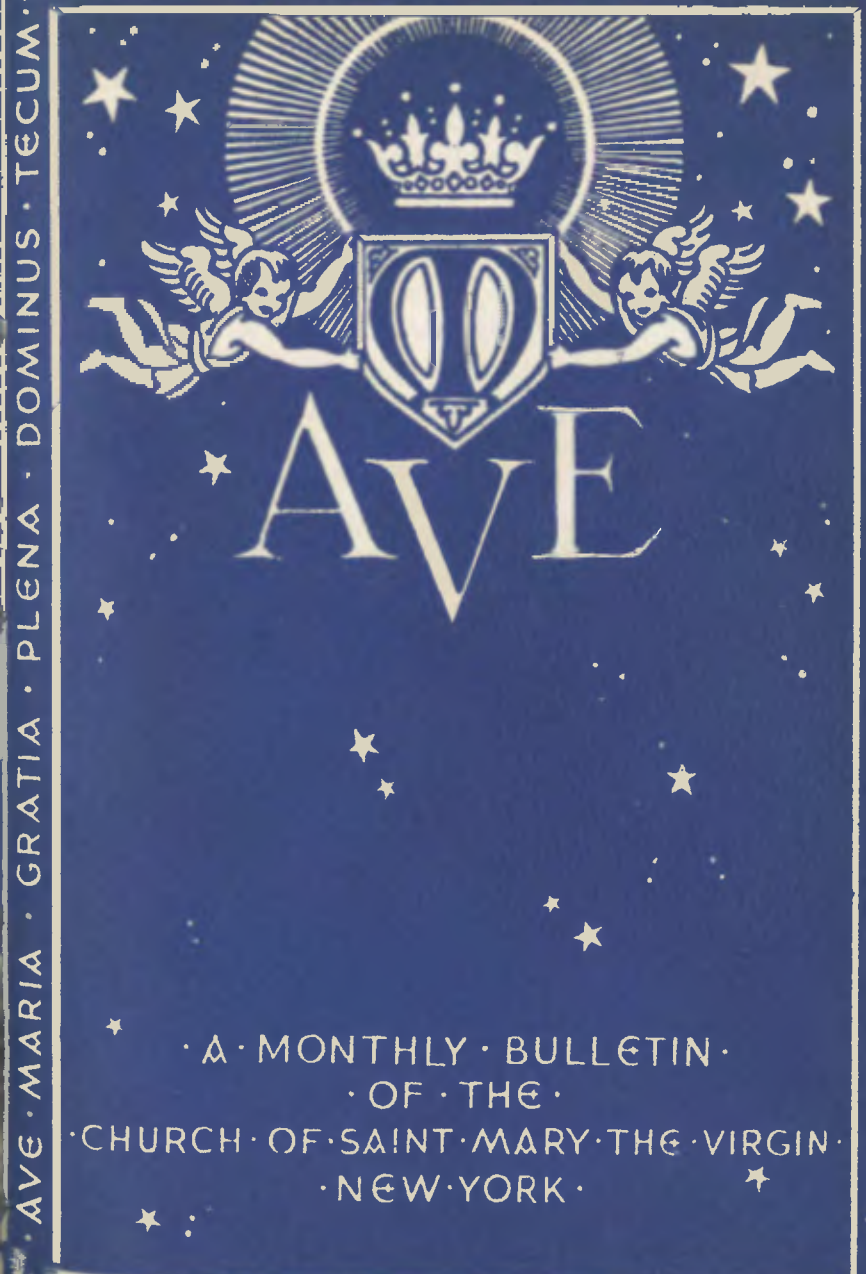
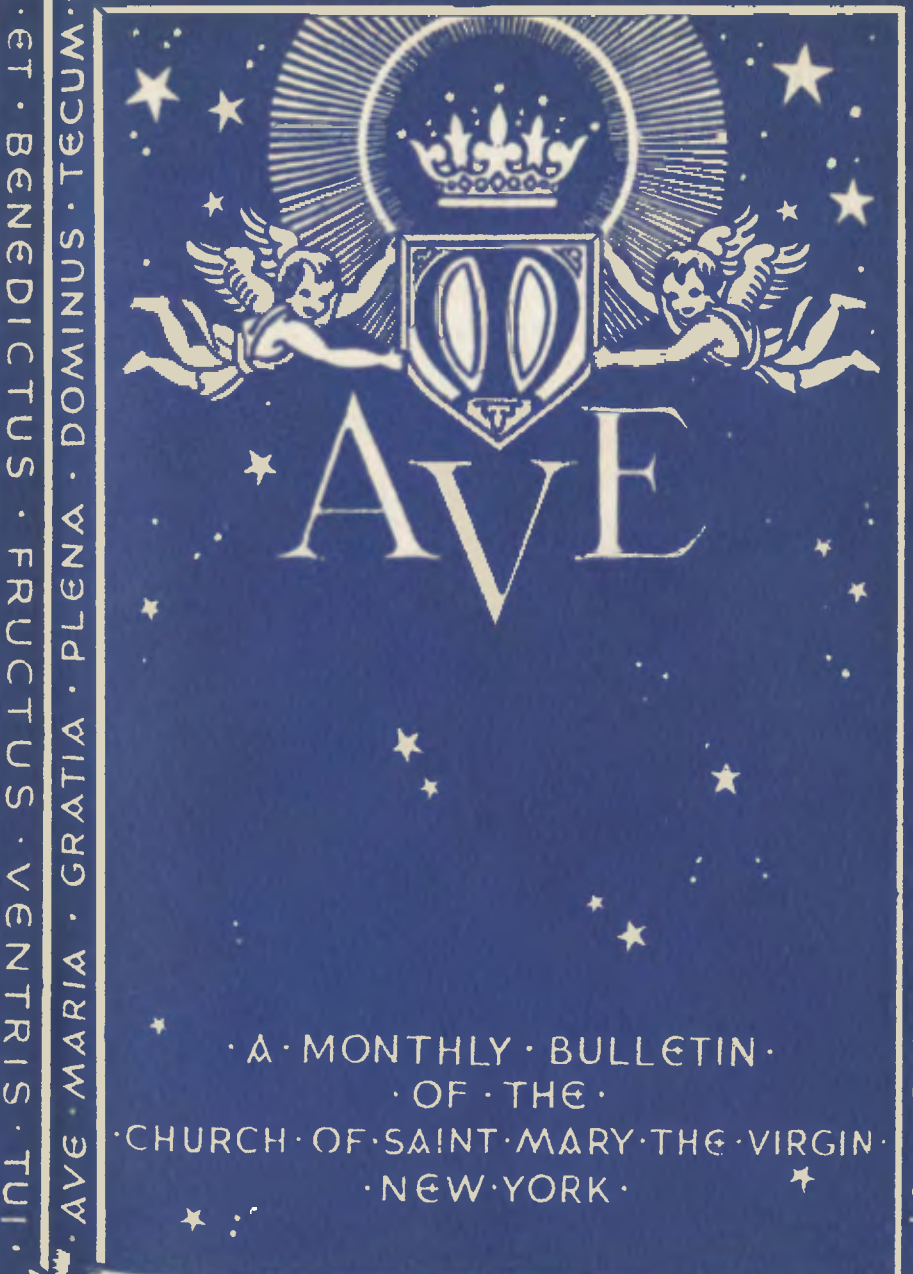


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Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary's:

The Bishop of the Diocese has appointed the evening of the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March the twenty-third, for the administering of the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation here at Saint Mary's. On six consecutive Sunday evenings, beginning with Sunday, February the ninth, I shall give a series of instructions for adults who are preparing for confirmation. These instructions will be given in place of the sermon at the regular Sunday evening service at eight. The subjects are to be: True Catholicism, The Church a Power House, The Return Home, Jesus, Victim — Jesus, Priest, The Unseen World, and Witnessing Daily.

Since in the Episcopal Church only those who are confirmed are admitted to communicant status, Holy Confirmation is associated with the receiving of full Catholic privileges. Indeed, it marks the beginning of communicant life which is the happiest part of Christian living. Therefore, the call to be confirmed is in a very real sense a missionary call.

Now in your neighborhood, in your apartment house, or even in your own home there are very possibly those who are waiting for an invitation to embrace the fullness of Christian living. Will you, each and every one, become missionaries and invite to the confirmation instructions your friends and neighbors who have not tasted of the joys of Catholic living? Such people are sometimes

shy, but if you would personally invite them to accompany you to these Sunday evening instructions, much good would result from your efforts.

It is a strange anomaly that so many Christian people are regular worshipers in their parish churches and are more or less interested in foreign missions, and yet never try to bring one soul nearer at home into contact with the love of Christ and the faith of His Church. It would seem to me that the happiest experience of the Christian is the bringing of some other soul into friendship with the Shepherd of souls. It would also seem to me that if we ourselves reach the courts of heaven and come face to face with the King of heaven, the most fitting question that He might put to us would be "Whom have you brought here with you?"

In Christ's dear name, I beg of you to take this whole matter into your prayers and into your daily work as Catholic Christians. Bring someone to the confirmation instructions. Do not leave this all important work entirely to your clergy.

Affectionately,



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BOYS and girls under twelve who are looking forward to being confirmed this year will receive their instructions from the Sisters of the Holy Nativity. Parents and godparents of such children will kindly consult with the Sister-in-Charge. Sometimes discussion arises over the proper age for confirmation. Your rector feels that boys and girls should be fortified with the grace of the Sacraments and the teaching of the Church just as soon as they

are becoming versed in the affairs of the world. And this latter acquaintance is coming earlier and earlier in the lives of our children!

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AT a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees Mr Ernest White was appointed director of music to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr Raymond Nold, of grateful memory. Mr White has been a co-worker with Mr Nold in the music department here at Saint Mary's for the last four years. He is therefore most happily fitted to carry on the work so ably maintained by Mr Nold for some thirty years.

Mr White was born in London, Canada, where he received his early training in violin and piano playing. There followed a period of study at the Toronto Conservatory, during which he became organist at Howard Park Church and at Alhambra Avenue United Church. That he might specialize in organ playing, he came to study with Lynnwood Farnam in New York City, and at the same time he acted as organist and choirmaster at Saint George's Church, Flushing. The next seven years found him in charge of the music at Saint James' Church, Philadelphia, as well as organist to Swarthmore College for a series of recital programs each season. For three years he was head of the department of music at Bard College (Columbia University) whence he came to accept the position of organist at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin.

During the first year of the World's Fair Mr White was the organist at the Temple of Religion where twice each day he gave organ recitals during the entire season. Subsequently these recitals were continued at the Brooklyn Museum from which his weekly programs are broadcast over Station WNYC.

We of Saint Mary's have been particularly fortunate in having Mr White at the organ for recitals as well as for the liturgical services. He has made more than six hundred appearances in

widely diversified programs and places. These include five national conventions of organists, two state conventions, the Germanic Museum of Harvard University, Saint Paul's Chapel of Columbia University, Trinity College at Hartford, Swarthmore College, Peabody Conservatory at Baltimore, Carnegie Institute at Pittsburgh, Cathedral of Christ the King at Hamilton, Eaton Auditorium at Toronto, Wanamaker Auditorium in New York, Wyoming Valley Bach Festival, Damrosch Music Appreciation Hour, and the Casavant Society of Toronto.

In recording Mr White's career in music, the Rector knows that the parishioners will rejoice with him in the privilege of having as director of music at Saint Mary's one so appreciated in the world of music. Since the music at Saint Mary's is a vital part of the worship we are happy to have as director of music one who is first and foremost a communicant of Holy Church, yet one who is thoroughly capable of maintaining and indeed raising the fine musical standards of the past.

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THE Christmas offering this year was the largest Christmas offering in many years, totaling an amount well over fifteen hundred dollars. May our increasing generosity continue during the months and years that are coming!

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THE Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Candlemas Day, which is always on February the second, falls this year on Sunday. The full rite of Candlemas will be observed at High Mass, with the solemn blessing of candles and procession of lights. In order that the service may not be unduly long the sermon will be omitted.

THE CEREMONIES OF CANDLEMAS

Before Mass the priest accompanied by the other ministers, all vested in violet, approaches the altar and passes immediately to the epistle horn near which the candles to be blessed have been arranged on a table. Immediately he says five prayers of blessing, one for health, two for holiness, and two for divine illumination. Then he uses holy water and incense in blessing the candles, first blessing the incense before it is placed upon the fire. There follows at once the distribution of blessed candles to all, the worshipers in the chancel kneeling and kissing the priest's hand as they receive theirs. During this distribution the Choir sings the *Nunc dimittis*, the phrase "A light to lighten the Gentiles" being several times repeated in the singing. The procession is formed and with everyone holding lighted candles it passes through the church and back to the altar while two proper antiphons are sung. Upon the return white vestments are put on and Mass is begun. During the Mass all hold their lighted candles during the Gospel and from the beginning of the Canon through the Communion.

Perhaps no symbolism is so direct, so obvious as that found in the ceremonies appointed for this Feast. Our Blessed Lord, the Light who enlightened the Gentiles, sprang from the most pure person of His Mother; even so, beeswax, the fruit of the virgin bee, is employed in the making of the candles directed to be used in churches. Even this beeswax must be hallowed to the use of the church, and the sprinkling and censuring represent the effect of the prayer offered by the celebrant. The procession shows the entry into the world of Our Lord, the true Light, and the gradual illumination of the whole world by that Light. This is finally shown ceremonially by the passing of light from candle to candle among the congregation, and the passing of light through the whole church during the procession.

ON Saint Blasius' Day, February the third, there will be the blessing of throats before each Mass.

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BISHOP Manning has designated Sunday, February the ninth, as a day for a special thank offering for British Missions. Special thank offering envelopes are enclosed with this number of AVE. It is not necessary to urge the members of Saint Mary's to help generously the Missions of the Church of England which has suffered and is suffering untold losses during this frightful war. It is a real privilege to be permitted to help those who are so bravely carrying on the work of Christ and His Church amid the assaults of evil.

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THE acolytes of our parochial Guild of Saint Vincent are hosts to the clergy and acolytes from many neighboring parishes at a Festival service held each year at Saint Mary's by happy custom on February the twelfth. There will be a High Mass, procession of the Host and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at eleven, with a sermon by Dean deWolfe of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine. All are invited to attend this service.

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THE Pre-Lent Retreat for Men is being held this year on Saturday, February the fifteenth, with addresses at three and four-thirty in the afternoon and at seven-thirty in the evening. The regular Saturday afternoon Holy Hour forms a part of this retreat, as well as Evening Prayer at six. Supper is served at six-thirty. We are fortunate in having as the conductor of this retreat Father Loring, Rector of Saint David's Church, Roland Park, Baltimore. He will also preach at High Mass on the following day, Sexagesima Sunday. The men of Saint Mary's and other parishes are urged to attend this retreat which will provide real spiritual refreshment. Will those who plan to attend kindly

notify Father Taber, 145 West 46th Street, that we may make proper supper reservations.

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THE Saint Mary's Dramatic Society will present in Saint Joseph's Hall on the evenings of February the nineteenth and February the twentieth Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." As in the past, no tickets will be sold for these performances. All are invited, but there will be a collection taken to defray the necessary expenses and to augment the Rector's Emergency Fund.

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ON Shrove Tuesday, February the twenty-fifth, the faithful will wish to make their confessions before the beginning of Lent. The schedule of Shrove Tuesday confessions follows:

Father Taber — 4-6, 7-9
 Father Peabody — 11-12, 4-5, 8-9
 Father Craven — 12-1, 3-4, 8-9
 Father Patchell — 10-11, 2-3, 7-8

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ASH Wednesday this year falls on February the twenty-sixth. Masses will be celebrated at 7, 8, 9:30, 11 (High Mass and sermon) and at 12.10. Imposition of ashes will precede each Mass.

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THE full schedule of Lenten services will be printed in leaflet form and distributed from the Tract Table and with the March number of AVE.

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YOUR clergy again 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.
6. 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, spending more time in God's House than formerly.

May we all with true generosity of heart break the bounds of our Lenten Rules in honor of Him who is so exceedingly generous in His mercy toward us!



AT recent elections in Saint Mary's Guild and in the Woman's Auxiliary the following were chosen officers for the ensuing year:

SAINT MARY'S GUILD

President — MISS ANNIE LOUISE ARNOLD
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We congratulate these women on the confidence placed in them.

KALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

1. Sa. St Ignatius of Antioch, B.M. Com. St Briget, V.
- ✕ 2. Su. THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Com. Epiphany IV.
3. M. Mass of Epiphany IV. Com. St Blasius, B.M., and St Ansgarius, B.C.
4. Tu. St Gilbert of Sempringham, AB.
5. W. St Agatha, V.M.
6. Th. St Titus, B.C. Com. St Dorothea, V.M.
7. F. St Romuald, AB. *Abstinence.*
8. Sa. *Feria.* Requiem Mass, 7.
- ✕ 9. Su. SEPTUAGESIMA. Com. St Cyril of Alexandria, B.C.D.
10. M. St Scholastica, V.
11. Tu. *Feria.* Requiem Mass, 8.
12. W. *Feria.*
13. Th. St Kintigern, B.C.
14. F. St Valentine, P.M. *Abstinence.*
15. Sa. *Feria.*
- ✕ 16. Su. SEXAGESIMA.
17. M. *Feria.* Requiem Mass, 7.
18. Tu. St Simeon, B.M.
19. W. *Feria.*
20. Th. *Feria.*
21. F. *Feria. Abstinence.*
22. Sa. St Joseph of Arimathea, C.
- ✕ 23. Su. QUINQUAGESIMA. Com. St Peter Damian, B.C.D.
24. M. ST MATTHIAS, A.P.M.
25. Tu. *Feria.* (*Shrove Tuesday.*) Requiem Mass, 8.
26. W. ASH WEDNESDAY. *Fast and abstinence.*
27. Th. *Feria. Fast.*
28. F. *Feria. Fast and 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 FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 2 — PURIFICATION.

MASS, Mass in E minor *Bruckner*
 Motet: Beata es, Virgo Maria *Gabrieli*

EVENSONG,

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis *Byrd*
 Motet: Sancta Maria *Victoria*
 O salutaris *Elgar No. 2*
 Motet: Ave Maria *Mode VI*
 Tantum ergo *Reger*

FEBRUARY 9 — SEPTUAGESIMA.

MASS, Missa in hon S. Clarae Assisiensis *Refice*
 Motet: O admirabile commercium *Palestrina*

EVENSONG,

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis *Tallis and Giles*
 Motet: O bone Jesu *Ingegneri*

FEBRUARY 16 — SEXAGESIMA.

MASS, Missa Ascendo ad Patrem *Palestrina*
 Motet: O salutaris *Tallis*

EVENSONG,

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis *Gibbons*
 O salutaris *Kromolicki*
 Motet: Panis angelicus *Titcomb*
 Tantum ergo *Boellmann No. 3*

FEBRUARY 23 — QUINQUAGESIMA.

MASS, Mass in E minor *Bruckner*
 Motet: Sicut cervus *Palestrina*

EVENSONG,

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis *Tomkins*
 Motet: Adoramus te *Viadana*

FEBRUARY 26 — ASH WEDNESDAY.

Missa Deus genitor alme *Plainchant*

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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

December 2 — Fanny Bowdoin de Rossett

December 6 — Clura G. Atherton
 Mrs Elsie G. Wickenden

December 13 — Marie L. Minor

December 27 — Evelyn R. Rezek

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THE altar flowers during the month of February are in memory of the following:

February 2 — Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ursula Dumont Arnold.

February 12 — The Acolytes' Festival. Mrs Archibald D. Russell.

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

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CORPORATE communions for the month of February will be as follows:

Sunday, February 2, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.

Monday, February 3, 8:00 (Mission House) Associates of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity.

Wednesday, February 5, 9:30, Saint Mary's Guild.

Sunday, February 9, 8:00, The Guild of Saint Francis.

Friday, February 14, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.

Wednesday, February 19, 8:00, The Associates of the Community of Saint Mary.

Sunday, February 23, 9:00, The Church School, The Guild of Saint Mary of Nazareth.

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SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Low Mass	7:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	7:40 a.m.
Low Mass	8:00 a.m.
Sung Mass	9:00 a.m.
Low Mass (Lady Chapel)	10:00 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service and Benediction, with address	8:00 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily	7, 8, 9:30 a.m.
Also on greater Holy Days as announced	11 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Morning Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays)	9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer (with Litany, Fridays)	6:00 p.m.
Special Devotions, Fridays	8:15 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: Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
 Father Peabody: Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
 Father Craven: Fridays 7 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3 to 4 p.m.
 Father Patchell: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Confessions will also be heard Sundays, 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
 A Priest can always be seen after any service.

BAPTISMS.—Sundays after High Mass by arrangement with the clergy. Proper sponsors should be chosen.

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 White, 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 CHURCH SCHOOL. — Sundays, Sung Mass and Instruction, 9 a.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m.

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 Craven, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ST MARY OF NAZARETH.—For Girls, Thursdays, Junior Group, 4 p.m.; Senior Group, 7:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Patchell, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF HELP.—For forwarding the social service work of the Church. Meetings as announced from time to time.

ST MARY'S DRAMATIC SOCIETY. Father Patchell, *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, 8 a.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

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LIVING ROSARY OF OUR LADY AND ST DOMINIC.—St Mary's Ward. Meetings (Lady Chapel) second Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ALL SOULS.—St Mary's Ward. Meetings (Lady Chapel) third Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Taber, *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*.

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.

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