Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary's:

We still recall Holy Week and the Easter Feast with heartfelt gratitude,—gratitude because we were privileged together to enter into the depth of the Passion of our Most Holy Redeemer and thus to be able to appreciate more fully the joy of the Resurrection. The Liturgy of Holy Church, adorned by her own proper music and ceremonial, carried us straight out of the confusion of this world right into the Sacred Heart where love alone is the symbol of victory. May the driving power of such spiritual blessings carry us to the heights in our Christian pilgrimage!

The Easter offering amounted to $3910.72, an increase of nearly two hundred dollars over the Easter Offering of 1941. Of this total sum $387.55 was contributed through our Lenten mite-boxes. We should also report that to date $161.20 has been given to the Army and Navy Commission and $31.65 to the Presiding Bishop's Fund.

A new Honor Roll, on which are inscribed the names of our young men who have entered the service of our country, is posted in the vestibule of the church. We are proud of these men of Saint Mary's who are so cheerfully offering their all for the defense and spread of God-given liberties among the children of men. Their going forth from us has depleted our ranks in the Sanctuary, the choir, and the congregation. However, we shall try to carry on as fully as possible the best traditions of Saint Mary's, so that we may one glad day welcome back our men of the army and navy into their Church home in which there will have been as few changes as possible during the interval of the
war. May the sacrifices of those of us who remain at home be united with the sacrifices of those who have gone forth and may all our sacrifices be offered in union with the Sacrifice of the Lamb of Calvary!

Affectionately,

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

On the evening of Easter Day Mother Matilda, Superior of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity, died suddenly at the Convent in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She had been with the Sisters throughout the day,—at the Easter Mass in the early morning in the Convent chapel, at dinner and at Recreation, reading aloud as usual and sharing in all the joyful Easter festivities. Then, as she was retiring, she passed quietly into life eternal.

Mother Matilda had for many years held office in the Community. She was appointed Mistress of Novices soon after her Profession, holding that office until 1920, in which year upon the death of Mother Katharine Edith she was chosen to be Mother Superior. Her installation in this office took place on the Feast of the Circumcision. She had been Mother Superior from that time until her death.

Mother Matilda was a woman of great strength of character and of winning personality. Gifted with remarkable energy and vitality, she used all her powers to the utmost, both for the Community's good and for the benefit of all who came within the reach of her influence. She never spared herself but willingly gave of her best to her Community and to the many souls who came to her for counsel. Her daughters and those others who have known and loved her know full well the tenderness of her heart and the unselfishness of her constant service.

May she rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon her!

—Contributed by a true friend.

TWO of the greatest of the Church's holy days occur this month,
— the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, May the fourteenth, and the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May the twenty-fourth.

"He ascended into heaven" we proclaim when we recite the Creed. Yes, Jesus Christ returned to His heavenly home which He left when He came to earth to become Incarnate in the human race. Home He returned to dwell in that spiritual universe surrounded by adoring angels and saints. In union with Him who is King of heaven we take up our heavenly citizenship. Indeed, we dare to end our prayers with "through Jesus Christ our Lord", knowing full well that we may pray by His merits which He constantly pleads before God the Father on our behalf. Jesus is our great High Priest in heaven just as He was our great High Priest on earth on Calvary's Cross. The Sacrifice of Calvary cannot be repeated since it has never ended. It is eternal. Forever and ever in heaven does our Blessed Lord plead the merits of His spotless life on behalf of our sin-stained lives. It is this eternal pleading of His merits that makes real the pleading of His merits in time whenever the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered here on earth.

In a certain sense belief in the Ascension is the basis of our enthusiasm as Christians. We are not concerned with a Christ who is merely an historic figure in a more or less remote past, but we are rather concerned with a Christ who is exalted and reigning in His glorified humanity forever in heaven. At Christmas we strengthen our faith by our recognition of Christ as having assumed our human nature that He might become our Elder Brother. At Easter we raise our hope by our recognition of Christ as having become victorious over death. At Ascension we break all bounds by our recognition of Christ who is exalted to heaven and there reigns forever as King of kings and Lord of lords. And all the powers of evil can never destroy His rule in heaven any more than they could destroy His rule on Calvary where He reigned on the tree of the Cross.

Let us lift up our hearts, for while our ascended King was here on earth He said "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."
In the Creed we also proclaim “I believe in the Holy Ghost” and the Feast of Pentecost is the festival of the Holy Spirit. When we profess belief in the Holy Spirit we mean that we believe in the abiding presence of God in human life. This abiding presence is in individuals and in what is often referred to as the “Spirit-guided” Church.

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we come to know ourselves as unforsaken, strengthened, and made holy by a Power not our own. As a favorite hymn puts it

“And every virtue we possess,
   And every victory won,
   And every thought of holiness
   Are His alone.”

It is by the power of the Holy Ghost that we can confidently exclaim “If God be for us, who can be against us?” By His power we are gradually being turned from miserable sinners into happy saints. He helps us out of darkness into light, —out of the darkness of our own proud opinions into the light of the truth as it is in God. He convicts us through our consciences of our sins and at the same time gives us the strength and inspiration to turn from the desire for self-pleasing to the desire for doing the will of God.

It is by the power of the Holy Ghost, too, that the Church Catholic came into being and continues to do her work. Indeed, it is through the Holy Catholic Church that the Holy Spirit works. The members of the early Church were satisfied to live in the Spirit, but as time went on and the wisdom of the world began its attacks, the Church developed for her members a theology by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Then, too, the Sacramental system of Holy Church with which all Catholics are familiar is effective only by the power of the Holy Spirit. We think of the Sacraments as those sure means by which the virtue and grace of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are vouchsafed to the souls of men. Yet the reality of the Sacraments depends upon God the Holy Ghost. It is the Holy Spirit who in Baptism gave you and me the new life of a regenerate soul. It is the Holy Spirit that makes the bread and wine in the Holy Mass to become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that confers Orders upon those seeking diaconate, priesthood or bishopric.

Two blessed festivals, Ascension and Pentecost! The former is complemented by the latter. We should associate with the Ascension the departure of God from the world were it not for Pentecost, which reminds us that the brightness and glory of the Divine Presence and the work of the Redeemer is an every-day fact, through the operation of the Holy Ghost. Thus our enthusiasm is an abiding enthusiasm for the eternal work of our heavenly King still continues in time.

On the evening of the Fifth Sunday after Easter Day, commonly called Rogation Sunday, May the tenth, at the regular eight o'clock service, the annual May Festival will be held. The service in honor of Our Lady, blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, will consist of Vespers of the Blessed Virgin, followed by a procession and the crowning of the statue of Our Lady. The evening will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All will wish to be present to pay special honor to blessed Mary, Mother of God, in the month dedicated to her, the month of May. Those who honor the Mother honor the Divine Son!

On Wednesday, May the thirteenth, the Eve of the Feast of the Ascension, confessions will be heard as follows:

Father Taber — 7-8
Father Craven — 4:30-5:30
Father Haskin — 12-1

On Thursday, May the fourteenth, Ascension Day, there will be a High Mass with communions at seven o'clock. Low Masses will be celebrated at 8, 9:30, 11 and 12:10.

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 on Wednesday, May the sixth, the Feast of Saint John before the Latin Gate, at eight o'clock in the Lady Chapel.
The various religious orders include an 'outer fringe' of secular associates who by their prayers, their alms, and their works hold up the hands of the professed monks or nuns. The associates keep a simple rule of life in addition to the normal Catholic rule of life. They gather together as occasion arises for Corporate Communions, Quiet Days and other devotions. Many of the congregation of Saint Mary's have identified themselves as associates of the different religious orders, thus furthering the consecrated work of the monks and the nuns who have taken upon themselves the life vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

An exquisitely beautiful chalice and paten have been given to Saint Mary's. These were used for the first time at High Mass on Quinquagesima Sunday. They are a memorial to Mrs Rosalie E. H. Tows, for many years a faithful communicant of Saint Mary's. They are given as a bequest in the will of Mrs Caroline J. S. Dean, also a communicant of Saint Mary's and a very close friend of Mrs Tows.

The chalice and paten were executed through the ecclesiastical department of Black, Starr and Gorham of New York City. The design of the chalice is inspired by the famous Celtic chalice known as the "Ardagh" chalice, made in either the ninth or the tenth century. The original is now part of the Royal Irish Academy collection in the Dublin Museum. That the Saint Mary's chalice might be really useful under present day conditions, the ancient chalice has not been slavishly copied. However, the design has closely adhered to the traditional expressions of the Celtic period, yet confining the decorative elements to small groups of ornament. The life everlasting is symbolized by an interlaced expression of ornament. The rope cresting, used much by the ancient Celts, also represents life eternal, for it symbolizes continuity and freedom from bondage. In the rope motif, one strand symbolizes Christ, while the other strand symbolizes man.

The Saint Mary's chalice is enriched with jewels, set in the Celtic cross at its base and also in the knop. The gold finish is what is known as "rich antique".

We are grateful indeed for this genuine addition to our Sacred Vessels which are in constant use. The souls of both the donor and the one in whose memory the gift is made will be remembered of the Flower Committee, Miss Louisa Verplanck Richards, 38 West 93rd Street.

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at our altars. "Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and may
light perpetual shine upon them."

ON the evening of Thursday, May the twenty-first, at eight-
thirty, the Guild of Saint Mary of the Cross is presenting
in Saint Joseph's Hall, an old-time minstrel show under the
title "Red, White and Blue Minstrels".

The show, which promises to be a gay and colorful affair,
follows the traditional form of the minstrel shows of the last
century. The first part features the familiar by-play between the
Interlocutor and the immortal End-men, Bones and Tambo. The
second part features scenes and sketches, interspersed with musical
interludes and specialities. To meet the needs of an all-woman
cast two end-women, Lulu Belle and Lily White, have been in-
vented.

There will be a few sketches and several ensemble musical
numbers, including a Stephen Foster medley, a Gay Nineties
medley, a Patriotic medley, and a medley of old-time songs. A
Pony Ballet will be performed by the Guild's Beauty Chorus. A
spectacular tambourine drill by the entire company will round out
the entertainment.

Mrs Viola Sadowsky will play the Interlocutor; Mrs Marian
Wilson will be Bones; Mrs Margaret Buffel will play Tambo.
The two end-women, Lulu Belle and Lily White, will be played
by Mrs Violet Blake and Mrs Maude Smith, respectively. Miss
Margarita Collins will furnish the piano accompaniment. The
proceeds from the sale of tickets, at fifty cents each (including
tax), will go toward the maintenance of Saint Mary's Summer
Home at Keyport.

THE annual service for the presentation of the Children's Lenten
Missionary Mite-box Offering will be held at the Cathedral
of Saint John the Divine on Saturday afternoon, May the twenty-
third at two o'clock. Many representatives of the Saint Mary's
Church School will attend. Bishop Manning expresses the hope
that the entire nave of the Cathedral will be filled with children
and their friends who wish to be present.

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BAPTISMS

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

March 28 — Allaire Frances Coughlin (Infant)

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

March 4 — Charles Edward Thomas
March 6 — Lillian Emma (Lieber) Martin
March 15 — Delores Rose Theresa Arsen

THE Corporate Communions for the month of May are as
follows:

Monday, May 4, 8:00 (The Mission House), The Associates of the
Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
Wednesday, May 6, 8:00, The Fellowship of Saint John.
Sunday, May 10, 9:00, The Guild of Saint Francis.
Wednesday, May 13, 9:30, Saint Mary's Guild.
Wednesday, May 20, 8:00, The Associates of the Community of Saint
Mary.
Sunday, May 31st, 9:00, The Church School; The Guild of Saint Mary
of Nazareth.

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

May 3 — The Fourth Sunday after Easter. Grover Crane Arnold.
May 6 — Saint John before the Latin Gate. Members of the Fellowship
of Saint John.
May 10 — The Fifth Sunday after Easter. Louise C. Read.
May 14 — Ascension Day. Mary Selena Arnold.
May 17 — The Sunday after Ascension. Elizabeth Ellen Lowry.
May 31 — Trinity Sunday. Daniel and Mary Porter.
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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KALENDAR FOR MAY

1. F. SS Philip and James, APP. Mass in Time of War, 12:10. Abstinence.
2. Sa. St Athanasius, B.C.D.
4. M. St Monica, W.
7. Th. St Stanislaus, B.M.
10. Su. EASTER V. (Rogation Sunday.)
11. M. Rogation Day
12. Tu. Rogation Day. Com. of St Pancras, M.
14. Th. THE ASCENSION DAY.
17. Su. THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY.
18. M. Of the Octave.
24. Su. PENTECOST. (Whitsunday.)
25. M. MONDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.
26. Tu. TUESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.
27. W. EMBER DAY. Fast and abstinence.
28. Th. THURSDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK. Com. St Philip Neri, C.
29. F. Anniversary Requiem for Joseph Gayle Hurd Barry, II.
30. Sa. EMBER DAY. Fast and abstinence.
31. Su. TRINITY SUNDAY.

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 FOR MAY

MAY 3 — EASTER IV.
MASS, Messe solennelle de Ste Cécile
Motet: The Veneration of the Cross

EVENSONG
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis
O salutaris
Motet: Adoramus te
Tantum ergo

Gounod
Rachmoninoff

MAY 10 — RORATION SUNDAY.
MASS, Mass in D
Motet: Laudate Dominum

EVENSONG
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis
O salutaris
Motet: Panis angelicus
Tantum ergo

Henschel
Bonamico

MAY 14 — THE ASCENSION DAY.
Missa Kyrie magnae Deus potentiae

EVENSONG
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis
O salutaris
Motet: Ave verum
Tantum ergo

Gregorian
Byrd
Mozart
Boellmann

MAY 24 — PENTECOST.
MASS, Missa in hon. S. Claræ Assisiensis
Motet: Dum complerentur

EVENSONG
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis
O salutaris
Motet: Ave verum
Tantum ergo

Refect
Gibbons
Byrd
Desderi

MAY 31 — TRINITY SUNDAY.
MASS, Missa Beatæ Mariae Virginis
Motet: Laudate caelí

EVENSONG
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis
O salutaris
Motet: Ave verum
Tantum ergo (5 parts)

White
Benevoli

WILLIAM R. W. PARKER, DEAN
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 Craven, 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.

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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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