Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary's:—

Thus far our first Lent together has been one of blessed experience. There has been abundant evidence of deeper devotion to our Blessed Lord and consequently of the greater enrichment of our individual spiritual lives. All has gone forward without any fussiness, or ostentatious display, or of “bigger and better and busier services.”

And now we shall be called very soon to enter into the inner meaning of the Passion of Our Most Holy Redeemer. None of us will feel at home as we stand in spirit by the Cross of Calvary, unless our approach to that Cross is one of cheerful self-oblation and willing sacrifice.

Oh, may we at great cost to ourselves and our petty plans and desires come close to the Crucified, humbly adoring Him for His great love. Then by “His cross and passion we shall be brought into the glory of His resurrection,” and the Easter Feast will be no empty boast or formal mockery. Then our Easter joy will ring true!

Affectionately,

[Signature]
A RE you looking forward to Holy Week? Every Catholic Christian counts this week, as it comes around year by year, one of blessed privilege. Here at Saint Mary's the full observance of the Holy Week liturgical worship is kept each year. Many from near and far plan to spend Holy Week at Saint Mary's. This does not mean that every communicant is expected to be present at every service, but it does mean that there is an opportunity given to every communicant to be in God's House much of the time during the week when the faithful, out of honor to Jesus in His Passion, withdraw as much as possible from the distractions of the world. Each service of Holy Week will not appeal to everyone alike, but each service will bring spiritual help to all who will surrender themselves wholly to what Mother Church provides at this time. We should not expect to be emotionally thrilled during Holy Week, but we may expect by self-effacement and self-sacrifice to be carried along with all the children of the Church into the very heart of our religion — yes, and into the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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F OR your convenience we print below a full schedule of Holy Week and Easter Day services:

PALM SUNDAY — MARCH 17th
Low Mass .......................................................... 7:30 and 9:00
Morning Prayer ................................................ 8:15
Blessing of Palms, Procession and High Mass .............. 11:00
Evensong, with Sermon and Benediction ...................... 8:00

MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
Mass ............................................................. 7, 8, 9:30 and 12:10
Morning Prayer ............................................... 7:30
Noon-day Address ............................................. 12:40
Evening Prayer .............................................. 6:00

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th
Mass ............................................................. 7, 8, 9:30 and 12:10
Morning Prayer ............................................... 7:30
Noon-day Address ............................................. 12:40
Evening Prayer and Litany ................................ 6:00
Tenebrae ......................................................... 8:00

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 21st
High Mass and Holy Communion, followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose, Stripping of the Altars and Vespers .... 7:00
Morning Prayer ................................................ 8:30
Evensing, with Sermon and Benediction ...................... 6:00
Tenebrae ......................................................... 8:00

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd
Morning Prayer and Pro-Anaphora ................................ 8:00
Mass of the Presanctified, followed by Vespers ............. 9:30
Preaching of the Cross ........................................ 12:00 to 3:00
Evensong, with Sermon and Benediction ...................... 6:00
Tenebrae ......................................................... 8:00

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd
Morning Prayer and Pro-Anaphora ................................ 8:00
Blessing of the New Fire and Paschal Candle, the Prophecies, Blessing of the Font, Litany of the Saints and First Mass and Vespers of Easter ........................................ 10:00
Evensong, with Sermon and Benediction ...................... 8:00

EASTER DAY, MARCH 24th
Mass ............................................................. 6:30, 7:30 and 9:00
Morning Prayer ............................................... 8:15
Procession, High Mass and Sermon .......................... 11:00
Evensong, with Sermon and Benediction ...................... 8:00

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O N Easter Day the highest privilege is to receive Holy Communion. The Communion Masses are at 6:30, 7:30 and 9. God's part in Holy Communion is always good, but our part will be good only if with faithful and good hearts we draw near to the altar. To this end a good confession should be made by each communicant. The schedule of Holy Week confessions follows:

Maundy Thursday, March 21
12 — 1, Father Craven
3 — 4, Father Taber
4 — 5, Father Craven
8 — 9, Father Peabody

Good Friday, March 22
12 — 3, Father Peabody
3 — 5, Father Taber and Father Craven
7 — 8, Father Peabody and Father Craven

Holy Saturday, March 23
3 — 5 and 8 — 9 Fathers Taber, Peabody and Craven
ARE you planning an individual Easter Offering that will really represent your appreciation of our Blessed Lord’s victory over sin and death, and all that this victory means? And will your Easter Offering in generous measure express your gratitude for the great blessings which the Risen Christ extends to you through your beloved parish of the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin?

The Trustees of Saint Mary’s with genuine faith and hopeful confidence have voted a budget for this year of 1940 which will ensure the maintenance of the high standard of parochial worship and work that has been the rule for the many years that are past. But remember that, while their faith is in God “with whom nothing shall be impossible,” their confidence is in each individual parishioner and his response to this appeal for a record Easter Offering. Not a few large individual offerings are needed and confidently looked for. But what is more important is this—if each member of Saint Mary’s, no matter what his income may be, will make an Easter Offering that represents loving sacrifice, the parish offering will be what it should be.

The Christmas Offering was slightly in advance of that of the preceding Christmas. May our Easter Offering be greatly in advance of that of last Easter that in these troubled days, the financial worries of your Trustees may be put to flight!

THE annual Lent Retreat for Women will be conducted by Father Taber on Saturday, March 9. The retreat begins with Mass at the High Altar at 8 and closes with Benediction at 3:15. The rule of silence of course will be faithfully observed. Breakfast after Mass and luncheon will be served. This Lent Retreat is not only for the women of Saint Mary’s. We shall also welcome women from other parishes.

On Wednesday, March 6, Father Craven will conduct a Quiet Evening for the members of the Guild of Saint Mary of the Cross, and on Wednesday, March 13, Father Taber will conduct a Quiet Evening for the girls of the Guild of Saint Mary of Nazareth. Both these Quiet Evenings will begin with Evening Prayer at 6 and close with Benediction at 9. Supper will be served.

Those who will spend a quiet time with their Lord at the Lent Retreat or Quiet Evenings are asked to hand their names, not later than the day preceding, to the Sister-in-Charge, The Mission House, 133 West 46th Street.

THE lectures on “The Church and the Ministry” given in this parish under the auspices of The Clerical Union for the Maintenance and Defence of Catholic Principles continue into March. The two lectures remaining, that of Father Loren N. Gavitt of Grace Church, Albany on “The Church and the Priesthood” will be given on Monday evening, March 4, at 8:15, and that of Father Alan Whittemore, the Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross on “The Hope of the Church” will be given on Monday evening, March 11, at 8:15. These lectures are providing an exceedingly happy opportunity for the faithful to gain a firmer hold on the fundamental teachings of the Church Catholic. Such a hold is necessary that modern heresies may be identified as such and refuted, and that the treasures of the “faith once for all delivered to the saints” may be appreciated in their full glory. Come to these lectures and bring others that they with you may think out our faith. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy mind.”

ON a recent Sunday afternoon a group of young adults met with the Rector in Saint Joseph’s hall for the purpose of founding an organization through which the young people of Saint Mary’s might become better acquainted and newcomers to the parish might be made to feel warmly welcome. Considerable enthusiasm was shown for such an organization. Therefore the Guild of Saint Francis has been born. Its first president is Mrs Charles Worstall, and its chaplain, Father Taber. Its membership is open to young men and women within the age limits of 18 and 45. The committee is now busily at work perfecting plans of organization and the program for future activity. Notice of future development will be given from time to time. In the meanwhile, ask God’s blessing on this new venture that our young people may honor our Lord as “members one of another.”

WE are very grateful to all who have assumed their obligation to regularly support the work and worship at Saint Mary’s and the missionary work of the whole Church by making a pledge
for 1940. We cannot but feel that there are still others who would gladly make a pledge if they realized how very necessary it is both for the Trustees of Saint Mary's and the treasurer of the Episcopal Church to be assured of definite and regular support. If you have not already signed a pledge card, will you do so at once and bear your full share of the financial burdens of your parish and your Church? Pledges may, of course, be changed during the year if an individual's financial status changes, but let each communicant of Saint Mary's now offer to God a pledge for 1940 in generous faith, according to his present income. Remember that salvation is free, but religion costs money.

We are looking forward to the visit of Bishop Manning on Low Sunday evening, March 31 at 8 p.m. when, as chief shepherd of the flock in the Diocese of New York, he will administer the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation and preach.

Father Taber's instructions for adults are being given in Saint Joseph's Hall on the Sunday evenings preceding Confirmation at 6:45. Those who are already confirmed might well bring with them to these instructions any who may be interested in learning something definite about the Catholic religion that they may offer themselves as candidates for confirmation. Be a missionary in your own neighborhood and try by your prayers and example to lead others into the joy of Christian living.

Boys and girls are being prepared for confirmation by the Sisters of the Holy Nativity.

We have been encouraged by several notes expressing appreciation of AVE, together with contributions for the support of this humble monthly bulletin. Since AVE is sent free to all the friends of Saint Mary's the expense of printing and distribution is necessarily heavy. Further gifts for its support will be gratefully received.

Not long after Christmas it became necessary for Mr Nold, our esteemed Director of Music, to relinquish his work on account of serious illness. Since that time he has been receiving hospital treatment. At this present writing he is making well-nigh miraculous improvement. His many friends here at Saint Mary's and in the musical world are praying that God in His mercy may grant him a good recovery that he may again take up the work he so dearly loves.

Cards of admission to the Palm Sunday and Easter Day High Masses will be mailed to each communicant under separate cover.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

January 7 — Alfred Russell Houston

MARRIAGE

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

January 20 — George Nelken and Ilse Netter

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

January 20 — George Nelken

The altar flowers during the month of March are in memory of the following:

March 24 — Easter Day (High Altar), Joseph Gayle Hurd Barry, Priest. (Lady Chapel), Haley Fiske.

Corporate Communions for the month are announced as follows:

Sunday, March 3, 9:00: The Church School, Guild of St Mary of the Cross, Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.
Monday, March 4, 8:30, (St Joseph's Chapel) Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
Wednesday, March 6, 9:30: St Mary's Guild.
Thursday, March 7, 8:00, The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.
Friday, March 8, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.
Sunday, March 10, 9:00, The Guild of St Francis.
Monday, March 11, 8:00, The Guild of All Souls.
Wednesday, March 20, 8:00, The Associates of the Community of St Mary.

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KALENDAR FOR MARCH

3. Su. LENT IV.
17. Su. LENT VI. (Palm Sunday).
21. Th. MAUNDY THURSDAY. Fast.
22. F. GOOD FRIDAY. Fast and abstinence.
24. Su. EASTER DAY.
25. M. MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK.
26. Tu. TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK.
27. W. In the Octave of Easter. Com. St John Damascene, C.D.
28. Th. In the Octave.
29. F. In the Octave. Abstinence.
30. Sa. In the Octave.
31. Su. EASTER I. (Low Sunday).

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 MARCH

MARCH 3—LENT IV.
MASS, Mass in D ............................................. Henschel
Motet, O sacrum convivium ............................... Aichinger
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VI with faux-bourdons ............. Whitlock
Nunc Dimittis, Tonus peregrinus with faux-bourdons . Whitlock
Motet, Jesu dulcis memoria ............................... Victoria

MARCH 10—PASSION SUNDAY.
MASS, Missa secunda ........................................ Hassler
Motet, O vos omnes ....................................... Victoria
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ......................... Fayrfax
Motet, Adoramus te ........................................ Roselli

MARCH 17—PALM SUNDAY.
MASS, Missa octavi toni .................................... Anerio
Motet, In monte Oliveti ................................... Ingegnert
Motet, Pueri Hebrorum .................................. Victoria
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ......................... Tomkins
Motet, Adoramus te ........................................ Ruffo

MARCH 21—MAUNDY THURSDAY.
MASS, Missa Orbis factor .................................. Plainchant

MARCH 24—EASTER DAY.
MASS, Missa Ascenddo ad Patrem ......................... Palestrina
Motet, Haec dies .......................................... Nanino
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tonus peregrinus with faux-bourdons .... Byrd
Nunc Dimittis, Tone I with faux-bourdons ........... Byrd
Motet, Adoramus te ........................................ di Lasso

MARCH 31—LOW SUNDAY.
MASS, Mass in D ............................................. Henschel
Motet, Christus surrexit .................................. Anerio
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ......................... Hunt
Motet, Adoramus te ........................................ Piioni

SERVICES IN LENT

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, 8 and 12:10
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.
Stations of the Cross, with Sermon and Benediction, Fridays .............. 8 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

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.

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