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Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary's:

One distinct advantage to an early Easter (although this year Easter worshippers nearly froze to death in getting to the Easter altar) is that many of the great festivals of Holy Church fall in May instead of June. Thus, these festivals can be commemorated here at Saint Mary's while the full winter schedule of services is in effect, and before the commencement of the summer schedule which customarily starts in June and runs through September. This year the Feasts of the Ascension of Our Blessed Lord, Pentecost, the Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus all fall within the month of May — the month dedicated to Our Lady.

What spiritual joys lie ahead for us Catholics! Indeed, what spiritual joys always are at hand for the faithful! It is right that these joys should be vouchsafed only to those who are really faithful in using their Catholic privilege. May we all, priests and laity alike, share generously in the joys of our Holy Religion by virtue of the fact that we shall not slacken, but rather quicken our pace in the Christian race.

Affectionately,

[Signature]

The Rev. Grieg Taber, Rector
THE nine day period between Ascension Day, May 2 and the Feast of Pentecost, May 12, will be observed quite generally throughout the Church as a Novena of Prayer for the Reunion of Christendom. The Masses during this period will be offered with special intention that all baptized Christians may be one in Jesus Christ. If fervent praying could more frequently accompany the endless discussion about Church Unity, the whole subject would be approached with more reverent humility and less individualism. The Church Catholic of the ages would then be seen to be Our Blessed Lord's intended Mystical Body. The scholars of the early Christian centuries, those Church Fathers whose writings are so revered, are in singularly harmonious agreement because they allowed the Holy Spirit to guide them in prayerful thinking. One too often notes in the perpetual present day round of discussion on approaches to Christian Unity rather haughty individualism which, more than any other one thing, has been responsible, through the pages of history, for the sad disunion of Christendom. Thomas à Kempis in his *The Imitation of Christ* reminds us as follows: "If thou dost more rely upon thine own reason and industry than upon that power which bringeth thee under the obedience of Jesus Christ, seldom and slowly shalt thou be a man illuminated, because God willeth us to be perfectly subject to Him and by the fire of love to transcend all human reason."

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THE Feast of the Ascension of Our Blessed Lord this year falls on Thursday, May 2. There will be a High Mass with communions at seven a.m. Low Masses will be celebrated at eight a.m. and nine-thirty a.m. Just as at Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, the Church calls her faithful to make a special effort to receive Holy Communion on Ascension Day.

THE Easter Offering amounted to $2,516.05. We feel sure that the congregation will wish to know what this year's Easter Offering seems to show with regard to the present giving power of Saint Mary's worshippers. Since this falls some $1,600 below that of last year, it would quite naturally cause some alarm. It should cause some alarm, for an analysis of the offering shows that there is a considerable falling off in the larger individual offerings at Easter, sometimes referred to as "special gifts." Upon analysis, this year's offering affords certain encouragements, for it represents an increase in the number of individuals who have had a definite share in the great Easter Offering. This is an extremely wholesome sign.

Holy Week and Easter were filled with spiritual joys, so much so that your new Rector cannot feel discouraged. He is humbly confident that, when the members of the congregation calmly view the financial situation and trend in the parish, they will joyfully respond to the calls for help which must be made from time to time in order that the worship and work of our beloved Saint Mary's may be maintained at as high a level as possible. He knows that those in the parish family group who happily appreciate their many spiritual blessings and joys will respond, at a cost of considerabe sacrifice to themselves, with loving gifts. He knows well that not a few of the individual offerings at Easter were truly sacrificial. He hopes that those who do not make a regular weekly pledge for the support of the parish and missions will do so without further delay. He also hopes that, as it becomes possible, many will put sums of money in their pledge envelopes in excess of the amount already pledged. There is joy in being generous in our worship by breaking the bounds of our rule of life. There is also joy in being generous in our giving by breaking the bounds of our pledges. How relevant is the advice of Saint Paul: "Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."
THE Rector recently had the pleasure of a journey to Saint Mary's Summer Home at Keyport, New Jersey. He is proud to be in a parish that considers it a duty and a privilege to maintain a summer home where many, who otherwise could have no relief from the city heat, can go for a real vacation. He is neither too timid nor ashamed to ask for gifts for the Summer Home that it may be open again this summer. You will find an envelope for this purpose enclosed in this number of AVE. Kindly place your gift within and offer it on the collection plate next Sunday, or as soon as you conveniently can. We need several hundred dollars. Of your mercy, do not fail us. How much happier we shall be while away on our own vacations if we know that we have done our part to provide a vacation for those who could not on their own resources leave the city and its inevitable heat for even a day.

As most of our readers already know, Saint Mary's Summer Home, has as its center Saint Anne's Chapel where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered daily and where our Blessed Lord is present with His summer family in the Reserved Sacrament. To this summer haven men and women and children of the parish go by invitation. Invitations will be given only to those who have shown a love for the Mass and who have a real loyalty toward the parish. Only such could happily fit into the Saint Mary's family group at Keyport.

ON Trinity Sunday evening, May 19, at eight, the annual May Festival in Honor of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be held under the auspices of the Society of the Living Rosary of Our Lady and Saint Dominic. Vespers of the Blessed Virgin will be sung, followed by a procession and the crowning of Our Lady's statue, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Here is a fine opportunity for the entire congregation to join in honoring Our Lady, remembering that he who honors the Blessed Mother, honors the Divine Son, Jesus Christ. Whenever the faithful kneel in prayer at the shrine of Our Lady, instinctively they are impelled to go before the Shrine of Shrines, the Tabernacle where Jesus is enthroned in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady's statue is but a symbol of reality. The Blessed Sacrament is really Jesus Christ.

ON Wednesday, May 1 at nine-thirty there will be the last Corporate Communion of Saint Mary's Guild for the season in the Lady Chapel. At this service three Low Mass sets, made by the Guild for the parish, will be blessed. The last business meeting of the season will be held immediately following at ten-thirty in Saint Joseph's Hall.

The members of the Guild meet each Wednesday, from October to May, in the Guild Room from ten-thirty a.m. until four p.m. for sewing. The average attendance at these meetings has been twelve for the past year. We are very happy to announce four new working members.

An informal luncheon is served by the members at each of these working meetings, promoting a fine spirit of fellowship.

The smaller linen and altar pieces are laundered each week by one or two members of the Guild. This work has comprised two thousand pieces.

The Guild also repairs old vestments and linens and makes new ones. The mending has consisted of 174 linen pieces, more than 100 silk pieces and 330 pieces for the sacristy.

The flower Committee attends to the placing of flowers on the altars and shrines on Sundays and Feast days throughout the year.

The new work completed during the past year consists of the following:

1 unlined purple Low Mass set
1 unlined green Low Mass set
1 white Mass set for the Lady Chapel
1 lace superfrontal lined with blue for the Lady Chapel
1 bishop's rochet
1 monstrance veil
The Canopy has been relined
6 priests' surplices
6 acolytes' cottas
6 cantors' cottas
2 canton flannel cere cloths
5 linen palls
4 corporals
8 lavabo towels
12 purificators
1 set of white curtains for the Tabernacle of Saint Anne's Chapel, Keyport, New Jersey

For Saint Margaret's Church, Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I., Saint Mary's Guild made and donated one unlined green Low Mass set, and one unlined purple set.

The Guild acknowledges gratefully the gift of materials for copes and vestments, and has been much honored by a request to make a Requiem Mass set for the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine.

Any women of the parish who can sew or help serve the luncheons on Wednesdays are very welcome. Dues for regular membership in Saint Mary's Guild are $1.00 a year; associate members, $2.00. The more members and the more dollars we have, the more work Saint Mary's Guild can do.

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TWO dances are planned for May in Saint Joseph's Hall. The first, scheduled for May 3, is under the auspices of the Saint Francis' Guild. There will be a good four-piece orchestra for the dancing, with refreshments and special entertainment as added features.

The second dance, scheduled for May 29, is under the auspices of the girls basketball team which is an activity of the Guild of Saint Mary of Nazareth. The proceeds of this latter dance will go toward defraying the expenses of the team.

These dances, widely separated in the month of May, are offered at the modest individual subscription price of thirty-five cents. All are invited, indeed urged, to attend both dances.

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O N Friday, May 17 at two-thirty p.m. the annual Font Roll Party for children will take place in Saint Joseph's Hall. Parents are invited to accompany their children. Others will be most welcome, and they will probably not object to paying the small sum of ten cents for their refreshments.

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THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In virgin gold and luscious jewels bright,
While angels take their guard, and stand around
In purest white, and blinded by the light
That shines from out of heaven, to confound
The learned and the simple in us all,
There, consecrated power stands and waits.
The strength and life to compensate the Fall.
The Word made flesh, that opened up the gates
Of heav'n to where we mortals all can flee.
Soul saving Sacrament, we Thee adore,
Exposed for our unworthy eyes to see;
In gold and gems because we have not more.

FRANCIS J. KAFKA

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O N Friday, May 10, at twelve-thirty p.m., the Woman's Auxiliary closes its activities for the season with a buffet luncheon in Saint Joseph's Hall. There will be the usual business
meeting at ten-thirty. Father Taber has consented to give an informal talk on Western Missions at eleven-thirty and Mrs Kerley, the Diocesan President of the Woman's Auxiliary has promised to be present. Every woman in the congregation is invited to attend. No tickets are needed, but those expecting to attend the luncheon (seventy-five cents per person) will kindly notify the parish secretary or Mrs William C. Dickey, 123 East 53rd Street, the chairman of the luncheon committee.

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O N Monday, May 6, the Feast of Saint John before the Latin Gate, the Fellowship of Saint John and the Associates of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist will have their semi-annual corporate communion in the Lady Chapel at eight a.m.

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O N Saturday afternoon and evening, May 18, the Saint Francis Guild is sponsoring a general parish outing to Keyport. There will be a recreation program in the afternoon, followed by a steak supper on the beach. Here is a fine opportunity for the parishioners to visit Saint Mary's Summer Home. Detailed directions for those planning to go on this Keyport Outing will be printed in a subsequent Parish Leaflet.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

March 20 — Robert Uhlhorn (adult)
March 23 — Marie Natalie Clark (adult)

CONFIRMATIONS

By THE RIGHT REVEREND WILLIAM T. MANNING, D.D.

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

March 31 —
Caroline Amanda Bender
Marie Natalie Clark
Ferrol Laurelle Collins
Vera Margarita Melrose Collins
Esther Martha Doron
Frances Hope Dorrithie
Dorothy Voleta Fassig
Francis Viola Finn
Gladys Lucie Foote
Dorothy Tomlinson Houston
Jeanette Elaine Houston
Evelyn Marsh MacGregor
Anne Monique Henriette Marie Roman
Temperance Adelaide Schmidt
Thelma Shulman
Carolyn Therese Weidebein
Edward Heath Devany
Alfred Russell Houston
Hiram Kellogg Johnson
Reynold Chase O’Connor
Paul Francois Pierre Louis Roman
Robert Uhlhorn

RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER

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

March 1 — Mrs William Prall
March 20 — Mrs Edward Wegmann
March 7 — Mrs Charles Irwin
March 30 — Muriel Mutschler
March 31 — Mrs John Whiteley

BURIALS

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

March 7 — Philip John Smith
March 18 — Mrs Pauline Dunn

CORPORATE Communions for the Month of May are as follows:

Wednesday, May 1, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.
Monday, May 6, 8:00, Fellowship of St John, Associates of the Society of St John the Evangelist, Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity (Mission House).
Thursday, May 9, 8:00, The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.
Friday, May 10, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.
Sunday, May 12, 9:00, The Guild of St Francis.
Wednesday, May 15, 8:00, The Associates of the Community of St Mary.
Tuesday, May 21, 8:00, The Guild of All Souls.

DURING the month of May the altar flowers are given in memory of the following people:
May 2—Ascension Day. Richard Ellis Jones and Mary Jones.
May 5—The Sunday after Ascension. Edith Harding.
May 6—St John before the Latin Gate. Members of the Fellowship of St John.
May 19—Trinity Sunday. Daniel and Mary Porter.
May 26—The First Sunday after Trinity. Josephine Howard.

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

KALENDAR FOR MAY

1. W. SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APP. (Rogation Day. Vigil.)
2. Th. THE ASCENSION DAY.
5. Su. THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY.
8. W. In the Octave.
10. F. St Athanasius, B.C.D. Abstinence.
12. Su. PENTECOST. (Whitsunday).
13. M. MONDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.
14. Tu. TUESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.
15. W. EMBER DAY. Fast and abstinence.
16. Th. THURSDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.
17. F. EMBER DAY. Fast and abstinence.
19. Su. TRINITY SUNDAY. Com. St Dunstan, B.C.
20. M. St Bernardine of Sienna, C.
22. W. Feria.
23. Th. CORPUS CHRISTI.
27. M. In the Octave. Com. St Bede, B.C.D.
28. Tu. In the Octave.
29. W. In the Octave.
30. Th. Octave of Corpus Christi. Com. St Joan, V.
31. F. THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS. Abstinence.

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 2. — THE ASCENSION DAY.
Mass, "Missa Kyrie fons bonitatis" .......................................... Gregorian

MAY 5. — THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY.
Mass, "Missa festiva in E" ......................................................... Kromolicki
Motet, "Ascendit Deus" .............................................................. Philip

EVENSONG:
Magnificat and Nunc dimititis (Second Service) ......................... Byrd
Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" .................................................... Palestrina

MAY 12. — PENTECOST (Whitsunday).
Mass, "Missa O quam gloriosum" ................................................ Victoria
Motet, "Dum completeruntur" ...................................................... Palestrina

EVENSONG:
Magnificat, Tone V, with faux-bourdons ..................................... Tallis
Nunc dimititis, Tone I, with faux-bourdons .................................. Giles
Motet, "O bone Jesu" .................................................................. Ingegneri

MAY 19. — TRINITY SUNDAY.
Mass in E minor ............................................................................ Bruckner
Motet, "Benedicta sit"* ................................................................. Victoria

VESEPERS:
Magnificat, Tone VI, with faux-bourdons ..................................... Tomkins
Regina celi .................................................................................... Gregorian
Motet, "Ave Maria" ...................................................................... Arcadelt
Salve Regina ................................................................................... Gregorian
O salutaris hostia (Opus 17, No. 3) .............................................. Kromolicki
Tantum ergo (Opus 61a, No. 3) ....................................................... Reger

MAY 26. — TRINITY I.
Mass, "Missa Dona pacem" ............................................................ Desderi
Motet, "O sacrum convivium" ....................................................... Victoria
Motet, "Ego sum panis vivus" ....................................................... Byrd

EVENSONG:
Magnificat and Nunc dimititis for four voices .............................. Farrant
Motet, "Adoramus te" ................................................................. Sixteenth century

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

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.

Baptisms.—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.

Guild of St Francis.—For Young Adults. Meetings first and fourth Sundays, 5:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, second Sunday, 9 a.m.

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


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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