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Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary's,

This January number of AVE is being mailed early in the hope that it will reach you before Christmas.

On the happy Feast of the Holy Nativity we especially give thanks that "God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Yes, God the Father gave to the world its best Christmas Gift. In appreciation of that great Gift to mankind, Jesus Christ and His redeeming grace, what shall we give as our best Christmas gift? Oh, let us give ourselves and our hearts' love to Jesus. After a good confession, let us offer ourselves, clean from sin, at the Christmas Altar. In our Christmas communion, let us lovingly adore Him who still comes to his children in great humility. Let His sacred touch sanctify our Christmas Feast and keep it free from worldly taint.

That you and all those you hold near and dear may have a happy Christmas together, is my heartfelt wish.

Affectionately,

[Signature]

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CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Father Taber  
December 23: 3-5, 7-9 p.m.  
December 24: 8.30-9 a.m., 7-8, 9-10 p.m.

Father Peabody  
December 22: 4.30-5.30 p.m.  
December 23: 3-5, 7-9 p.m.  
December 24: 4-5, 7-8, 9-10, 11.15-11.45 p.m.

Father Craven  
December 21: 4.30-5.30 p.m.  
December 23: 3-5, 7-9 p.m.  
December 24: 7-8, 9-10, 11.15-11.45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
Vespers (with carols) and Benediction .......... 8.00 p.m.  
Midnight Mass (with communions) .......... Midnight

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY  
Low Masses (for communions) .......... 7.30 and 9 a.m.  
Morning Prayer .......... 8.15 a.m.  
High Mass and sermon .......... 11.00 a.m.

We would remind those who are planning to receive the Blessed Sacrament at the Midnight Mass on Christmas that the fast before communion should be kept beginning directly after the evening meal (which should be early in the evening) on December 24. The evening should then be spent in calm reflection in preparation for Mass.

Those who are planning to spend Christmas Eve in social engagements will the better honor our Blessed Lord by postponing the receiving of the Blessed Sacrament until one of the Low Masses on Christmas Day.

THE members of the Saint Mary’s Church School will hold their Christmas pageant and party in Saint Joseph’s Hall on Wednesday, December 27 at 2.30 p.m. Parents, godparents and friends of our Church School boys and girls are cordially invited to attend.

THE crèche is placed in the Church at the Christmas Feast as an aid to devotion and not as a specimen of ecclesiastical art. We shall all wish to kneel at the crèche, from time to time, and gaze in wonder at the humility and poverty of Bethlehem’s Babe who, though Son of God and King of Kings, had a crude manger as His first dwelling-place here on this earth.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! Make certain that its happiness consists in its being a year in which there is a more faithful following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Every Christian home should have a Christian calendar which will serve as a constant reminder to every member of the family, of Christian privileges and duties. The 1940 Churchman’s Ordo Kalendars are on sale at the Tract Table or in the Rector’s office. The price is fifty cents. The weekly schedule of Masses here at Saint Mary’s will very closely conform to the observances called for by this Ordo Kalendar.

SAINT Mary’s branch of the Guild of Saint Vincent will have a Corporate Communion at the Midnight Mass.

THE Corporate Communion of Saint Mary’s Guild will be on Wednesday, January 3 at 9:30, followed by the Annual Meeting and elections of officers in Saint Joseph’s Hall at 10.30.

THE Junior Members of the Guild of Saint Mary of Nazareth are sponsoring an unusual Twelfth-Night Festival on Friday evening, January 5. Lieutenant George Warwick will provide an hour of fun with his cartoons, stunts and sketches. A number of other attractions will be offered. A subscription of twenty-five cents is asked. Please hold this date open.

IT will be a joy to welcome Father Williams, Superior, S.S.J.E. as the preacher at the High Mass on the first Sunday after the Epiphany, January 7. His many friends at Saint Mary’s and in New York will happily greet him at this time.

DON’T forget to sign a pledge card for 1940 that you may receive your box of envelopes in time for the first Sunday in January. If every member of this and every parish would regularly give for the support of the parish and the Missions of the Church, the financial worries of parish, diocesan, and General Church treasurers would vanish. In Christ’s name, will YOU do YOUR part?
THE Catholic Laymen’s Club of New York holds its annual dinner at the Columbia University Club, 4 West 43rd Street, on Tuesday evening, January 9 at seven-thirty p.m. The Club has given a gracious invitation to Father Taber to be the guest of honor. Other especially invited guests are Bishop Manning, Father Williams, Superior, S.S.J.E., Father Whittemore, Superior, O.H.C., Father Fleming, Rector of Trinity Church and Father Ray, Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration. The committee hope that a large delegation of the men of Saint Mary’s will accept this invitation to attend the dinner. Reservations should be promptly made at one dollar and fifty cents each. Please make checks payable to William C. Dickey, Chairman, and mail them with requests for reservations to 120 Broadway.

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THE monthly Corporate Communion of the Woman’s Auxiliary will be on Friday, January 12 at 9.30 and will be followed by the Annual Meeting and election of officers in Saint Joseph’s Hall at 10.30.

SAINT Mary’s Dramatic Society announces that it is obliged to postpone its theatrical offering, customarily given during the Christmas season, until some time later in January. A program of light comedies will then be given. Further announcements will appear in the Weekly Leaflets. Whatever profits are made will be generously given to the parish for improvement of Saint Joseph’s Hall.

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ON Wednesday, January 24, the annual Parish Dinner will be held in Saint Joseph’s Hall. This dinner serves two important purposes. In the first place, it provides an excellent opportunity for the members of the parish to break bread together and meet each other socially. Then too, the proceeds from this dinner are designated for the running expenses of Saint Mary’s Summer Home at Keyport. By all means, save this date that we may come together for dinner as a parish family.

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IN the future, at the regular weekly masses in any month, the names of all the departed members of Saint Mary’s will be read during the month in which they entered into Life Eternal. It is hoped that these requiems will be largely attended by the relatives and friends of the dear departed. The requiems are celebrated in the Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy, popularly known as The Chantry.

ON the altar flower calendar for 1940, the following are open dates:

- Easter Day (Saint Joseph’s Chapel).
- The Feast of Saint Philip and Saint James, May 1.
- The Feast of Saint Andrew, November 30.

If any wish the privilege of providing flowers on any of these days in memory of a loved one, or as a thank offering, kindly notify Miss Louisa Verplanck Richards, 38 West 93rd Street.

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IT is to be devoutly hoped that the men of the congregation are carefully reserving Saturday afternoon and evening, February 3, for attendance at the pre-Lent retreat which this year will be conducted by Father Whittemore, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross. Retreat addresses are to be given at 3, 5 and 7.30 p.m. and supper is to be served at 6.30 p.m. The rector confidently expects that the men of Saint Mary’s and their guests from other parishes will attend this retreat in encouraging numbers. He knows that the retreat will be a great blessing to all who are present.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

November 5 — Evelyn Louise Black (Infant)

RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

November 2 — Charles H. Post
November 7 — Thor Louis Krogh
November 22 — Douglas E. Harper

BURIALS

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

November 15 — Mary Elizabeth Smith
November 17 — Anna Grainger Daingerfield
November 28 — Constance Enid Smith
THE altar flowers during the month of January are 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.

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

CORPORATE Communion for the month of January are announced as follows:

Wednesday, January 3, 9:30: St Mary's Guild.
Sunday, January 7, 9:30: The Church School, Guild of St Mary of the Cross, Guild of St Mary of Nazareth, Knights of St Mary.
Monday, January 8, 8:00 (Mission House) Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
Friday, January 12, 9:30: Woman's Auxiliary.
Tuesday, January 16, 8:00: Guild of All Souls.
Wednesday, January 17, 8:00: Associates of the Community of St Mary.
Thursday, January 18, 8:00: Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.

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Inquiries concerning AVE should be sent to the Editor, THE REV. FATHER TABER, 145 West 46th Street, New York.

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

KALENDAR FOR JANUARY

2. Tu. Octave of St Stephen, Protomartyr.
3. W. Octave of St John, AP. and EV.
4. Th. Octave of the Holy Innocents, MM.
5. F. Vigil of the Epiphany. The Friday abstinence is dispensed.
6. Sa. EPHANY OF OUR LORD.
7. Su. SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPHANY.
8. M. Of the Octave. Com. SS Lucian, Maximian and Julian, MM.
10. W. Of the Octave.
11. Th. Of the Octave.
14. Su. EPIPHANY II. Com. St Hilary, B.C.D.
15. M. St Paul, the first Hermit.
17. W. St Anthony, Ab.
20. Sa. SS Fabian, B., and Sebastian, MM.
21. Su. SEPTUAGESIMA. Com. St Agnes, M.
22. M. St Vincent, M.
24. W. St Timothy, B.M.
27. Sa. St John Chrysostom, B.C.D.
28. Su. SEXAGESIMA.
29. M. St Francis de Sales, B.C.D.

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 JANUARY

JANUARY 1.—THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD.
Mass, “Missa Lux et origo” ........................... Plain Chant

JANUARY 7.—SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY.
Mass, “Messe solennelle de Ste Cécile” .......... Gounod
Motet, “Surge illuminare”* ......................... Palestrina

Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone II, with faux-bourdons ......... Holmes
Nunc dimittis, Tone VIII, with faux-bourdons .... Holmes
Motet, “Jesu dulcis memoria” ...................... Victoria

JANUARY 14.—EPIPHANY II.
Mass in E minor ......................................... Bruckner
Motet, “Laudate celi” ................................ Benevoli

Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone I, with faux-bourdons .......... Fayrfax
Nunc dimittis, Tone VII, with faux-bourdons .... Unknown Edwardine Composer
Motet, “Adoramus te, Christe” ...................... Palestrina

JANUARY 21.—SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.
Mass, “Missa brevis” ................................. Palestrina
Motet, “O salutaris” ................................ Tallis

Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone II, with faux-bourdons ......... Willan
Nunc dimittis, Tone III, with faux-bourdons .... Willan
Motet, “Adoramus te, Christe” ........................ Perti

JANUARY 28.—SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.
Mass, “Missa quarti toni” ............................. Victoria
Motet, “Sicut cervus” ................................. Palestrina

Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Short Service) .... Gibbons
Motet, “Adoramus te, Christe” ........................ Sixteenth Century

*First time.

SERVICES

Sundays

Low Mass ............................... 7:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer ......................... 8:15 a.m.
Sung Mass, with address ................. 9 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon ................ 11 a.m.
Evensong and Benediction, with instruction ... 8 p.m.

Week Days

Mass, daily .......................... 7 and 8 a.m.
Also on Wednesdays and other days as announced . 9:30 a.m.
Children’s Mass and catechism, Saturdays ........ 9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer .......................... 7:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays and Fridays) ... 6 p.m.
Holy Hour, Saturdays ................. 5 to 6 p.m.

Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals, as announced on the preceding Sunday.

The Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. till 9 p.m.

Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The Parish Secretary’s office is open at the following times:
Mondays to Fridays ................. 9:15 to 1 and 2 to 5
Saturdays .......................... 9:15 to 1
Closed on legal holidays.
**SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES**

**Conferences**

Father Taber: Sundays, 8:30 to 9 a.m.; Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
Father Peabody: Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
Father Craven: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 3 to 5 p.m.
A Priest can always be seen after any service.

**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, Corporate Communion, 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Father Taber, 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. Father Taber, 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 Taber, 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 Peabody, Chaplain.

**Guild of Help**—For forwarding the social service work of the Church. Meetings as announced from time to time. Father Taber, Chaplain.

**St Mary’s Dramatic Society**—For Young Men. Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. Corporate Communion, the Sunday after the first Wednesday, 9 a.m. Father Craven, Chaplain.

**Church School**—Saturdays, Children’s Mass and catechism, 9:30 a.m. Sundays, Sung Mass, 9 a.m. Father Craven, in charge.
DEVOational Guilds

Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.—St Mary’s Ward. Corporate Communion, usually first Thursdays, 8 a.m. Father Taber, Chaplain.

Guild of All Souls.—St Mary’s Ward. Corporate Communion, usually first Mondays, 8 a.m. Meetings as announced. Father Craven, Chaplain.

Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic.—St Mary’s Ward. Meetings (Lady Chapel) first Fridays at 8:15 p.m. Father Peabody, Chaplain.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Fellowship of St John.—Object: Prayer and work for the Society of St John the Evangelist. Corporate Communion, December 27th and May 6th. Father Taber, 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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