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Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary's,

As this number of AVE reaches you, we shall find ourselves on the threshold of Lent. Those who misunderstand the meaning of Lent always dread it, but those who understand the true purpose of this holy season welcome it.

Lent is both a challenge and an opportunity. It is a challenge to Christians to prove their sincerity by self-discipline. It is an opportunity to Christians to draw into closer communion with Jesus Christ by increased devotion, while freeing themselves from some of the world's distraction. Self-discipline will be the mere pride of self-control and stop there, unless the self that is under discipline grows in spiritual strength and blossoms into virtuous and godly living.

Lent, then, is a season of self-denial only that our lives may become more God-centered and less self-centered. Therefore, let us try this Lent, as a parish family, to keep ourselves and our desires in the background, and to place our Blessed Lord and His desires for us in the foreground. Then, when Good Friday comes and we again kneel at the foot of the Cross, we shall be able to offer to Him, who offered Himself for us, lives with more of virtue and less of sin in them than at the beginning of Lent. Then, and then only, will Calvary cease to be a mockery and become the reality of consolation and hope and strength that the Lamb of Calvary would have it become to each of us His children.

May your Lent be a holy one, generous in self-giving and generous in devotions!

Affectionately,

Gring Taber

YOUR Clergy humbly suggest the following as a Lenten Rule:

- 1. Receive Holy Communion at least once a week.
- 2. Make your confession on Shrove Tuesday and at the end of Holy Week.
- 3. In addition to attendance at Mass each Sunday, be present at one weekday Mass.
- 4. Attend Stations of the Cross each Friday evening.
- 5. Deny yourself some oft-indulged-in pleasure and add the money you would have thus spent to your Easter Offering.
- Keep Wednesdays as well as Fridays as days of abstinence from meat.
- 7. Spend at least fifteen minutes each day in Bible reading, meditation or spiritual reading.
- 8. Be generous with your devotions and spend more time in God's House than formerly.

Like all rules for spiritual living, this Rule is a minimum one. Genuine happiness is ours only when we generously break the bounds of our rules and thus bring increasing joy to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

N Thursday evening, February 1, the Eve of the Feast of the Purification (commonly called Candlemas) at eight o'clock, there will be a service of Blessing of Candles, Procession of Lights, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with a brief address. Such a service as this is usually a popular service, looked forward to by the faithful. Come and bring with you some of your acquaintances who thus far have regarded Catholicism from a distance.

CONFESSIONS on Shrove Tuesday, February 6, will be heard as follows:

12:00 M. to 12:30 — Fathers Peabody and Craven
3:00 to 5:00 — Fathers Taber, Peabody and Craven
7:00 to 9:00 — Fathers Taber, Peabody and Craven

WE are happy to announce that a course of lectures will be given on four successive Monday evenings in Lent. under the auspices of the Clerical Union for the Maintenance and Defence of Catholic Principles. Saint Mary's has been chosen as the church in which these lectures are to be given by virtue of the fact that Saint Mary's stands foursquare for Catholic principles, is centrally located and is large enough to accommodate the numbers of lay folk and clergy who are to be invited to attend. The real purpose of these lectures is to set forth in a positive and constructive manner the true nature of the Church and the Ministry. With many sincere efforts in these days towards Church unity, there is altogether too much loose thinking and loose talking. The heart often rushes in where the head would hesitate to enter. Individualism is rampant, and individualists purport to speak for the Church in terms which the Church Catholic of the Ages would not recognize. Where does the Episcopal Church (our branch of the Church Catholic) stand? Come to these lectures and bring others with you, that they, with you, may review clearly the great principles of faith and practice which are the very foundation stones of the Catholic Religion. Let us not deceive ourselves— the principles and not the ritual of the Church Catholic are today being attacked, undermined and belittled. The tendency in many quarters is toward a pooling of principles, resulting in an ambiguous

watering-down of the Faith of the ages. Let every Catholic Christian so inform himself on these principles of our Holy Religion, that in his own humble way he may valiantly defend the body of Christ — the one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

It is not too much to hope that the parishioners of Saint Mary's. together with those of many other parishes, may in very large numbers pledge themselves to a faithful attendance at these lectures. There will be hymns and prayers at the lectures.

The subjects and dates of the lectures follow:

### THE CHURCH AND THE MINISTRY

Monday Evenings at 8:15

February 19 - "The Authority of the Church" The Reverend Father Joseph, Superior of the Order of St Francis

February 26 — "The Apostolic Ministry and the Prayer Book" The Reverend Leicester C. Lewis, Rector of The Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields. Philadelphia

March 4 - "The Church and the Priesthood" The Reverend Lorin N. Gavitt Rector of Grace Church, Albany

March 11 - "The Hope of the Church" The Reverend Alan G. Whittemore, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross

THE pre-Lenten men's retreat is being held as scheduled on Saturday, February 3. We are most fortunate in having as conductor of this retreat Father Whittemore. Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross. It is to be devoutly hoped that many men of Saint Mary's and other parishes will avail themselves of the privilege of this retreat, sending their names at once to Father Taber.

Father Whittemore is preaching at High Mass on Quinquagesima Sunday, February 4.

MANY of our readers have kindly expressed their pleasure at receiving AVE month by month. May we remind all that there is considerable expense in getting out this paper. We urge all who can to make a contribution of one dollar or more toward this expense. Of course, we shall be happy to continue to send the magazine to all on our mailing list who continue to express the desire to receive it, whether they can afford to make a contribution or not.

THE members of the Guild of Saint Vincent in this parish are hosts to acolytes of many parishes, far and near, at the Annual Acolytes' Festival to be held here on Lincoln's Birthday, Monday, February 12 at 11 a.m. The service will be High Mass, Procession of the Host, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Spencer, O.H.C., director of the Servants of Christ the King, has gladly consented to preach. Any parish with acolytes which has not received an invitation to this festival will receive an invitation on application to Father Craven, 145 West 46th Street. It is a happy custom, year by year, on Lincoln's Birthday, for the acolytes of Saint Mary's to welcome their brother acolytes of other parishes.

T would be a great help to your clergy in their pastoral calling, and to the church office, if members of the congregation would promptly notify us of any change in address. Much time, energy and money is wasted in the course of a year through neglecting to send us such a notice. Please be more thoughtful!

TT is not too early to plan for our Easter Offering. A very

generous offering is an urgent need. It will be a really adequate offering if each member of Saint Mary's, rich or poor, makes an Easter Offering at considerable sacrifice to himself. Indeed, a sacrificial offering is the only offering which can worthily be presented to the Risen Christ. Shall we, one and all, begin to plan our Easter Offering now? Our gratitude to our Blessed Lord, and our loyalty to our beloved parish will carry us far in generosity.

BISHOP Manning visits Saint Mary's to administer the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation on the evening of Low Sunday, March 31 at 8 p.m. Father Taber will hold confirmation instructions for adults on six Wednesday evenings preceding confirmation in Saint Joseph's Hall at 8 p.m. The Sisters will give confirmation instructions to boys and girls. Father Taber will be happy to learn the names of any who might welcome an invitation to attend these instruction groups. What a wonderful thing it would be if you, dear reader, could have the joy of leading someone to our Lord through the Sacraments of His Church. If and when we reach the goal of our heavenly journey in the life to come, surely the gracious Lord will not ask us how much we know, or how many heroic deeds we have performed, but he might well ask "Whom have you brought here with you?" Let us be missionaries in helping to bring others into a full acknowledgement of their heavenly citizenship.

THE Guild of Help is sponsoring a Book Review to be given by Father Taber at the residence of Mrs Eugene W. Mason, 111 East 69th Street, on the afternoon of Monday, February 5, at four o'clock. Tickets, including afternoon tea, will be two dollars. The Guild of Help is a parish organization which works for the Church Mission of Help, our own Mission House, and other Church social service agencies.

SAINT Mary's Guild has its monthly corporate communion at 9:30 on Wednesday, February 7, followed by the monthly

business meeting in Saint Joseph's Hall. The Guild would be grateful for contributions toward their work of caring for the church vestments, many of which are in need of extensive repair.

"Y, I wish I were like him." Have you ever said that about someone? Most people have, certainly when they were very young people and most likely when they became grown-ups as well. A teacher, an army officer, a nun, some athlete, an artist, or whoever. All normal children single out one particular person who they instinctively believe deserves their admiration. How discerning children are. Their heroes are those whose best is always apparent.

Most folk continue to have heroes right on through life and they are happy in them too. Sometimes they go from one to another, changing heroes as they grow older. This is not fickleness by any means. The hero of today may become so much a part of one that a still greater must be sought. Nor does this mean any loss. On the contrary, part of today's hero has become so much a part of today's self that real gain has been made.

Often we read of some outstanding person, some hero, taking the trouble to visit a worshipper. For many years the President has gone to the hospital in Warm Springs, Georgia to be among his many young friends there, so to encourage them towards recovery. It may be an actress whose warm personality may lighten the dreariness of a devoted little girl's long illness, or an athlete who can inspire a lad whose own body is sick to want very much to get well again. Another time the circus or the rodeo performers will visit the children at Bellevue for the same purpose. Such visits are sought by doctors who have done their best and know that more is needed. "My, I wish I were like him," the discouraged will say, and go on to get well, helped by the combined efforts of doctor and hero.

Then there are some who say, "I don't see how he does it." In their voices is a note of meanness, they are miserable through pride and blind with the blindness that pride begets. The voice of the admirer is not here; rather is it the voice of the envious who looks upon other's achievements sourly because they themselves have not succeeded. They see none to look up to and seeing none forget that they too have a large place in God's scheme.

Christian folk have many heroes. They are the ones who have followed the long march triumphantly. Ask yourself, Do I know any? Then ask again, Couldn't I know my hero better? Get better acquainted with some hero during Lent. Perhaps he is living right now. His time may be valuable and he can give you little if any of it. Follow his life's record instead. Find out what he was like as a youngster, and study to find out what makes him a hero now. Perhaps he is dead. Study him all the harder. Look up his record anyway. Read the best books about him. Read about the times in which he lived and learn to understand that his achievements in his time can be duplicated today. If he is a worthy hero he is worthy of imitation right now.

For Christians the imitation of a Saint throughout Lent is a splendid practice. Saints are always helpful in their prayers in one's behalf, but the effort we make in being like them causes them great joy. All Christians want to imitate Our Lord. He is the Hero of heroes. Read a "Life of Jesus." The four best "Lives" are the first four books in your New Testament. Read to imitate, too. Time spent in reading need not be more than ten minutes each day, but at least five more minutes should be given to thinking over what has been read and to finding some particular way to imitate.

The source material for a book which might be called "The Life and Letters of St Paul" is also in the New Testament. Find out what made St Paul a hero. Some modern Saint may be found helpful. Many books have been written about the Catholic Revival in England. Find your hero, find him during Lent, and in finding him find also yourself.

INEXPENSIVE material for Lenten reading may be found on the Tract Table on Sundays, and may also be bought in the Rector's office. Particularly recommended are these:

Daily Meditations on the Lenten Epistles, by H. G. Piggott The Faith That Abides, by F. P. Harton The Church in Action, by Ruth Kenyon

Christ's Chronicle, relating the Life of our Lord in the words of the four Evangelists in one chronological sequence, is also available. The price of each is thirty-five cents.

The Clergy are always ready to help any who have questions about suitable reading material.

# FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

### **BAPTISMS**

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

December 3 -- Ronald Charles Handy (Infant)

December 10 - Anthony William Stahl (Infant)

December 17 — Barbara Ann Opala (Infant) — Stoja Sarah Opala (Infant)

- Daniel George Opala (Infant)

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"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."

December 13 - John V. Murphy

December 17 - Achille Eugene Choisnet

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

February 2 — Purification of the B.V.M. Ursula Dumont Arnold.

February 12 - Acolytes' Festival. Mrs Archibald D. Russell.

# ORPORATE Communions for the month are announced as follows:

Sunday, February 4, 9:00: The Church School, Guild of St Mary of the Cross, Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.

Wednesday, February 7, 9:30: St Mary's Guild.

Monday, February 5, 8:00: (Mission House) Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.

Friday, February 9, 9:30: The Woman's Auxiliary.

Monday, February 12, 8:00: The Guild of All Souls.

Thursday, February 15, 8:00: The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. Wednesday, February 21, 8:00: 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.

- 1. Th. St Ignatius of Antioch, B.M. Com. St Bridget, V.
- 2. F. THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Abstinence.
- 3. Sa. St Blasius, B.M. Com. St Ansgarius, B.C.
- ¥ 4. Su. QUINQUAGESIMA. Com. St Gilbert of Sempringham, Ab.C.
  - 5. M. St Agatha, V.M.
  - 6. Tu. St Titus, B.C. Com. St Dorothea, V.M. (Shrove Tuesday.)
  - W. ASH WEDNESDAY. Com. St Romuald, Ab.C. Fast and abstinence.
  - 8. Th. Feria. Requiem Mass, 7. Fast.
  - St Cyril of Alexandria, B.C.D. Com. Feria. Fast and abstinence.
  - 10. Sa. St Scholastica, V. Com. Feria. Fast.
- ₹11. Su. LENT I.
  - 12. M. Feria. Requiem Mass, 8. Fast.
  - 13. Tu. St Kentigern, B.C. Com. Feria. Fast.
  - 14. W. Ember Day. Com. St Valentine, P.M. Fast and abstinence.
  - 15. Th. Feria. Fast.
  - 16. F. Ember Day, Fast and abstinence.
  - 17. Sa. Ember Day. Fast and abstinence.
- ₹18. Su. LENT II. Com. St Simeon, B.M.
- 19. M. Feria, Requiem Mass, 7. Fast.
- 20. Tu. Feria. Fast.
- 21. W. Feria. Fast and abstinence.
- 22. Th. St Joseph of Arimathea, C. Com. Feria. Fast.
- 23. F. St Peter Damian, B.C.D. Vigil. Com. Feria. Fast and abstinence.
- 24. Sa. St Matthias, Ap. M. Fast.
- ₹25. Su. LENT III.
- 26. M. Feria. Requiem Mass, 8. Fast.
- 27. Tu. Feria. Fast.
- 28. W. Feria. Fast and abstinence.
- 29. Th. Feria. Fast.

Days indicated by A 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 FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 4 — QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.
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Mass, Missa Misericordias Domini
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VI with faux-bourdons Whitlock
Nunc Dimittis, Tonus Peregrinus with faux-bourdons . Whitlock
Motet, Panis Angelicus
FEBRUARY 7 — ASH WEDNESDAY.
MASS, Missa Deus Genitor alme Plainchant
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FEBRUARY 11 - LENT I.
MASS, Missa secunda
Motet, Turn our captivity
Evensong:
Magnificat (Short Service)
Nunc Dimittis
Moter, O Domine Jesu
FEBRUARY 12 — ACOLYTES' FESTIVAL.
Mass, Missa brevis
Motet, Jubilate Deo
Motet, O salutaris hostia
FEBRUARY 18 — LENT II.
Mass, Missa Cantabo Domino Viadana
MASS, Missa Cantabo Domino
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tonus Peregrinus, with faux-bourdons Byrd
Nunc Dimittis, Tone I, with faux-bourdons Byrd
Motet, Adoramus te Perti
FEBRUARY 25 LENT III.
Mass, Missa Octavi toni
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone V, with faux-bourdons Tallis
Nunc Dimittis, Tone I, with faux-bourdons Giles
Motet, Adoramus te
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# SERVICES IN LENT

SUNDAYS								
Low Mass Morning Prayer								:30 a.m.
Sung Mass, with address								9 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon								11 a.m.
Evensong and Benediction								
WEEK DAYS								
Mass, daily						. 7	, 8 an	d 12:10
Also on Wednesdays and o								
Children's Mass and cate	chist	n, S	atur	days			. 9:	30 a.m.
Morning Prayer			•				. 7:	30 a.m.
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# SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

## Confessions

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.—FATHER PEABODY, Chaplain.
- Guild of St Vincent. For Altar Servers. Meetings last Wednesday of the month, 8 p.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.

## **DEVOTIONAL 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 Communions, December 27th and May 6th. Father Taber, 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.

# 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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