Dear Parishioners of St Mary's:

At this beginning of the New Year of 1943 we are extending to each other the old time greeting “Happy New Year”. We do so out of habit, thereby wishing for each other all the happiness that the coming twelve months can hold. We sometimes forget, do we not, that happiness depends on what happens,—on chance, on good luck. Happiness, therefore, is so temporary, so fleeting. It is here today and it is gone tomorrow. Indeed, when we give the customary New Year's greeting we sometimes feel like hypocrites. It is hard to say “Happy New Year” in a world so chaotic. It is hard to say “Happy New Year” to the men in the uniform of their country—a country at war.

Must happiness depend on what happens by chance or by the designs of mortal men? No, for the Christian, happiness depends on what happens by the will of God and by His divine plan. Happiness is linked up with the Incarnation, the Nativity, the Atonement, the Resurrection, the Ascension and the Coming of the Holy Ghost. Happiness for the Christian is not temporary, but eternal, not fleeting but stable. It springs from the harmonious union of his human will with the will of God revealed through Jesus Christ. The reason why the letters of our young men in the service of their country are so cheerful is that they reflect Christian happiness. These young men are making their sacrifices in union with the sacrifice of the Lamb of Calvary. They are offering themselves for the cause of righteousness in union with Him who offered Himself that the will of His Father in heaven might be done. They are giving of what they have in union with Him who gave all.
During the year 1943 let us imitate these young men of whom we are so justly proud. May there be in Holy Religion no sacrifices too great to make! May our religion be so filled with self-giving that it will be meat for our growth and not confectionery for our pleasure! 1943 will then be a happy new year in the full Christian sense and for the glory of Christ the King.

Affectionately yours,

John Taber

After the Gloria in Excelsis in Holy Mass comes the Collect appointed for the day. It is the prayer of the community assembled for common worship, hence it is named Collect (a collection of worshippers). In the Collects the personal pronouns, other than those referring to the Deity, are always in the plural. The Collects of Holy Church are among the sublimest of prayers. True, many are frankly disappointed in them. They seem too modest by way of requests or else they seem too impersonal, too doctrinal. But they are meant to be, since they emphasize the great fact that God is the center of all true prayer and that nothing personal should be brought into pure prayer that might in any way becloud or oppose His love. While it is true that we mortals have wants, Holy Church teaches us in her model prayers, the Collects, that God must be the judge of our needs and that these needs can be rightly expected to be filled only if thereby His Kingdom be extended and His will be accomplished. In the Collects, the children of the Church lift up their free wills in humble submission that the eternal light of God may shine in full glory. It will be noted that nearly all the Collects are addressed to God, the Father, the first person of the blessed Trinity, and that the petitions in each Collect are offered through Jesus Christ our Lord, the second person of the blessed Trinity, thus reminding us that pure prayer is only that which is offered in the name of and in accordance with the will of our Blessed Lord. Each day in the Christian year has its own proper Collect. On most days more than one Collect is offered as there are commemorations to be made other than that solely of the day. The general rule is the higher the festival the fewer the Collects.

Following the Collect, or Collects, comes the Epistle. This is a part of Holy Scripture. If it is taken from the Old Testament, the Book of the Acts, or the Book of the Revelation, it is called the Lesson. Properly speaking, it is an Epistle (or letter) when it is a portion of the New Testament Epistles (or letters) written by St. Paul, St. Peter or St. John. During the Epistle the congregation sits to hear divine instruction in which God speaks through His Church, teaching her members how to please and serve Him more faithfully. Whereas the Collect is man's word to God, the Epistle is God's word to man, spoken through men inspired by the Holy Ghost. The emphasis of the Epistle is on teaching. We are reminded of this emphasis when we see the subdeacon, after the singing of the Epistle, go to the celebrant to receive a blessing as a token of the rich reward that awaits all who teach faithfully the revealed truth. At the close of the Epistle the congregation says "Thanks be to God", thus expressing their gratitude for instruction received for the health of their souls.

Originally there were many Lessons, or Epistles, sung at each Mass. To break the monotony of this part of the service a Psalm or Canticle was sung between them. Each Psalm or Canticle was called the Gradual,—the "step" from one Lesson to another. This Gradual afforded a period of reflection on the Lesson just sung. As time went on the Lessons, generally speaking, were limited to one and the Gradual was shortened to a part of a Psalm or Canticle. It may be said that, in our present day Mass, the Gradual looks back on the Epistle (or Lesson) and looks forward to the Gospel.

After the Gradual, the Alleluia is sung. This is, in a sense, the second part of the Gradual. After calm reflection on the Epistle (or Lesson) through the singing of a portion of a Psalm or Canticle, there breaks forth joy without words. The Alleluia is set to a prolonged and intricate melody, so intricate indeed that it is often spoken of as the "solo" part of the Mass since the congregation can never hope to join in the singing of the Alleluia. However, the souls of the congregation can be lost in ecstasy at the word of God just proclaimed and about to be better proclaimed.
in the holy Gospel. At times when the Alleluia is not sung, such as in Lent, the Tract takes its place. Originally the Tract consisted of an entire Psalm which in modern days has been greatly abbreviated.

On certain occasions in the Christian year a Sequence is sung at this point in the Mass. If you recall the singing of the Alleluia, perhaps you can recall how you almost held your breath while the singers prolonged the last syllable of the Alleluia over an intricate succession of notes. In earlier days this prolongation was put in words, called a Sequence. Each Diocese had its own Sequences. From many parts of Holy Church five Sequences have survived and are in modern use. They are the Victimae Paschali Laudes for Easter Day, the Veni Sancte Spiritus for Pentecost, the Lauda Sion for Corpus Christi, the Stabat Mater for the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Friday after Passion Sunday) and the Dies Irae for requiems. These five Sequences are greatly treasured by the faithful since they are so filled with devotion and doctrine.

Now comes the singing of the holy Gospel. This is the word of God, not revealed through inspired men but rather through the Incarnate Son of God. The Gospel is “good news” of mercy, healing, redemption and eternal life. The Holy Gospel is not to be altered or criticized by human teachers for it contains the teaching of Him who taught with authority and not as the Scribes, Christ Himself. The ritual acts at this part of the Mass bring home to the faithful the full meaning of the Holy Gospel. The Missal on the altar is moved to mark the distinction between the word of God received through men and the word of God received through the Son of God. The deacon, before singing the Gospel, kneels on the altar step and prays for worthiness to proclaim the Holy Gospel: “Cleanse my heart and my lips, O Almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the Prophet Isaiah with a burning coal and vouchsafe through Thy gracious mercy so to purify me that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel”. The celebrant then blesses the deacon thus, “The Lord be in thy heart and on thy lips that thou mayest rightly and fitly proclaim His Gospel, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost”. The congregation stands to honor the “good news” of life and freedom and joy unbounding. The Gospel procession is a reminder of the sending forth of the disciples into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature. This procession reminds us of the missionary work of the whole Church. Candles and incense are carried to signify that the Gospel is both a light and a fragrance to souls in darkness and bitterness. Immediately when the Gospel is announced all present sign themselves with the cross, on the forehead, signifying that with their intellects they are to grow up into the truth of the Gospel; on the lips, signifying that they are themselves to proclaim the Gospel; on the breast, signifying that their affections and emotions are to be brought into subjection to the will of God as set forth in the Gospel. After the singing of the Gospel has been concluded the celebrant kisses the book out of reverence for the word of the Son of God and the members of the congregation say “Praise be to thee, O Christ”, thus expressing their gratitude for the life-giving news.

We are again printing the names and the addresses of the St Mary's men in the service of our country and therefore on the Honor Roll of the Parish. We do so for three reasons: (1) the addresses are constantly changing; (2) the young men in the service are glad to know how to reach their fellow service men; (3) the members of the congregation are thus reminded of their privilege of writing to these young men who are so happy to receive letters of friendly cheer and encouragement.

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HE preacher at High Mass on the third Sunday after the Epiphany, January the twenty-fourth, will be Father Whittemore, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross. This will be Father Whittemore's first visit to the pulpit of Saint Mary's since he conducted for us a most helpful Teaching Mission in November, 1941.

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JANUARY is the month in which taxes are faced and budgets drawn up. It should also be the month in which Christians try to develop a deeper regard for the fact that the money which they hold is held in trust. It has been earned through God-given talents and therefore in a very real sense it belongs to God. With this thought in mind each member of St Mary's is called upon to do two things:

(1) Make as generous a weekly pledge as is possible for 1943 for the support of the work and worship in the parish as well as the support of the Missionary work of Holy Church. With all the sacrifices that the young men of St Mary's who are in the armed forces of our country are called upon to make, many of these men are insisting on making further sacrifice by contributing to their home parish. What sacrifice is each of us prepared to make for Christ and His Church?

(2) Make a will in which is included a bequest to the Church of St Mary the Virgin that the future work of this beloved parish may be assured. The legal form of bequest follows: “I give, devise and bequeath the sum of dollars to the Society of the Free Church of St Mary the Virgin, a religious corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, and located at 139 West 46th Street, New York, New York.”

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

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

November 26 — Marie Jacqueline Michelle Labastille Mueller

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

November 13 — Marion McPherson
November 16 — Cecilia Jane McKim
Mary McKim
Mrs Sally Loughborough
Lucy May Loughborough

November 24 — Irwin Richard Smith

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

JANUARY 1 — The Circumcision. James Otis Sargent Huntington, O.H.C., Priest.


JANUARY 24 — The Third Sunday after the Epiphany. Clarence Dunham, Priest.

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 Communion for the month of January are as follows:

Sunday, January 3, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.
Wednesday, January 6, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.
Friday, January 8, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.
Sunday, January 13, 9:00 a.m., The Guild of St Francis.
Wednesday, January 27, 9:30, The Associates of the Community of St Mary.
Sunday, January 31, 9:00 a.m., The Church School. The Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.

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**KALENDAR FOR JANUARY**

1. F. CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD and Octave of the Nativity.
5. Tu. Vigil.
6. W. EPiphany OF OUR LORD.
7. Th. Of the Octave.
10. Su. THE HOLY FAMILY. Com. the Sunday within the Octave and the Octave.
11. M. Of the Octave.
12. Tu. Of the Octave.
14. Th. St Hilary, B.C.D.
17. Su. EPIPHANY II. Com. St Anthony, Ab.C.
18. M. St Prisca, V.M.
20. W. St Fabian, B.M.
21. Th. St Agnes, V.M.
24. Su. EPIPHANY III. Com. St Timothy, B.M.
26. Tu. St Polycarp, B.M.
27. W. St John Chrysostom, B.C.D.
31. Su. EPIPHANY IV.

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 JANUARY

JANUARY 3 — Octave of St John the Evangelist
MASS, Missa Festiva ........................................ Gretchaninov
Motet, Parvulus nobis nascitur ......................... Vulpis
EVENSONG
Magnificat and Nunc nimitis ........................ Byrd
Motet, Hodie Christus natus est ................ Palestrina
O salutaris ................................................ Farnaby
Motet, Adoramus te .................................. Unknown, 16th Century
Tantum ergo (5 parts) ................................... Victoria

JANUARY 10 — Feast of the Holy Family
MASS, Missa brevis ......................................... Palestrina
Motet, Three Kings ....................................... Willan
EVENSONG
Magnificat and Nunc nimitis ......................... 16th Century
Motet, O admirable commercium ................ Handl
O salutaris ................................................. Liszt
Motet, Adoramus te .................................. Viadana
Tantum ergo, No. 1 ..................................... Kodaly

JANUARY 17 — Epiphany II
MASS, Missa Beatae Mariae Virginis ................ White
Motet, Three Kings ....................................... Cornelius
EVENSONG
Magnificat and Nunc nimitis ......................... Handl
Motet, Ego sum panis vivus .......................... Byrd
O salutaris ................................................. de la Rue
Motet, Ave Maria ....................................... Noyon
Tantum ergo, No. 6 ...................................... Kodaly

JANUARY 24 — Epiphany III
MASS, Missa quarti toni ................................ Victoria
Motet, Jubilate Deo ........................................ Gabrieli
EVENSONG
Magnificat and Nunc nimitis ......................... Tallis
Motet, Ego sum .......................................... Tallis
O salutaris ................................................. Caldas
Motet Ave Verum ........................................ Bruckner
Tantum ergo .............................................. Beobide

JANUARY 31 — Epiphany IV
MASS, Messe Solennelle de Ste Cecile ............... Gounod
Motet, Surge illuminare ................................ Palestrina
EVENSONG
Magnificat and Nunc nimitis ......................... Fairfax
Motet, Ave Maria .......................................... Kromolicki
O salutaris ................................................. Bruckner
Motet O Domine Jesu .................................. Noyon
Tantum ergo, Op. 17 No. 2 ......................... Palestrina

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, and 9:30 a.m.
Also on greater Holy Days as announced
11 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Morning Prayer (with Litany, Fridays) .............. 9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays) ........ 6:00 a.m.
Special Devotions, Fridays ........................... 8:15 p.m.
Special Devotions in time of war .................... 12:10 p.m.
Wednesdays, Exposition, Intercessions and Benediction.
Fridays, Votive Mass.

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: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m.

Father Brown: Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m., Saturdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Father Bruce: Fridays, 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 Brown, 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.

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 Bruce, 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 Brown, Chaplain.

Guild of All Souls.—St Mary’s Ward. Meetings (Lady Chapel) third Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Craven, 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.


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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