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Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary's:

The anticipation of a full schedule of worship and work for the fall and winter months is a happy one. Most of us are back from holidays of genuine refreshment. Many of the congregation enjoyed a sojourn at the Summer Home. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the blessings God has showered upon us and our gratitude will surely be expressed in generous devotion and work during the coming months.

By tradition, the first Sunday in October is always observed at Saint Mary's as the Feast of the Dedication. On this glorious feast, falling this year on October the fifth, every member of the Saint Mary's family will want to be at Mass to render praise to God for the privilege that is ours in worshiping in so beautiful and devotional a church building. Truly "this is none other but the house of God and this is the gate of heaven."

In this number of AVE we are printing a letter to the members of the parish from Father Whittemore, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross, who is conducting a Teaching Mission for us beginning November the ninth. This Mission is one of a series of Missions being held throughout the Church at the request of the American Church Union. Mission cards are enclosed. Pray daily for the Mission. Pledge yourself to "make the Mission" that you may re-learn the Catholic Faith, thereby rejoicing in loving God more and more with your mind.

Let each of us, by God's help, make certain that the light that has shone so brightly at Saint Mary's since her founding may shine with increasing brightness as the days go on.

Affectionately

Gring Taber

Holy Cross, West Park, New York
October 1, 1941

To the Congregation of the Church of St Mary the Virgin:

GREETING:

Father Taber has an important project in view for you all. By the grace of God and with your whole-hearted co-operation it will be as effective a contribution as your Parish could make toward the stabilization of the world's present chaos. I refer to the oneweek Teaching Mission to take place in November.

We shall all agree, I think, on the following propositions:

- 1. The present world-wide debacle is a direct result of man's sin and selfishness and a witness to his need of God.
- 2. We all share in the sin and in the need.
- 3. Our first and most direct step toward general rehabilitation is to allow God to establish His peace in our own hearts.
- 4. To this end we must do all that we can to understand God's purpose and to redirect our lives accordingly.

The object of the Teaching Mission will be to present the fundamental Christian verities in as clear, convincing and comprehensive a way as possible; without flinching from any of the difficulties but also without captiousness or controversy; simply and straightforwardly as in the sight of God.

By attending the Mission we should not only attain a firmer and more intelligent grasp of the Faith for ourselves but we should be in a better position to explain it to others.

As the one entrusted with the responsibility of conducting your Mission, I ask your help in these three ways:

First, that you will attend the Mission Service each evening of the week (except Saturday when there will be no Mission Service) and also, if feasible, be present each morning at Mass. In order to make this latter undertaking more possible, four Masses will be celebrated daily, at various hours, at St Mary's; and those living at a distance will fulfill the obligation by attendance at some other church.

Second, that you will try to bring someone with you.

Third, that you will pray, regularly and earnestly, for the Mission and the Missioner.

In closing, let me emphasize the importance of attendance at all of the six evening services. The subjects interlock. Hence, to miss one address weakens the effect of the others. I trust that everyone of us will set the six days aside for God and that none will be absent except for emergencies serious enough to warrant breaking an important business or social engagement.

If we will approach the work resolutely and carry it through a hundred per cent, I am sure we shall find that your Rector's project will bear fruit abundantly.

God bless you all.

Faithfully yours in Him,

ALAN WHITTEMORE,

Superior, O.H.C.

N the second day of October we shall welcome to the clergy staff of Saint Mary's the Reverend Frederic J. Haskin, Jr. A native of Washington, D.C., Father Haskin received his college education at George Washington University and at the University of Maryland, graduating from the latter with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His theological training was received at the General Theological Seminary here in New York where he graduated with the class of 1939.

The Bishop of Washington ordained Father Haskin to the diaconate at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul and he was advanced to the sacred priesthood by Bishop Stewart at the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, where he served as curate for a year and a half. More recently he has been working in the Diocese of Quincy as the Vicar of the Macomb Field, with churches at Macomb, Lewistown, Canton, and Bushnell—all in Illinois. His interest in dramatics enabled him to present the Nativity Play for the Conference of the Diocese of Quincy, meeting at Monmouth, Illinois.

Before entering the ministry, Father Haskin worked under the direction of his father, well-known newspaper man and author of the justly famous book *The American Government*.

Father Haskin will have the prayers both of priests and people that the Holy Spirit may sanctify his work with and for us to the glory of God.

THE Saint Mary's Church School re-opens at the nine o'clock Mass on Sunday, October the fifth, with classes of instruction in the Catholic Religion following the Mass each Sunday. The Sisters of the Holy Nativity will instruct the children of the ages from four years through six, while the instruction of the boys and girls of the ages of seven through eleven will be given by Father Craven and that for those of the age of twelve and over will be conducted by Father Taber. Instructions close promptly each Sunday at ten-fifteen. Last year much was accomplished in making the nine o'clock Sunday Mass a "family Mass"—parents, other relatives and friends accompanying their young people at worship. It was all a very happy experience.

Your clergy will not rest until all of our young people are enrolled in the Church School. Work toward this end. Be diligent in your prayers, begging a special blessing on our efforts to teach our boys and girls the fundamentals of Catholic Worship and Catholic Belief.

GAIN this year Friday night will be "Church night". Each Friday evening at eight-fifteen in the Lady Chapel there will be a service, with meditation or instruction. On Friday, October the third, Holy Hour Devotions will be held. It is a good habit to make some sacrifice of time and pleasure on Friday, the day on which the Lamb of Calvary sacrificed Himself for us.

THE preacher at High Mass on September the twenty-eighth will be Father Bernard Iddings Bell, well-known preacher, missioner, and author.

RETREAT is being given for the members of the Fellowship of Saint John at the Church of the Holy Communion, Paterson, New Jersey on October the fourth. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30, with meditations at 11:15, 12:15, and 2:00, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Luncheon will be served at 1:00. The conductor of the retreat will be Father Williams, Superior of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist. Those planning to attend will kindly notify Mrs Lewis R. Conklin, 145 Monte Vista Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

PLEASE note the new schedule of confessions. An effort has been made at a greater diversification of days and hours in the hope that more of the faithful will be served.

T the final meeting of the Board of Trustees, held before the summer season, a report of the Mission House of Saint Mary's was read. This report was prepared by the Sister Mary Josephine, S.H.N., who is Sister-in-Charge of the Mission House. The Rector wishes to pass on to the congregation certain portions of this report that some idea may be had of the really fruitful work that is going on daily through the consecrated efforts of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity who are so happy a part of our parish life.

During the year from June first, 1940 to June first, 1941 the Sisters record the following:

| Visits Received | | | | | | 1531 |
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| Visits Made | | | | | | 1794 |
| Private Instructions | | | | | | 101 |
| Public or Class Instructions | | | | | | 55 |
| Prepared for Baptism | | | | | | 4 |
| Prepared for First Confession | | | ٠ | | | |
| Returned to Confession | | | | | | 3 |
| Prepared for First Communion | | | | | | 13 |
| Prepared for Confirmation | | | | | | 24 |
| Private Retreats made in Sisters' Chapel | | | | | | 24 |
| Meetings, Guild and others, attended . | • | • | ٠ | • | • | 160 |

The Sisters have directed certain of the Guild work of the parish, principally the work of the Guild of Saint Mary of the Cross and the work of the Guild of Saint Mary of Nazareth. Much social service work has been done, more especially with under-privileged children. Many sick calls have been made.

As a parish we have been greatly blessed in the fine loyalty and devotion of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity who are chosen to carry on the work of the Saint Mary's Mission House. This year we welcome to the staff Sister Mary Louise, S.H.N., who takes the place of Sister Mary Gertrude, S.H.N. recently recalled by the Reverend Mother.

THE summer season at Keyport, while short in duration, can easily be set down as one of the 'best ever.' This is the verdict of the eighty-odd residents of the Summer Home who set out for

their vacation on August the second and remained until two full weeks had passed. Before they left Keyport for their New York homes twenty-five girls arrived to take their places for one week, so the Summer Home was in continuous use for three weeks.

Reasons for this season being so happy a one cannot easily be described. The Home remains physically about the same and the simple guiding schedule for life at Keyport went unchanged. Two factors which were of definite help should be marked. First, the weather, which was superb. The first group enjoyed the exhilarating best which comes to New Jersey's shore, and during their fortnight no rain fell in waking hours. The girls were less fortunate, but being a more homogeneous group they could merrily laugh away the little dampnesses they suffered.

The second factor was the return of the Sisters to the family life in the Summer Home. The Sister Mary Josephine and the Sister Sheila Raphael were a blessing in the Home, and both were able to prepare for the resumption of the works of their Guilds this month, back in New York. Life in the city and at Keyport were blended by their activities.

Living at the Summer Home gives to many an opportunity to attend Mass daily. To indicate how much the Altar in Saint Anne's Chapel means it can be written that the daily attendance at the Sacrificial Offering was upwards from seventy. The girls all attended Mass every day, a token of their corporate devotion.

Among the many real friends of the Summer Home none stands out more clearly than the Parish Treasurer. His careful supervision of details is not from a distance for before and after the Summer Home's active season he visits Keyport to see that all is well, and once each week while the Home is open he travels down from the City, bringing help and offering still more. Several parishioners who took their vacations elsewhere visited the Home, and another year it may be hoped they and others will come down to see what makes for happiness.

This past summer Father Taber's duties made it impossible for him to stay longer than a day at a time in Keyport, but it was a source of joy to all when he did make a visit. On two occasions Father Taber's visits came on Feast days, when he gave Benediction to his people. In his stead he appointed Father Craven to serve as chaplain.

A MEMORIAL TO RAYMOND NOLD

THE first anniversary of the death of Raymond Nold occurs this fall. It is fitting that we should consider a memorial to him and to his thirty years of service as a musician to this parish. The logical choice for this memorial is the as yet unfinished organ.

In a period when organ building was artistically at a low point Mr Nold's vision for St Mary's was an organ comparable in design to the instruments in the great cathedrals. In place of the imitation of orchestral sounds he wanted architecture in tone to match our building. How right he was has been borne out by the fine instrument we now possess and by the subsequent eight years of rapid change in organ building. His ideas of the return to the 'classic' plan for tone have been the dominant ones.

Many of the congregation may well ask, why do we need more organ? The instrument is now loud enough—and at times too loud! The incomplete tonal structure is the answer. The organist is forced to use loud stops because few soft ones are now present. With our requirement of grandeur, it was thought best to build the more assertive voices first. The completion of the organ will add little to the total sound—but the quieter voices will fill out and nourish those already present. Interesting as the tone now is, it is thin. The richness has to be added. We can well use the warmth and life of the projected additional stops, for at present an adequate accompaniment for Masses is impossible.

This organ was Raymond Nold's personal interest. It is not now a memorial, but was subscribed for as a parish work. To finish the tonal scheme would require approximately fifteen thousand dollars. To do this would be a practical and a most fitting memorial to this man who devoted most of his life to the service of St Mary's. A Committee is being formed to further this plan, and contributions to the fund may be sent to the Rector.

N the last two Monday evenings in November and the first two in December Mr White will give a series of organ recitals in St Mary's Church. These programs will come at the anniversary of Mr Nold's death. Any funds raised by the collections will be applied to the Memorial for Raymond Nold.

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DEAR GUARDIAN ANGEL

Dear Guardian Angel, walk beside me, Where'er I go, whate'er I do; Let no misfortune e'er betide me; Guard soul and mind, and body too.

Dear Guardian Angel, let no peril Affright my heart or daunt my soul; Let not my quest on earth be sterile, But keep my eyes upon my goal.

Dear Guardian Angel, when I'm sleeping, Stand guard throughout the darkest night, And have me in thy tender keeping Until I wake to morning light.

Dear Guardian Angel, when I'm dying, Support me 'gainst the tempter's power; Though voice be stilled, my last faint sighing Will ask thy help in that dark hour.

H. E. H.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

May 7 - Frances Lynde Baker Babcock (Infant)

May 25 — James Thomas Gordon (Infant)

June 10 — Joan Watts (Infant)

June 15 — Valerie Ann Atkinson (Infant) August 17 — Robert Anthony Wallace (Infant)

CONFIRMATIONS

By the RIGHT REVEREND LEOPOLD KROLL, D.D.

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

May 18 — Eleanor (Everett) Watts

MARRIAGES

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

August 2 — John Roy Romano and Margaret Mildred Miller

August 12 — Lindsay Coates Moore III and Alice Mary Stewart

August 15 - Robert Stephen Boden and Frances Clorisse Smith

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

May 11 - Pauline Zabriskie Terhune

May 17 — Alan Wilson Watts

June 23 - Muriel Edith (Stafford) Stewart

August 4-Margaret M. Murdock

August 20 - Malcolm Barton Thompson, Jr.

August 20 — Marie Louise Lindley August 25 — Arne K. Gyzander

August 25 - Ruth Elizabeth Gyzander

BURIALS

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

June 5 - Albert Sanford Dodge

July 7 — Mathilde Ford July 7 — Estelle Amanda Maslen

August 6 — Louise (Crater) Mudgett

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THE altar flowers for the month of October are given in memory of the following:

October 5 - The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity. Virginia Wittens
Blanchard

October 12 — The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. Thomas Coit Fanning and Cornelia Lane Fanning

October 18 - Saint Luke the Evangelist. Wallace Clarke Brackett

October 19 — The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity. Philip Verplanck Richards and Gulian C. V. Richards

October 26 — The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Elliott Daingerfield and Anna Grainger Daingerfield

October 28 - SS. Simon and Jude. Jane and Margaret Wilson

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

CORPORATE communions for the month of October are as follows:

Wednesday, October 1, 9:30 - St Mary's Guild

Sunday, October 5, 9:00 — The Guild of St Mary of the Cross

Monday, October 6, 8:00 (Mission House) — The Associates of the Sister-hood of the Holy Nativity

Friday, October 10, 9:30 - The Woman's Auxiliary

Sunday, October 12, 8:00 - St Francis' Guild

Wednesday, October 15, 8:00 — The Associates of the Community of St Mary

Sunday, October 26, 9:00 — The Church School and the Guild of St Mary of Nazareth

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KALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- 1. W. St Remigius, B.C.
- 2. Th. Holy Guardian Angels.
- 3. F. Feria. Requiem Mass, 7. Abstinence.
- 4. Sa. St Francis of Assisi, C.
- ₹ 5. Su. THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION. Com. Trinity XVII.
 - 6. M. St Bruno, C. Anniversary Requiem for George Martin Christian, Rector, 11.
 - 7. Tu. Feria. Requiem Mass, 8.
 - 8. W. St Brigit of Sweden, Q.W.
 - 9. Th. St Denys and Companions, MM.
 - 10. F. St Paulinus of York, B.C. Abstinence.
 - 11. Sa. Feria.
- ₹12. Su. TRINITY XVIII. Com. St Wilfrid, B.C.
 - 13. M. Translation of St Edward, K.M.
 - 14. Tu. Feria. Requiem Mass, 7.
 - 15. W. St Theresa, V.
 - 16. Th. Feria.
 - 17. F. St Etheldreda, V. Abstinence.
- 18. Sa. ST LUKE, EV.M.
- ₹19. Su. TRINITY XIX. Com. St Frideswide, V.
 - 20. M. Feria. Requiem Mass, 8.
 - 21. Tu. St Hilarion, Ab.C. Com. St Ursula and Companions, VV.MM.
 - 22. W. Feria.
 - 23. Th. Feria.
- 24. F. St Raphael, Archangel. Abstinence.
- 25. Sa. SS Crispin and Crispinian, MM.
- ₹26. Su. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING. Com. Trinity XX.
 - 27. M. Vigil.
 - 28. Tu. SS SIMON AND JUDE, APP.MM.
 - 29. W. Feria. Masses of Trinity XX.
- 30. Th. Feria. Requiem Mass, 7.
- 31. F. Vigil of All Saints. Abstinence.

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.

SERVICES

MUSIC LIST FOR OCTOBER

| OCTOBER 5 — THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION | Sundays |
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| MASS, "Missa brevis" | 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. |
| OCTOBER 12 — TRINITY XVIII | Week Days |
| Mass, "Missa Festiva in E" | Mass, daily |
| OCTOBER 19 — TRINITY XIX | 1101y 110th, Saturdays 5 to 6 p.m. |
| Mass, "Missa Misericordias Domini" | Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals, as announced on the preceding Sunday. |
| Evening | The Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. till 9 p.m. |
| Magnificat (Tone VII with fauxbourdons) | Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. |
| October 26 — The Feast of Christ the King | |
| Mass, Mass in D | 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: Fridays, 12 to 1; Saturdays, 2 to 3 and 8 to 9 p.m.

FATHER CRAVEN: Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturdays, 4 to 5 p.m.

FATHER HASKIN: Saturdays, 3 to 4 and 7 to 8 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Guild of St Mary of Nazareth. For Girls, Senior Group, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Junior Group, Fridays, 4 p.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m.
- Guild of Help.—For forwarding the social service work of the Church. Meetings as announced from time to time.
- ST MARY'S DRAMATIC SOCIETY.
- Guild of St Vincent. For Altar Servers. Meetings last Wednesday of the month, 8 p.m.
- Guild of St Francis. For Young Adults. Meetings first and third Sundays, 5:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, second Sunday, 8 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL GUILDS

- Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. St Mary's Ward. Meetings (Lady Chapel) first Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Taber, Chaplain.
- 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 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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