Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary's:

By God's mercy Holy Week and Easter were filled with blessings for the parish family. Those who frequented God's House at this holy season have expressed much gratitude for their many blessings. The liturgical worship of Holy Church, with its well-ordered ceremonial and equally well-ordered musical setting, and the devotions of the congregation combined to make the commemoration of our Blessed Lord's Passion, Death and Glorious Resurrection one of spiritual depth.

You will be pleased to learn that the Easter offering amounted to $4,161.21. This total amount includes the sum of $456.65, given through the Lenten Mite Boxes which so many of the congregation cheerfully took and as cheerfully used. The increase of this year's Easter offering over that of last year is a very substantial one. Were this financial progress not accompanied by spiritual progress, it would be meaningless. However, all signs point to a wholesome growth for which we may devoutly praise God.

I feel confident that every member of Saint Mary's will continue loyal support both by praying and by giving that we may not be forced to curtail in any way our normal parish worship and work.

Affectionately,

Grieg Taber
At the annual Parish Meeting, held on Monday, April the twenty-first, the following were elected delegates to the Convention of the Diocese of New York: Messrs. Howard I. Dohrman, Newbury Frost Read and Carrington Raymond. Those elected as provisional delegates were Messrs. Robert Cross, Arthur S. Maynard and Edwin S. Utley.

The Diocesan Convention meets Tuesday and Wednesday, May the thirteenth and fourteenth. This year the Convention is one of very happy significance for it marks the twentieth anniversary of Bishop Manning's consecration, the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth. We of Saint Mary's do heartily felicitate Bishop Manning on these happy anniversaries. Our gratitude is profound to the chief shepherd of Christ's flock in the Diocese of New York who has stood foursquare for the Catholic faith, ever refusing to water it down and ever intent on springing to its defence.

We have already welcomed Mr Walter Rye who has been appointed organist of Saint Mary's to serve under Mr Ernest White, our director of music. Mr Rye was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. His first teacher of music was his own good mother, from whom he doubtless received his inspiration for the following out of a musical career. As a boy he sang in the choir of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, and at an early age was a substitute organist at Saint Stephen's, Sewickley. His progress merited a scholarship in organ at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where he studied under Abel-Marie Decaux and received the degree of Bachelor of Music. He comes to Saint Mary's directly from Saint Andrew's Church, Stamford, Connecticut, where he has been both organist and choirmaster. He is now happily and acceptably fitting into our worship and work for he holds a thorough-going Catholic ideal in the realm of music.

The American Church Union, that body which officially represents the Catholic Cause in the Episcopal Church, has arranged for a Conference on "A Faith for Living Today" to be held at Saint Thomas' Church, Fifth Avenue at Fifty-third Street, on Sunday afternoon and evening, May the fourth. Bishop Manning will give a word of greeting; Father Dubois, Rector of Saint Agnes' Church, Washington, will speak for the American Church Union; and Father Scaife of the staff of Saint Thomas' Church will preside. At four in the afternoon a paper entitled "Why Needed?" will be read by Father Mason, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Staten Island. This will be followed at five-thirty by a paper entitled "Where Found?" to be given by the Reverend Charles W. Lowry, Ph.D., of the faculty of the Virginia Theological Seminary. Ample time will then be allowed for those attending the Conference to go out for supper. At eight in the evening there will be a very informal service with a sermon by the Reverend Oliver Loring, Rector of Christ Church, New Bedford, Massachusetts, and Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Maine.

The regular Sunday evening service at Saint Mary's will be omitted on this evening in order that the members of the congregation may attend the Conference. Indeed, all are urged to attend. The whole idea of such a Conference is very definitely to present the Catholic Faith as found in the Book of Common Prayer in its glory and in its fullness. It is hoped that large numbers will attend the Conference and find in the Faith that definiteness for which those who falter about in a maze of opinions are so earnestly looking. May a very large representation from Saint Mary's be present at Saint Thomas' on this happy occasion to stand shoulder to shoulder with others for that which is definite and that which is Catholic!

On Friday, May the ninth, the parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will bring its activities for this season to a close with a buffet luncheon at twelve-thirty in Saint Joseph's Hall.
Earlier in the morning at nine-thirty there will be a corporate communion of the Auxiliary, with the usual business meeting at ten-thirty. This will be followed by an address at eleven-thirty by Mrs Howard M. Jefferson, Vice-President of the Woman’s Auxiliary for Manhattan and the Bronx. 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 Mrs James H. Carl, 307 East 44th Street, or the Church Office.

On Tuesday, May the sixth, the Feast of Saint John before the Latin Gate, in the Lady Chapel at eight a.m., there will be a corporate communion for the members of the Fellowship of Saint John and the Associates of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist.

There is to be a city-wide Quiet Evening for Women at the Church of the Mediator, Kingsbridge Avenue and 231st Street, on Rogation Sunday, May the eighteenth. This Quiet Evening is being held under the auspices of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education. The conductor will be Father Racioppi, Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut. The first meditation will be at six, followed by dinner in the parish hall at seven at a cost of sixty cents per person. The evening will close at nine. Those women who wish to avail themselves of the privilege of this Quiet Evening will kindly hand in their names at the Saint Mary’s Church Office.

In the last number of AVE it was suggested that the new missals, soon to be bought through the Frank Gavin Liturgical Foundation, be given by members of the parish as memorials or thank offerings. We have ordered five of these missals. The missal for the High Altar and that for the Lady Chapel have already been promised as memorials. If any one wishes the privilege of giving one of the three remaining missals, — that for Saint Joseph’s Chapel or that for the Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy or that for the Mission House Chapel, — the rector will gratefully receive the gift. The cost of the missals is from twenty-five dollars up, depending on the binding.

The Junior Group of the Guild of Saint Mary of Nazareth will give a performance of “Silver Sonia” in Saint Joseph’s Hall on Thursday evening, May the fifteenth, at eight o’clock. No tickets will be required, but a collection will be taken and given for the work of the Saint Mary’s Summer Home in Keyport. Help our girls to come to the aid of a charity very close to their hearts.

The following dates are open to donors of memorial flowers for the High Altar: The Second Sunday after Trinity, June the twenty-second, the Feast of Saint Peter, June the twenty-ninth, and Thanksgiving Day. One of these dates may be secured by communicating with Miss Louisa Verplanck Richards, 38 West 93rd Street, the chairman of the Flower Committee.

Several of the students of the General Theological Seminary have volunteered during the past months to serve Mass at our altars. These young men have been extremely faithful. They have been grateful for the privilege and we have been grateful for their devoted help.

Saint Mary’s Dramatic Society has been encouraged to give a benefit performance of Oscar Wilde’s “The Importance of Being Earnest.” This time the performance will be a benefit for the Order of Saint Francis to help in raising the necessary funds for the new Guest and Retreat House at Little Portion, Mt Sinai, Long Island. Those who witnessed this play when given last February will surely recommend it to others. This post-season
performance is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, May the eighth, at eight-thirty in Saint Joseph's Hall. Admission will be fifty cents. Very many will be glad of the opportunity to come to the aid of the Order of Saint Francis.

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ON Monday evening, May the nineteenth, at eight-thirty in Saint Joseph's Hall, Saint Mary's Dramatic Society will be host to the members of the parish and their friends at what promises to be a most enjoyable evening. There will be organ solos by Mr Ernest White, Director of Music at Saint Mary's, followed by a recital from the Psalms of David by Miss Margaret Gage, a communicant of Saint Mary's. Miss Gage has given this reading for many churches and organizations both in New York and California. It is most gracious in her to give it for her own parish. The evening will close with refreshments and a social hour. No tickets will be required. All are most cordially invited to attend.

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ON Rogation Sunday evening, May the eighteenth, at the regular eight o'clock service, 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. As usual, the service will consist of Vespers of the Blessed Virgin, followed by a procession and the crowning of the statue of Our Lady, after which there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The congregation will wish to set aside this Sunday evening that they may gather together to pay special honor to the Mother of God in Blessed Mary's month, the month of May.

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THESE are the days for many appeals for sufferers throughout the entire world. As a parish it is quite impossible to recognize each appeal as it comes along with the appointment of a parochial committee to solicit funds. The Church Catholic, true to her Lord in whom there is "neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free," can be no respecter of persons. We therefore cannot officially choose certain sufferers whom we will aid and exclude certain others. In Christ's dear name we urge the members of the congregation to answer as many appeals for mercy as they can, giving ready support to the American Red Cross and its fine work throughout this war-torn world. It is only human for members of this and every congregation to answer certain appeals which strike a sympathetic cord. They will continue to do so as individuals in the name of the Lord of all.

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WE are glad to print the following article sent for AVE by our parish missionary, Father Nobes, stationed at All Saints' Mission, Bontoc, Mountain Province, Philippine Islands. Articles, such as this, should renew our enthusiasm in taking our part in the support of the missionary cause of Holy Church.

CHRISTIANIZING PAGANISM

IT has been a strength of the Catholic Church that wherever it has met with paganism it has taken the non-objectionable religious and ceremonial practices of paganism and transformed rather than destroyed them. Such practices may therefore still be found in the Catholicism which the former pagans have taken upon themselves. No one likes to be told that he is entirely in error. Pagans have been attracted to the Catholic Church because they have been told that many of their practices have value in them, but they need to be transformed to fit in with the full and pure revelations of God to man as it has come in the Revelation of Jesus Christ, preserved in the teachings of the Catholic Church. Here in the Igorot country our Church has worked on this principle of transformation.

At the present time I am forcibly reminded of this by the fact that we are now applying the principle for the first time in still
another department of the Igorot religion. This religion, as you know, belongs to the family of religions loosely grouped under the name "Animism." The Igorot believes in the existence of many spirits, most of which we would call ghosts but some of which were never embodied in human beings. These spirits are all-powerful. They control everything from disease and accident to rainfall and fruitfulness of crops. The Igorot must "get on the good side" of the spirits by offering animal sacrifices to them periodically. It has from time immemorial been the Igorot practice to offer sacrifices to the spirits of the rice fields as soon as these fields are planted. Then, to show any wandering spirits who might not have been present at the feast of sacrificial animals that the owners of the fields actually did offer sacrifice, these owners have customarily set up a reed in the corner of the sown fields to which they have attached some sign of the sacrifice, — a few feathers from the chicken, or a bit of the tail of the animal, or some other token.

This year we in Bontoc have for the first time had Masses in all of our chapels at the conclusion of the planting season in which the intention has been for a good crop. At this Mass we have blessed reed crosses and distributed them to the worshippers who have taken them and set them up in the fields, in place of the old pagan reeds.

We sometimes find that a field is "doubly blessed," containing both the pagan sign and the Christian cross, but we must expect that. It will be years before our new practice roots out the old, for, after all, paganism has been here for thousands of years and Catholicism for only a few generations. But we have made a start, and we rejoice to hear the old men, the leaders in the paganism of the countryside, mutter that the Christian practice is good for "Almighty God has more power than the ricefield spirits, and His blessing will help the fields more."

CLIFFORD E. BARRY NOBES

TASTE AND CHURCH MUSIC

(Continued)

FORMING a taste in Church music is much the same as forming a taste in any of the other arts. The tyro is first attracted to the obvious, or that which will make the strongest impact upon his senses. A wide acquaintance with those works commonly conceded to be the best examples of the art is the only certain road. The wider the acquaintance with the literature and the aims of the art, the more certain will be the growth of our own standard of judgment.

Church works are not necessarily those works commonly referred to as 'classics'. No matter how fine it is musically, a symphony would be poor Church music. It is too personal an expression. It holds the stage of attention to the exclusion of all else. In church it would be in a wrong setting, with both the service and the work suffering. Its personal quality would be as much out of place as if the priests were to resemble great actors on the stage. A priest's intelligent impersonality is one of his strongest aids.

Church music must be the best music that can be found, but it should be of an impersonal character. It should paint no pictures nor tell any story by itself, yet it may be the perfect vehicle for the transmission and illumination of the spirit of the text.

At a Liturgical service, hymns of the "I need God" type are out of place, for they belong to a Mission or to informal services. Hymns of the "God's need of me" type, doctrinal hymns, or those belonging to the occasion (Times and Seasons) are the choice for the Liturgical service. The service is an integrated whole which is founded upon the Collects, Epistle and Gospel. Our personal likes and wishes are caught up and transformed into a broader formula through which each individual in the congregation may worship with a whole heart. Yes, generalities may seem cold until we warm them with our own life. The Liturgical service is itself
impersonal so that all may have an equal chance to make it a personal offering. We individually have to make the forms come to life by filling them with our mind. Led by the priest, the congregation follows the Liturgy, which is the foundation and guidance for all who will allow themselves to be caught up into the general offering.

When a Liturgical service is followed intelligently, we have no mind for music that sets up a counter attraction or that introduces elements at variance with the general flow. We are fortunate in having at our disposal the best out of several centuries of endeavours providing the Mass with fitting settings.

**Ernest White.**

(To be continued)

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**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

**BAPTISMS**

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

March 8 — Hugh Longstreet Ripton (Infant)

**CONFIRMATIONS**

By the Right Reverend Robert E. Campbell, O.H.C., D.D.

March 2 — John Wrightwood Hayne

March 23 —

Julius Rodriguez Amoros
Frederick Beck
Dorothea Elizabeth Brown
Henry David Robert Colberg
Rose Mary Colleran
Margaret Cecilia Finn
René William Louis Foucaud
Karen Marie Fyhr
Joan Hazel Hansen
Lillian Williams Iander

Robert Patrick Kelly
Vivienne Viola Mary Kind
Rosella Agnes McGlone
Ilse Netter Nelken
Dolores Diana Opala
James Frederick Roberts
Hamido Paul Sirgheney, Sr.
Hamido Paul Sirgheney, Jr.
Margaret Jean Ann Wilking
Michael Stephen Winslow

Kenneth John Ziegler

**RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER**

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

March 7 — Franklin Fenwick
March 7 — Myrtle Grace Fenwick
March 8 — Mary Louise Zerler
March 14 — Herberta Chandler
March 21 — William Francis Gavin
March 23 — George William Buffel
March 23 — Mary Ellen Gyzander
March 23 — Annette Marie Josepha Pavone
March 24 — S. Wilson Cash
March 31 — Robert E. Brandau

**BURIALS**

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

March 4 — Anne Sylvia Cairns

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**CORPORATE** Communion for the month of May will be as follows:

Sunday, May 4, 9:00 — Saint Mary of the Cross.
Monday, May 5, 8:00 (The Mission House) — Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
Tuesday, May 6, 8:00 — The Fellowship of Saint John.
Wednesday, May 7, 9:30 — Saint Mary's Guild.
Sunday, May 11, 8:00 — The Guild of Saint Francis.
Wednesday, May 21, 8:00 — The Associates of the Community of Saint Mary.
Sunday, May 25, 9:00 — The Church School; The Guild of Saint Mary of Nazareth.
THE Altar flowers during the month of May are given in memory of the following:

May 4 — The Third Sunday after Easter. Admiral Carl T. Vogelgesang.
May 6 — Saint John before the Latin Gate. Members of the Fellowship of Saint John.
May 18 — The Fifth Sunday after Easter. Louise C. Read.
May 22 — Ascension Day. Mary Selena Arnold.

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### KALENDAR FOR MAY

| 1. Th. | SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APP. |
| 2. F. | St Athanasius, B.C.D. Abstinence. |
| 4. Su. | EASTER III. Com. St Monica, W. |
| 7. W. | St Stanislaus, B.M. |
| 8. Th. | Feria. |
| XI. Su. | EASTER IV. |
| 12. M. | St Pancras, M. |
| 14. W. | St Pachomius, Ab.C. |
| 15. Th. | St John Baptist of La Salle, C. |
| XIX. Su. | EASTER V. (Rogation Sunday.) |
| XXII. Th. | THE ASCENSION DAY. |
| 23. F. | In the Octave of the Ascension. Abstinence. |
| XXV. Su. | THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY. |
| 29. Th. | Octave of the Ascension. |
| 30. F. | St Joan of Arc, V. Abstinence. |

Days indicated by X 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 4 - EASTER III.
MASS: Missa Festiva in E ............... Kromolicki
Motet: Dum transissit sabbatum ............ Tallis
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ........... Whitlock
O salutaris ................................ Nicholson
Adoramus te, (No. 2) ....................... Perti
Tantum ergo ............................... Nicholson

MAY 11 - EASTER IV.
MASS: Missa Gotica ........................ Gebhard
Motet: Estate fortes in bello ---------------- Victoria
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ........... Willan
O salutaris (Op. 17 No. 2) ................. Kromolicki
Tantum ergo (No. 6) ....................... Bruckner

MAY 18 - EASTER V. ROGATION.
MASS: Missa Beatae Mariae Virginis .......... White
Motet: Laudate Dominum ...................... Bonamico
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ........... Gibbons
O salutaris ................................ Noyon
Ave Verum ................................. Mozart
Tantum ergo (No. 4) ....................... Bruckner

MAY 22 - ASCENSION DAY.
MASS: Missa Kyrie fons bonitatis .......... Plainchant

MAY 25 - SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.
MASS: Missa Sancti Josephi ............... Peeters
Motet: Ascendit Deus ....................... Philips
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis .......... Byrd
O salutaris (No. 1) ........................ Elgar
Tantum ergo ................................ Victoria

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.

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GUILD OF ST FRANCIS. — For Young Adults. Meetings first and third 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.

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