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THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

MANY, if not all, of the readers of AVE have already received a letter from the Board of Trustees of the Church announcing the fact that I am resigning my position as Rector of the Parish to take effect on June fifteenth next, and that my resignation has been accepted by the Board. To this formal announcement made by the Board I should now like the privilege of adding a few words of explanation of a more personal nature.

On Thursday, April the thirteenth, a meeting of the Chapter of the Society of St John the Evangelist was held at our Mother House in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at which I was elected Father Superior of the American Congregation of the Society to succeed Father Spence Burton, who, on May third is to be consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Haiti. In the religious community of which I am a member such an election is regarded as mandatory, and under the vow of obedience there is no choice open to the Father thus chosen save to accept the election as the Will of God made manifest by the votes of the Brethren. Accordingly, immediately following the election, I was inducted into the office of Superior of the American Congregation of our Society.

At the time that I came to St Mary's, now nearly nine years ago, it was, I think, made abundantly clear to those who were then members of the Board of Trustees that my tenure of office as Rector of the Church of St Mary the Virgin must be subject to the consent of the Father Superior of our Society. A member of a religious community is not free to assume any piece of work save with the consent of his Superior, and must likewise be ready to relinquish it should his Superior decide that such a course is
necessary or desirable. I think I also explained to the Members of the Board our custom of electing a Father Superior every three years, and pointed out that should any Father resident at St Mary’s be elected to that office, he would have to relinquish his duties here and return to the Mother House in Cambridge.

That contingency has now come to pass, and I find myself both Rector of St Mary’s and Superior of the Society of St John the Evangelist. It is plain to me that I cannot adequately fulfill the duties of both offices, and, therefore most reluctantly I have resigned my position as Rector of the parish. Father Hoffman and Father Eckman, who are also members of the Society of St John the Evangelist, have likewise presented their resignations from the parish staff to take effect at the same time as my own.

I have been much touched and gratified by words of praise and appreciation which have been spoken by a number of parishioners concerning the work which the Fathers of the Society have done at St Mary’s since our connection with the parish. Some of you have expressed the wish that at least some of the Fathers of the Society might continue to work here even though it were necessary for me to retire as Rector. But, frankly, I feel that it would not be possible for the Society to do this. We have for a number of years been greatly handicapped in our work by lack of numbers at our Mother House in Cambridge, and I am convinced that, with Father Burton gone, it would not be possible to spare the necessary number of Fathers required to carry on the work at St Mary’s as well. I have assured the Trustees that I shall be glad to do anything in my power to assist them and the parish at this time of transition, but it would not be feasible for members of the Society to continue here after next summer.

These years at St Mary’s have been years of great happiness for me. The kindness and generosity of the parishioners has been overwhelming, and the thought of severing my connection with the parish which I have grown to love, and with so many dear friends, is a sorrowful one. But I have no choice. I know that I shall be able to count constantly on the affection and prayers of friends whom I have made here, as they surely will remain always in my own affectionate thoughts and prayers.

St Mary’s is a great parish. It has had a great past. It will have, please God, a still more glorious future. I pray that God may guide you aright in the choice of your new Rector, and I know that He will lead you on in continued devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ and in faithfulness to His Holy Catholic Church.

Affectionately your friend and Rector,

April 20, 1939.

MAY the third has been set by the Presiding Bishop as the date of Father Burton’s consecration as Suffragan Bishop of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The place is Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston, and the hour is ten-thirty in the morning. Those who hold tickets to the service should be there well before ten-fifteen, for at that hour the doors will be thrown open to the public. It is hoped that arrangements may be made to have one or more buses leave for Boston on May second, returning to New York after the consecration. Whether or not this comes to pass will depend on the number of applications received from our parishioners. In case the arrangements are put through, the round-trip bus fare will be slightly under five dollars. This number of AVE will, of course, reach you only two or three days before the consecration, but there is just a chance that some of our readers might learn in this way for the first time of the proposed buses. If you telephone the Parish Secretary (BRyant 9-0962) she will be glad to let you know if the trip is scheduled, and to provide you with a reservation.

Obviously only a small proportion of our parishioners will be able to go to Boston for this great service. We are sure, however, that you will all pray on that day for God’s blessing on the new bishop, and for continued success in the missionary work which for years he has so faithfully carried on as a mission priest of the Society of St John the Evangelist.

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IN order to give the men of St Mary’s and other Catholic parishes an opportunity to pay their tribute of respect and honour to Bishop Burton, S.S.J.E., a dinner has been arranged
by the Catholic Laymen's Club of New York for Tuesday, May
the ninth. This will be held at the Princeton Club, thirty-nine
East thirty-ninth Street (Park Avenue), at seven-thirty in the
evening. The Father Rector, who is also the new Father Superior
of the Society, will be the Toastmaster. The speakers will include
The Reverend Father Joseph, Superior of the Order of St Francis,
The Reverend Karl L. Tiedemann, of the Order of the Holy
Cross, Ralph Adams Cram, Litt.D., Dean Robert K. Root, of
Princeton University, and Hoxie N. Fairchild, Professor in
Columbia University. The subscription price is one dollar and a
half. Please send your request for tickets for yourself and your
guests promptly to Mr William C. Dickey, 120 Broadway,
New York.

It gives us great pleasure to print in this number of AVE the
annual report of St Mary's Guild. This guild performs an
invaluable service of the parish in the care and replacement of
vestments, and is also able to contribute a small share of its time
to the making of vestments and other ecclesiastical things for
missions of the Church which, due to financial stringency, would
otherwise be unable to procure them.

During the past year St Mary's Guild has concentrated its
efforts upon the needs of the parish at its regular Wednesday work
meetings in the Guild Room.

Four Low Mass sets of vestments—white, green, red and
purple—have been made for the chapel of the Summer Home
at Keyport, New Jersey. A very handsome red damask Low Mass
set has been made for the Lady Chapel, the embroidered orphreys
and ornaments being transferred from the old set. A beautiful
lace super-frontal for the altar of the Lady Chapel was presented
by two members of the guild. A bishop's dalmatic and tunicle
have replaced the tattered old ones. Other new articles made by
members are two under-linens for the High Altar; five corporals;
twelve purificators; six lavabo towels; two linen palls; four stole
collars; three hand-crocheted linen girdles; three surplices, and two
cottas. The gold High Mass set was entirely re-lined, and extensive
repairs have been made on the black High Mass set. Three veils,
one cope hood, one bishop's mitre and three stoles have been re-
lined. Also, countless patches and mending of vestments and linens
have kept the members busy. The small pieces of altar linen are
launched each week by two faithful members of the guild. The
flower committee attends to the placing of flowers on the altars
and shrines.

The average attendance in the workroom has been twelve,
and we have been fortunate in having several new members. The
informal luncheons on Wednesdays have also fostered the splendid
spirit of loyalty and cooperation in the guild.

Any women in the parish who can sew, or who wish to contribute
in any way to this very necessary work, will be cordially welcomed
by the guild.

The May Festival in honour of Our Lady St Mary, the Patron
of this parish, will be held again this year under the auspices
of the Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic. On the
evening of Sunday, May the twenty-first, at eight o'clock, there
will be sung vespers of Our Lady, followed by a procession, and
the traditional crowning of Our Lady's statue. The service will
conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We urge a
large attendance at this inspiring and worthy example of Catholic
worship in the month of May, with its impressive liturgy, and
music of age-old beauty.

As has been previously announced in the weekly calendar, the
annual spring bus picnic to St Mary's Summer Home, Key-
port, New Jersey, will be held on Saturday afternoon, May the
sixth. Buses will leave St Mary's Church at half-past one in the
afternoon, and will return to the church at about ten in the
evening. The fare, including supper at the Home, will be one
dollar and thirty-five cents. As this amount barely covers the cost
of transportation, reservations cannot be made without cash. Father
Eckman will be glad to make reservations until May the third,
or money may be left with the parish secretary. Let us make this
event a grand parish affair.

Work is going along with cleaning and repairing at St
Mary's Summer Home, but many things still have to be done
before opening time. The ladies of the Guild of St Mary of
the Cross have given a number of blankets, and will put new
covers on the pillows which are otherwise good and serviceable. Miss Beazley has given a gross of water tumblers, and another friend has given a three-foot statue of Saint Anne, for whom the chapel is named. Our thanks for all these things and God bless all the friends of the Summer Home.

ST Mary's Guild will have its last corporate communion and business meeting of the season on Wednesday, May the third. The corporate communion will be as usual at 9:30 and will be followed by the business meeting in St Joseph's Hall at 10:30.

On Saturday, May 13th at twelve o'clock noon St Mary's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will hold its last meeting of the year. The meeting will be followed by a luncheon at which Mrs Charles Gilmore Kerley, Diocesan President will be our guest of honor. This luncheon at 75c per person is for the benefit of the branch pledge to the general missionary work of the Church for 1939. We have promised $300.00, and the women of the parish are urged to attend this luncheon that we may have substantial help with this pledge. The Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary has this year pledged $31,800 for missions, and our branch has felt it both a duty and a privilege to share in this responsibility.

Mr White will play three programs of organ music on Monday evenings, May first, eighth and fifteenth, at eight-thirty. The first program deals with Bach and his forerunners. The early writers whose work we know stand out in bold relief, for time has had its way with the lesser men. Georg Muffat is known to us only by a collection of toccatae, or pieces making use of the varieties of touch possible in the instrument. These works show an uncanny knack of making sonorities that are peculiar to the organ alone. Buxtehude was possibly the greatest of the pre-Bach musicians. A skilled performer and composer, he was also a musical poet. As with Bach, it was the poetic sense that placed him far above his contemporaries, and gave his work that life which makes it a force today. Much of the subsequent composition would have been vastly different but for the influence of this man.

The Bach works presented are the Fantasia in G, a foil for the Muffat Toccata, and the Chorale-preludes which illustrate the advance over Buxtehude. The final work is the Prelude and Fugue in E flat major. The parts were not written as complementary works, but the Prelude appeared as the introduction to the 'Clavierbook,' and the Fugue, so strangely reminiscent of the St Anne hymn tune, was the close of the work.

The second program records the change introduced by Romanticism. In these works the structure is strongly present, but there is a giving way to mood and feeling quite foreign to the early music. These works are late in point of time — in fact, one composer is still living — but from this period come the best balanced examples.

The third program is divided into two distinct styles: early English, and modern music. The music from past the Tudor period came to an abrupt end in Handel. Burney says that for thirty years after Handel’s death England had no keyboard music except Handel limitations. This group provides examples of early music, Handel, and some imitations.

The Tournemire Poem is structural music of the highest order. It is uniquely organ music. No other instrument can produce such sonorities, nor be treated in quite the same fashion. Tournemire is the organist of Ste Clothilde in Paris. He is the successor to César Franck. The two Karg-Elert works show the two sides of the man’s ideas about music. One is colourful and imitative,
while the other is at times pure music, but still with the peculiar twist to the harmonies that was Karg-Elert’s personal property. The Fugue Kanzone und Epilog was written upon the intonation of the Creed — and is scored for organ, violin, and a chorus of women’s voices.

MAY 1

Toccata XI in C minor

Choral-Vorspiele

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Ich dank dir, lieber Herre

In dulci jubilo

Fantasia in G

Choral-Vorspiele

Vater unser im Mimmelreich

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

Durch Adam’s Fall ist ganz verderbt

Jesu, meine Zuversicht

O Mensch bewein dein’ Sunde gross

Offertory pour le jour de Pâques

O Filii et Filiae

Muzète

Prelude and Fugue in E flat

MAY 8

Prelude and Fugue in C minor

Fugue in A flat minor

Benedictus

Symphonie Gothique

Moderato

Andante sostenuto

Final

Symphonie de Noel, 1920

Vers la Crèche

L’Adoration Mystique

Choral in B minor

Pièce Héroique

MAY 15

A Fancy in Gamut flatt

A Concerto Movement

The Primerose

Gallardo

A Fancy

A Tune for Flutes

Allegro Moderato

Choral-Improvisationem Op. 65

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

O Gott du frommer Gott

The Mirrored Moon (Pastels from the Lake of Constance.)

Fuge Kanzone und Epilog, Op. 85 No. 3.

Chorus of women’s voices from the choir of the Church of St Mary the Virgin

Elsa Fischer, Violinist

Raymond Nold, Conductor

Poème III—Op. 59, 1933

Charles Tournemire

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ALTHOUGH May the sixth is the Patronal Festival of our Society, we are transferring the celebration of it this year to Friday, May the twelfth, since some of us would not be able to be here on the earlier date. We expect, then, to have a corporate communion of the Associates of the Society and the Fellowship of St John on Friday, May the twelfth, followed by breakfast in St Joseph’s Hall. In the afternoon there will be a reception in St Joseph’s Hall from three till six. The Fathers will be there to welcome you, and we hope that Bishop Burton will also be able
to be present. Please don’t forget this important date. It is a fine opportunity for all of us to get together and learn to know each other better.

THURSDAY, May the eighteenth, is Ascension Day, and a holy day of obligation. We hardly need to remind you that there are occasional weekdays throughout the year when the Church expects all her children to be present at Mass, in honour of some important festival. As usual at St Mary’s, we try to give ample opportunity for the fulfillment of that obligation. There will be Low Masses at 6, 8, 9.30 and 12.10. At 7 there will be a High Mass, with communions. Let us try this year to have every member of the parish present at one of these Masses.

*A BASQUE PEASANT RETURNING FROM CHURCH*

O little lark, you need not fly
To seek your Master in the sky,
He treads our native sod.
Why should you sing aloft, apart?
Sing to the heaven of my heart;
In me, in me, in me is God.
O, stranger, passing in your car
You pity me who come so far
On dusty feet, ill shod;
You cannot guess, you cannot know
Upon what wings of joy I go,
Who travel home with God.
From far-off lands they bring your fare,
Earth’s choicest morsels are your share,
And prize of gun and rod;
At richer boards I take my meat,
Have dainties angels may not eat.
In me, in me, in me is God!
O little lark, sing loud and long
To Him Who gave you flight and song,
And me a heart aflame.
He loveth them of low degree
And He hath magnified me,
And holy, holy, holy is His Name.

ANNA BUNSTON

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

**BAPTISMS**

“As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.”

March 12 — Joan Adele Rankin (Infant)
March 19 — Alberta Louisa Patricia Houston
March 22 — Mary Evangeline Babcock
March 23 — Dorothy Vernon Janson

**MARRIAGES**

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

March 23 — Edgar T. Roinos and Dorothy O. Sherman

**CONFIRMATIONS**

By the **RIGHT REVEREND ROBERT E. CAMPBELL, O.H.C., D.D.**

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

March 24 —
Mary Evangeline Babcock
James Brickley
Elizabeth Ann Davis
Florence Marguerite Dee
George John Grant
Florence May Haslam
Alberta Louisa Patricia Houston
Dorothy Vernon Janson
Dorothy Plymouth Janson
Frances Ding Lambert
Amy Elinor Lowitt
Alice Constance Anderson Murphy
Beatrice Ellen Murphy
Constance Elizabeth Murphy
Marie Jacqueline Nichols
Robert Lawrence O’Brien
Mary Elizabeth Rogers
Viola Katherine Sadowski
Ronald Sherman
Lorraine Patricia Stout
Ruth Gretchen Thurber

**BURIALS**

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

March 20 — Katherine Widmayer
THE flower memorials during this month are as follows:

May 6 — St John ante Portam Latinam. The gift of the Fellowship of St John. (Lady Chapel)
May 7 — Fourth Sunday after Easter. Glover Crane Arnold.
May 14 — Fifth Sunday after Easter. Louise C. Read.
May 18 — Ascension Day. Richard Ellis Jones and Mary Jones.
May 21 — 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:

Monday, May 1, 8:00: (Mission House): Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
Wednesday, May 3, 9:30: St Mary's Guild.
Sunday, May 7, 9:00: Guild of St Mary of the Cross, Guild of St Mary of Nazareth, The Church School, The Knights of St Mary.
Wednesday, May 10, 9:30: Associates of the Community of St Mary.
Friday, May 12, 9:30: Fellowship of St John, Associates of the Society of St John the Evangelist.

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KALENDAR FOR MAY

1. M. SS Philip and James, App.
2. Tu. St Athanasius, B.C.D.
4. Th. St Monica, Matron.
8. M. In Octave St John.
10. W. In Octave St John.
11. Th. In Octave.
12. F. In Octave. Abstinence.
15. M. Rogation Day.
17. W. Vigil (Rogation Day).
18. Th. Ascension Day. Low Masses, 6, 8, 9.30 and 12.10. High Mass and Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
22. M. In Octave Ascension.
23. Tu. In Octave.
24. W. In Octave.
26. F. St Augustine of Canterbury, B.C. Abstinence.
28. Su. Whitsunday. (St Philip Neri is transferred).
30. Tu. Whit Tuesday. (St Joan of Arc is transferred).

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 7.—EASTER IV.
Mass, "Missa brevis" . Palestrina
Motet, "Estote fortes in bello" . Victoria

Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone II, with faux-bourdons . Willan
Nunc dimittis, Tone III, with faux-bourdons . Willan
Motet, "Adoramus te, Domine Jesu Christe" . Sixteenth Century

MAY 14.—EASTER V.
Mass in E minor . Bruckner
Motet, "Alleluia" . Weelkes

Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis for four voices . Farrant
Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" . Palestrina

MAY 18.—ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
Mass, "Missa Lux et origo" . Plain Chant

MAY 21.—SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION.
Mass, "Missa Ascendo ad Patrem" . Palestrina
Motet, "Ascendit Deus" . Philips

Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VII, with faux-bourdons . Tallis
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux-bourdons . Tallis
Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" . Perti

MAY 28.—THE FEAST OF PENTECOST.
Mass, "Missa in honorem Sanctae Clare Assisiensis" . Reffe
Motet, "Dum complerentur" . Palestrina

Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Short Service) . Gibbons
Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" . Aichinger

SERVICES

SUNDAYS
Low Mass . 7 and 8 a.m.
Matins . 8:40 a.m.
Sung Mass, with address . 9 a.m.
Low Mass . 10 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.
Children's Mass and catechism, Saturdays . 9:30 a.m.
Matins . 7:30 a.m.
Holy Hour, Saturdays . 5 to 6 p.m.
Evensong . 6 p.m.

Other Services during the Week, 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 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.

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