 13 — The Call of Jesus.
- March 14 — The Walking on the Sea.
- March 15 — The Confession of Peter.
- March 16 — The Boastings of Peter.
- March 17 — The Denial of Peter.
- March 18 — The Restoration of Peter.
**March 20th to March 25th — Father Lightfoot.**
- March 20 — The Christian Belief in God.
- March 21 — The Christian Belief in Christ.
- March 23 — The Christian Church and Worship.
- March 24 — The Christian Way of Life.
- March 25 — Retreat Address (The Father Rector).
**March 27th to April 1st — The Father Rector. On the Way to Calvary.**
- March 27 — Pontius Pilate.
- March 28 — The Blessed Mother.
- March 29 — Simon of Cyrene.
- March 30 — Veronica.
- March 31 — The Women of Jerusalem.
- April 1 — The Executioners.
**April 3rd to April 5th — Father Hoffman, S.S.J.E.**
- April 3 — The Courage of the Passion.
- April 4 — The Humility of the Passion.
- April 5 — The Charity of the Passion.

Father Hoffman will preach at High Mass on the Sundays in Lent. His subject in each case will be the Gospel for the day, under the following titles:
- March 5 — The Lost are Found.
- March 12 — The Divided Kingdom.
- March 19 — "This is of a Truth that Prophet."
- March 26 — "If I say the Truth, Why do ye not Believe Me?"

Father Eckman will give a series of instructions on the Christian life on Sunday evenings in Lent.

**Every** Friday evening in Lent (except on March the twenty-fourth, when the Bishop comes for Confirmation, and on Good Friday) there will be Stations of the Cross, a sermon, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This has always been a
popular Lenten service at St Mary's, and we hope that many of you have made a resolution to attend it as part of your Lenten Rule. It is expected that the members of our devotional guilds — The Living Rosary of our Lady and St Dominic, the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and the Guild of All Souls — will come faithfully to these services, since the regular monthly meeting of these guilds is omitted during Lent. The preacher this year will be the Father Rector. His subject is "Forgiveness".

* HAPPY are we to announce that there will be no more groans from the kitchen sink! Many are the disturbances and groans of modern life, but to have them coming from such a cheerful and otherwise normally quiet place as the kitchen sink, is too much to go without notice! The location of this hideous howling sink is in the kitchen of St Mary’s Summer Home at Keyport, New Jersey. But once again our good English friends, Mr and Mrs Thomas Ogden, of London, have come to the rescue and stopped the groaning. So a new porcelain sink with teakwood drain board will be installed to replace the tiny old cast-iron sink that has done such good and loyal service in the past. And how it will improve the looks of the kitchen! But this is not all of the good news. The fences are to be repaired too, through the generosity of Mr and Mrs Ogden, and this will help keep the tiny tots under control. Still many are the needs of the Summer Home, and we hope that the summer season of 1939 will not be upon us unprepared. Much has been accomplished during the past year to make the Summer Home a real place of recreation and rest for our less fortunate people with the goods of this world, for all of which we must say ‘Thanks be to God,’ and thanks to our many generous friends, and hoping that still more will be done this year.

* THE regular monthly meeting of St Mary’s branch of the Woman’s Auxiliary will be held in St Joseph’s Hall on March the tenth, at half-past ten. In this place it is appropriate to add a note or two which were not available when the list of officers was published in last month’s AVE. Miss Edna Finch, besides being First Vice-President is also the Supply Officer, Mrs James H. Carll is Second Vice-President and also C.P.C. Officer.

THE district meeting of the Evening Branches of the Woman’s Auxiliary will be held in St Joseph’s Hall on March the fourteenth, at eight-fifteen in the evening. The Father Rector will be the guest of honour, and will give an illustrated talk on Japan.

* DURING Lent the Woman’s Auxiliary will sponsor a series of mission study classes which will meet on Fridays in St Joseph’s Hall at ten-forty-five in the morning. A list of meetings and speakers is appended:

March 3 — Miss Alice Palmer, Ellis Island.
March 10 — The Reverend John H. Johnson, Vicar of St Martin’s Chapel, New York.
March 17 — The Reverend H. Rushton Bell, City Hospital, Welfare Island.

* MANY of you will recall the impressive funeral service and High Mass of Requiem held at St Mary’s last year for the repose of the soul of our good friend, Frank Stanton Burns Gavin, Priest and Doctor. At that service several Bishops and clergy of the Orthodox Church were present, and one Orthodox Bishop offered the prayers of the Orthodox for the faithful departed. It is now proposed, under the auspices of the New York Chapter of the Anglican and Orthodox Fellowship, to hold a requiem service at St Mary’s at which the Orthodox will have the chief part. The date is Monday, March the twentieth, and the time eight in the evening. It is a mark of gracious courtesy that the Orthodox should wish thus to honour a priest of our communion, and we hope that many of Father Gavin’s friends throughout the Christian Church will be present to pray for the repose of his soul, and to give thanks for the inspiration of his life and example. Further details of the service will appear in the weekly leaflet.

* MAY we remind you again that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in St Mary’s Church on Friday evening, March the twenty-fourth, at eight in the evening. Bishop Campbell, formerly of Liberia, who has for some years been assisting Bishop Manning in making visitations throughout the diocese, will confirm
the candidates, and will preach. There is still time to be prepared for Confirmation, and we hope that any who have wished to be confirmed but who have failed to come to a definite decision will give their names at once to one of the Fathers. This year, as you will recall, it was decided to omit the customary Confirmation lectures, and each of the Fathers is preparing his own candidates privately. Do not hesitate to seek Confirmation because you are grown-up or even middle-aged. There will probably be as many adults as children in the Confirmation class. No special clothes are needed. It is appropriate, but by no means necessary, that young girls should be confirmed in white dresses. In the case of older girls and women there is no fixed custom. The Sisters will of course provide veils for the women and girls.

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THERE will be two Retreats, or Quiet Days, during March, to which we should like to call your attention.

A Quiet Afternoon for nurses, under the auspices of the Guild of St Catherine of Genoa, will be held on Sunday, March the twelfth. Meditations at three and five. Tea will be served in the Sisters' Mission House after the second address. The conductor is Father Hoffman. This quiet afternoon is limited to registered and student nurses, technicians and laboratory workers. No notification necessary.

The annual Lent Retreat for women will be conducted by the Father Rector on Saturday, March the twenty-fifth. The retreat Mass will be held at eight o'clock, followed by breakfast in St Joseph's Hall. Meditations at ten-thirty, twelve-thirty and two-thirty. Benediction at three o'clock. Please notify the Sisters if you intend to be present at breakfast or lunch, or both. It will be a courtesy to let them know a few days in advance, so that adequate food may be prepared and waste may be avoided.

These opportunities for quiet and devotion are very important in the life of the parish and we hope that full use will be made of them. It is so easy to become immersed in the practical affairs of life, and to let our religion slip down to the level of Sunday Mass attendance and hurried daily prayers. We shall not in this way develop Christian characters, or walk worthy of the vocation to which we are called. These times of quiet are meant to redress the balance, and to give us an opportunity for spiritual stock-taking and new resolutions. *

RECENTLY Sheed and Ward, the well-known Roman Catholic publishers, sent out a list of Lenten books which they urge the faithful to buy and read for their souls' health. Their publications are always of distinguished quality and their advertising is the most attractive we know. Consequently, we cannot resist quoting their opening paragraphs, which are entitled: "Mortification and Fortification."

"Lent should never mean simply giving up things. If you give up one thing, without taking up another, the chances are that the whole of Lent will be spent in gnawing awareness of the thing you have given up—Candies or Camels or Cocktails. Nor should the things you take up be solely by way of mortification. If you give up smoking and take to a hair shirt, you will probably be an enemy of the human race before Lent is half over.

"As against mortification so strenuous as you will doubtless undertake, the whole self must be fortified—and particularly Brother Intellect, who is too easily overlooked in this context, and who in fact seldom gets into any Canticles at all. The following suggestions for Lenten reading are drawn up on the principle that it is cruel to throw all the burden of virtue on the will.

"The prime object of Lent is to bring us close to Christ our Lord. Reading can help in all sorts of ways."
ANY of you will recall that great moving picture, "The King of Kings," which tells the story of our Lord's life with such restraint and good taste and conviction. We have managed to secure a showing of it for our congregation this Lent. Of course it is an old film, and technically not the equal of pictures that are being produced today, but limited sound effects have been added, and the vividness of the story will, we are sure, cause you to forget any inadequacies of production. It will be shown twice on the evening of Wednesday, March the fifteenth in St Joseph's Hall. The first performance will be at six o'clock and will be specially intended for the children. Subscription price, twenty cents. The second showing will be at eight-forty-five. Subscription price, thirty cents. The price of both performances has been kept very modest, since we are much more concerned to have you receive the spiritual benefit which this great film can bring to you than to raise money. The expense of this showing is, however, considerable, and we hope at least to get back the contract price.

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THE FIVE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

By Mary E. Steinmetz

I. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

My dear, must You this last thing undergo
For us, for me, for all our unkind race?
Must I by sleeping so increase your woe
And all unthinkingly help mar your face
With tears? Will You not go while time remains,
Leaving us justly damned. You stay alone,
We sleep; You pray, foreseeing Friday's pains,
It is for our mistakes that you atone.

What good is sorrow, when I still repeat
The blunders, the indifferent, stupid things!
Oh, better to have left me in defeat
Than to have borne the agony and stings
Of treachery! Yet, since this was Your will,
Pardon my faults, though I be traitor still.

II. THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

I was so mazed by all the lights and cries
Within the quiet garden where You stood
And where they seized You, that I answered lies,
Perjured myself, blasphemed, denied the good
To save myself. I was so much afraid.
My hands and feet were free, while Yours were bound;
My back unhurt, on Yours the scourge was laid.
Oh, I was safe, my precious body sound.

But all the busy roamings of my mind
Were running with You to the judgment hall.
Each of the scourge's blows were felt in kind
Upon my heart, as my ears heard them fall.
What have I done? I saved my body whole,
But, O my dear, I might have saved my soul.

III. THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

When I first saw the garland on Your head,
You were with Pilate in the Roman porch,
About You hung a cloak of Caesar's red.
The dawn had come, and I put out my torch,
In the dim day I saw one nobly born,
Wearing a royal robe and flowery crown.
I looked again and saw the cruel thorn,
The mantle just a player's garish gown.

No longer could I stay in that mad place
Of clamouring men. And yet I fled too late,
For even as I ran I saw Your face
With eyes so loving in the midst of hate.
And so I ran without one spoken word —
I was Your truant slave, and You my Lord.
IV. JESUS CARRYING HIS CROSS

My coward feet that took me from the court
Have brought me back to the hot, hilly street.
Here in the noon-day sun I am stopped short,
And in the throng of strangers I shall greet
You silently and sadly in my heart.
Now at the end I find I cannot stray,
But must come back and play a helpless part
Of watching all the happenings of the day.

So close you come; but for an instant near,
Then gone, so weary underneath the cross,
And in Your presence I have lost my fear,
Suddenly wise to know my sins, my loss.
Following You, my pride left in the dust,
Up this same hill I go, because I must.

V. THE CRUCIFIXION

Standing as one apart who views a play,
I watched the bitter, cruel, final scene,
Under the sky, first blue, now clouded gray.
I learned a little what deep love can mean.
The early twilight and the coming storm
Sent them to seek the shelter of the town.
From the high cross, they took Your tired form.
Leaving the cross, the nails, the hurtful crown.

Now do I dare approach this empty rood,
On which so lately You Yourself have hung,
And, kneeling, put my cheek against the wood
And, looking up, behold its arms outflung.
Lord, grant me strength to yield to its embrace,
And, crucified, may I then seek Your grace?

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

March 22 — St Joseph (transferred from March 19). Katherine Sinclair Sisto.
March 25 — Annunciation of the B.V.M. Martha Fiske.

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KALENDR FOR MARCH

5. Su. LENT II.
12. Su. LENT III. Com. St Gregory the Great, B.C.D.
19. Su. LENT IV (St Joseph is transferred).
26. Su. PASSION SUNDAY.

MUSIC LIST FOR MARCH

MARCH 5. — LENT II.

Mass, “Messe solennelle de Ste. Cécile” . . . . . . . . Gounod
Motet, “Sicut cervum” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Palestrina

EVENSONG:
Magnificat, Tonus peregrinus, with faux-bourdons . . . . Byrd
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux-bourdons . . . . . . . . Byrd
Motet, “Adoramus te, Christe” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Peri

MARCH 12. — LENT III.

Mass, “Missa Cantabo Domino” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vianana
Motet, “Turn our Captivity” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Byrd

EVENSONG:
Magnificat, Tone V, with faux-bourdons . . . . . . . . . . . . . Tallis
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux-bourdons . . . . . . . . . . . . . Giles
Motet, “Adoramus te, Christe” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Rosselli

MARCH 19. — LENT IV. Lætare.

Mass, “Messe solennelle de Ste. Cécile” . . . . . . . . . . . . . Gounod
Motet, “O admirabile commercium” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Händl

EVENSONG:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Second Service) . . . . . . . . . Byrd
Motet, “Jesu dulcis memoria” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Victoria

MARCH 24. — CONFIRMATION.

EVENSONG:
Magnificat, Tone II, with faux-bourdons . . . . . . . . . . . . . Holmes
Nunc dimittis, Tone VIII, with faux-bourdons . . . . . . . . . . . . . Holmes
Motet, “Beata es, Virgo Maria” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Gabrieli

MARCH 26. — PASSION SUNDAY.

Mass, “Missa octavi toni” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Anerio
Motet, “Calligaverunt oculi mei” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Victoria

EVENSONG:
Magnificat, Tone I, with faux-bourdons . . . . . . . . . . . . . Fairfax
Nunc dimittis, Tone VII, with faux-bourdons . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sixteenth Century
Motet, “O Domine Jesu Christe” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Palestrina

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.

* First time.
SERVICES IN LENT

SUNDAYS

Low Mass
Matins
Sung Mass, with address
Low Mass (except on Palm Sunday)
High Mass, with sermon
Evensong and Benediction, with instruction

7 and 8 a.m.
8:40 a.m.
9 a.m.
10 a.m.
11 a.m.
8 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily
Mass, with short address, daily
Children's Mass and catechism, Saturdays
Matins
Evensong

7, 8, and 9:30 a.m.
12:10 p.m.
9:30 a.m.
7:30 a.m.
6 p.m.

EVENING SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Stations of the Cross, Wednesdays
Stations of the Cross, with sermon and Benediction, Fridays (except March 24th)
Holy Hour and Benediction, Saturdays

4 p.m.
8 p.m.
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, 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.

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