Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary's:

Lent is approximately one fourth over. The enthusiasm of beginning a new Lent is past. Our Lenten Rules which provided for renewed effort in continuing the three notable duties of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in very many cases have been broken. This is a critical time for many of us in this Holy Season. It calls for good sportsmanship. Shall we allow the broken pieces of Lenten Rules to lie about us to our utter confusion? Shall we despair of answering to our high calling? Shall we say, “Oh, what is the use. I have never yet been known to keep a Lenten Rule. There is no point in trying. I give up until Holy Week when I hope to be lovingly drawn to the commemoration of the Passion of my Redeemer”?

There is hope for each one of us. True, the devil will surely tempt us to give up our Lenten devotions and self-denials and generosity, for he knows that if we give these up we shall end by giving up our Blessed Lord. But the gracious Lord calls us to keep on trying. He bids us pick up the broken pieces and put our Lenten Rule together again as a guide for more genuine Christian living. Just so long as we keep on trying our most Holy Redeemer applies the merits of His Passion to our souls that our deficiencies and weaknesses may not overwhelm us and plunge us into despair.
Let us therefore lift up our heads and press on through each day of Lent. Living by the altar, let us be constantly fed with the Bread of Life. Let our self-discipline so keep self in the background that Christ may reign in our hearts. Let our giving of time and money for God, His Church, and His needy children be so generous that we may have little time or money left for self-pleasing. Then, please God, we shall have the joy of sharing in Jesus’ victory over sin and death as we keep with Him His bitter Passion and glorious Resurrection.

Affectionately,

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A DEVOTION dear to Catholic Christians, especially in the season of Lent, is the Stations of the Cross. In the early days of Holy Church her members counted it one of their highest privileges to journey to Jerusalem and there visit the holy places particularly those consecrated by the Passion of our Lord. Naturally, very few Christians could take the time or afford the money for such a pilgrimage. Therefore, some four hundred or more years ago representations of the holy shrines of Jerusalem were set up in many places. At length the places made holy by the events that occurred on the day of the Crucifixion of the Son of God were represented in painting or sculpture which came to be known as the “Stations of the Cross”.

The number of stations has greatly varied through the years. Some sets contained as many as thirty-seven stations, some as few as seven. At the present time the number commonly found in Christian churches is fourteen:

1. Jesus Condemned to Death
2. Jesus Receives His Cross
3. Jesus Falls the First Time
4. Jesus Meets His Blessed Mother
5. The Cross is Laid on Simon of Cyrene
6. Saint Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
7. Jesus Falls the Second Time
8. The Women of Jerusalem Mourn for Our Lord
9. Jesus Falls the Third Time
10. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
11. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus Dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross
14. Jesus is Laid in the Sepulchre

It will be seen from a study of the New Testament and historical records that there is no authority for our Lord’s successive falls under the weight of the Cross, or for His meeting with His blessed Mother on the way to Calvary, or for the wiping of the Sacred Face by Veronica with her veil. However, these stations based on legend, together with the other stations based on history, symbolize more completely the great drama of the Passion. Just as on the stage dramas in which facts are interwoven with fiction move audiences, so the drama of the Passion as portrayed by both legendary and historical stations of the Cross moves Christian pilgrims to a greater appreciation of the love set forth by our Lord’s sacrifice of Himself and of mankind’s proper reaction to so great love.
The Stations of the Cross afford subjects for meditation for the faithful. An entire congregation may meditate on the Passion at a formal service, or any individual may use the stations for private meditation at any time. In any case, the stations are highly valued as aids to an appreciation of the sacrificial love of the Lamb of Calvary and to the realization of what the sins of men cost the Sinless One. The happy result of a devout use of the stations is greater love for our most Holy Redeemer and deeper penitence for our own sins.

ON the Third Sunday in Lent, March the eighth, an offering is being taken up throughout the Episcopal Church for the support of the work of her Army and Navy Commission. This Commission is responsible for the administering of the Sacraments of Holy Church to the Episcopalians in the armed forces of the United States, together with the extension to them of the same pastoral care that these men would be expected to have in their home parishes. The Commission also must help parishes and missions situated near army camps and naval stations to minister adequately to the tremendous influx of men into these posts. There are already nearly two hundred priests of the Episcopal Church acting as chaplains in our armed forces. These, and more as they are needed, must be supported in their work.

The young men from Saint Mary’s who have entered the service write enthusiastically of life in training camps. They especially appreciate the opportunity to make their confessions and communions. True, they write of ineffective army and navy chaplains, but there are also ineffective parish priests. However, the work of the Church and the administration of the Sacraments has been entrusted by God to human hands. Through our offerings let us see that the hands of priests who are army and navy chaplains be held up, in order that these chaplains may be encouraged to carry on a more devoted work for Christ and His Church.

Enclosed is a folder describing the important war work of the Episcopal Church, together with an offering envelope which may be put on the plate at Saint Mary’s on or before March the eighth. Read about the work. Pray about it. Support it.

WHAT can the members of Saint Mary’s do for the men in the service? You can personally welcome men in uniform when they come to Mass while on furlough. You can invite them into your homes after Mass for Sunday dinner. You can keep in touch with them by writing to them after they have returned to duty. You can pray by name for the men of Saint Mary’s in their country’s service each Wednesday afternoon at five-tenths at the Intercession Service which is held in connection with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. You can select from the list of Saint Mary’s army and navy men posted in the church vestibule some one individual with whom you will correspond. Men away from home look forward to receiving letters.

ON the evening of the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March the fifteenth, the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation will be administered by the Right Reverend Robert E. Campbell, O.H.C., D.D., formerly Bishop of Liberia and now Prior of Saint Andrew’s School, Saint Andrew’s, Tennessee, a school which is run by the Order of the Holy Cross. It is not too late to seek instruction preparatory to being confirmed. Two instructions remain in the series being given by Father Taber each Sunday evening at eight, namely, an instruction “The Church a Hospital for Sinners,” scheduled for March the first, and an instruction “The Church and Her Precepts,” scheduled for March the eighth. The clergy and the sisters will be happy to make up missed instructions for any who desire to present themselves for Holy Confirmation. Indeed,
a certain amount of individual instruction is always given. Confessions will be made on the Saturday before Confirmation, March the fourteenth, and first Holy Communion will be received at the nine o'clock Mass on Passion Sunday, March the twenty-second. After the Mass there will be a communion breakfast in Saint Joseph's Hall.

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On Thursday, March the twenty-sixth the girls of the Guild of Saint Mary of Nazareth are sponsoring a motion picture "The Life of St John Bosco". The picture will be shown in Saint Joseph's Hall twice on that day, — at four-thirty in the afternoon and at eight in the evening. Tickets at fifty cents for each adult and twenty-five cents for each boy or girl may be obtained from any girl in this Guild. The proceeds will go toward swelling the missionary mite-box Lenten offering of the Church School.

Apart from helping so worthy a cause, the Rector urges the congregation to see this picture. From the standpoint of sheer artistry, it is one of the most beautiful pictures on the screen. Best of all, however, it gives in telling fashion the life of one of the great saints of the nineteenth century, blessed John Bosco, a patron saint of boys. As a secular priest he had an unusually fine influence over boys and young men. Soon he founded an Oratory for the housing and Catholic training of poor boys. From this devoted beginning sprang the Salesian Society, a congregation of monks who devoted themselves to the care of boys. Later a congregation of nuns devoted themselves to similar work among girls.

Save March the twenty-sixth for attendance at this benefit. It will do your soul good.

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During March we shall welcome the following priests to the pulpit of Saint Mary's:

Friday evening, March 6th, Father Lloyd, Rector of Trinity Church, Ossining, New York.

Friday evening, March 13th, Father Bruce, Tutor at the General Theological Seminary, New York City.


Friday evening, March 20th, Father Diplock, Rector of Christ Church, Yonkers, New York.

Sunday morning, March 22nd, Father Hughson, O.H.C.

Friday evening, March 27th, Father Kellogg, Rector of the Church of the Mediator, New York City.

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It is necessary that every member of Saint Mary's work hard toward a large Easter offering. Mite boxes have been distributed which are to be returned on Palm Sunday, March the twenty-ninth. It is hoped that day by day the members of the parish are making deposits in these mite-boxes which represent generous Lenten self-denial. We shall then have a mite-box offering on Palm Sunday that will prove to be an encouraging introduction to the great Easter Offering. The work of the parish depends on your generosity as well as upon God's grace. Do not fail your fellow parishioners or your God.

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At our recent parish dinner, a very happy occasion, two appointments were announced by the Rector which were warmly approved by those present.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held in January Mr Arthur S. Maynard was unanimously elected a trustee of the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin. Mr Maynard has been a faithful communicant and constant worshipper in the parish for nearly twenty years. As an usher, he has made a host of friends among the congregation whom he has so agreeably greeted Sunday by Sunday. Gladly does Mr Maynard continue his work as an usher, even though he has already enthusiastically entered upon his new responsibilities as a trustee.
The Rector has appointed Mr Edward Garlick sacristan and ceremonarius of Saint Mary's. This appointment has met with the unanimous approval of the church trustees as well as of the entire parish. Mr Garlick came to Saint Mary's eleven years ago from his home at Smethport, Pennsylvania, where he had been a communicant at Saint Luke's Church. Since this time he has served faithfully as an acolyte at the altars here at Saint Mary's, and, in the capacity of Assistant Master of Ceremonies, during the past few years. He has a brother in the priesthood, Father Bernard Garlick, Rector of Saint Alban's Church, Centerdale, Rhode Island. The clergy, the acolytes and the congregation know of a surety that the calm dignity and reverent devotion that have customarily been the setting for our external worship will be maintained.

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Father Taber is conducting three retreats in March. On Wednesday, March the fourth he will conduct a retreat for the girls of the Guild of Saint Mary of Nazareth. This retreat begins with Stations of the Cross at five and closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at eight-forty-five.

On Wednesday, March the eleventh he will give a retreat for the women of the Guild of Saint Mary of the Cross. This retreat begins with Evening Prayer at six and closes with Benediction at nine.

On Saturday, March the twenty-first he will conduct the Annual Lent Retreat for Women of this and other parishes. The schedule for this retreat is Mass at 8; meditations at 10:30, 11:30 and 2:30; Benediction following the last address. Breakfast and luncheon will be served to those who send notice of their intention to the Sister-in-Charge, The Mission House, 133 West 46th Street.

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On Friday, March the thirteenth at ten-thirty in Saint Joseph's Hall Father Taber will address the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary on "Christians in the World Order". Every woman of the congregation is invited to be present.

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

January 13 — Elizabeth Monks
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January 16 — Nellie Cummings
January 20 — Mr and Mrs Harold H. Bowman
January 22 — Lloyd Edward Young
January 23 — Elizabeth Blanche Lapham
January 30 — James Vincent Shore

MARRIAGES

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

January 17 — Ambrose W. Manhattan and Alma Hewitt
January 22 — Stanley Bernard Schock and Jay Jones
January 30 — Vincent James Denice and Muriel Elizabeth Mutschler

BURIALS

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

January 9 — Philip John Smith, Jr.

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DURING the month of March the altar flowers are given in memory of the following:

March 15 — The Fourth Sunday in Lent. Haley Fiske
March 19 — Saint Joseph. Benjamin and Eliza Verplanck Richards

Of your charity pray for the happy repose of their souls and of the souls of all the faithful departed. Requiescant in pace.
The Corporate Communions for the month of March are as follows:

- Sunday, March 1, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.
- Monday, March 2, 8:00 (The Mission House) Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
- Wednesday, March 4, 9:30, Saint Mary’s Guild.
- Sunday, March 8, 9:00, The Guild of Saint Francis.
- Friday, March 13, 9:30, The Woman’s Auxiliary.
- Wednesday, March 18, 8:00, The Associates of the Community of Saint Mary.
- Sunday, March 29, 9:00, The Church School. The Guild of Saint Mary of Nazareth.

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Kalendar for March

1. Su. LENT II. Com. St David, B.C.
8. Su. LENT III.
15. Su. LENT IV.
22. Su. LENT V. (Passion Sunday.)
29. Su. LENT VI. (Palm Sunday.)
31. Tu. TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER. Fast.

Days indicated by ☥ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass. Days on which votive and requiem Masses may be said are printed in italics.
MUSIC LIST FOR MARCH

MARCH 1 — LENT II
MASS: Missa brevis .............................. Palestrina
Motet, Turn our captivity ...................... Byrd
Credo III ........................................ Mode V
EVENING: Processional Litany
Motet, Come unto me .......................... Bach
O salutaris ...................................... Henschel
Motet, O quam suavis .......................... Mode VI
Tantum ergo ..................................... Beobide

MARCH 8 — LENT III
MASS: Missa secunda ............................ Hassler
Motet, Caligaverunt ............................ Victoria
Credo IV .......................................... Mode I
EVENING: Processional Litany
Motet, Tota pulchra es .......................... Bruckner
O salutaris ...................................... Nicholson
Motet, Ave verum ............................... Mode VI
Tantum ergo ..................................... Victoria

MARCH 15 — LENT IV
MASS: Missa in hon. S. Josephi Peeters
Motet, Come unto me .......................... Bach
EVENING: Confirmation
Motet, Ego sum panis vivus .................. Palestrina
O salutaris, Op. 17 No. 3 ...................... Kromolicki
Motet, O sacrum convivium ................. Mode V
Tantum ergo ..................................... Messner

MARCH 22 — PASSION
MASS: Missa Quarti toni ........................ Victoria
Motet, O vos omnes ................................ Victoria
Credo I ........................................... Mode IV
EVENING: Processional Litany
Motet, Animan meam .......................... Victoria
Motet, Caro mea ............................... Mode VII
Tantum ergo, No. 1 ............................. Bruckner

MARCH 29 — PALM
MASS: Missa Cantabo Domino ................... Viazana
Motet, In monte Oliveti ......................... Ingeneri
Motet, Pueri Hebraeorum ...................... Victoria
Motet, Tristis est ................................ di Lasso
Credo IV ......................................... Mode I
EVENING: Processional Litany
Motet, Tamquam ad latronem .................. Victoria
Motet, Jesu dulcis memoria ..................... Mode I
Tantum ergo, No. 3 ............................. Reger

SERVICES IN LENT

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. and 12:10 p.m.
Morning Prayer (with Litany, Fridays) .... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays) 6:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Fridays ................ 8:00 p.m.
Special Devotions in time of war ............ 5:10 p.m.
Wednesdays, Exposition, Intercessions and Benediction.

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 Con-

fession, 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: 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 and 7 to 8 p.m.
Father Haskin: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 3 to 4 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 Taber, Chaplain.

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. Father Haskin, 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 Haskin, 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 third Sundays, 5:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, second Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Craven, Chaplain.
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


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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