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Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's:

Soon we shall again keep the season of Lent, the keynote of which is sacrifice. Indeed the culmination of Lent is Good Friday, that blessed day on which we strive to gain a new appreciation of the Sacrifice of our most merciful Saviour on the Cross of Calvary. We shall never have the joy of close union with our blessed Lord unless we unite our little sacrifices with His great Sacrifice which has brought the possibility of salvation to us and to all mankind. Happily should the words escape our lips "Welcome, blessed season of Lent!"

Following this letter I am making some suggestions, many or all of which may find a place in your Lenten rule. These suggestions call for sacrifices to be made which can serve as godly discipline both for your soul and your body. Your Lenten sacrifices will serve as godly discipline by which your spiritual growth will go forward in a marked degree if they are made willingly and cheerfully. Then they will be made in happy union with our blessed Lord's Sacrifice on the Cross. On the other hand, your Lenten sacrifices will serve as ungodly discipline by which your spiritual growth will be retarded if they are made grudgingly and gloomily in a state of self-pity. Then they will be made in rebellion against our blessed Lord who gave no thought for Himself but sought only to carry out the Father's will.

Is it too much for you and me generously to sacrifice our time, our personal pleasure, and our money for Him who gave His all for us and for our salvation? Such sacrifices should be easy to make since they make us sharers with Jesus in His Passion. Such 34

sacrifices should be particularly easy to make this year when our hearts are filled with appreciation of the sacrifices which our young men in the armed forces of our country are making so uncomplainingly and so bravely, for they too are sharers with the Lamb of Calvary in His Passion.

Affectionately,

A S a help in formulating your Lenten Rule the following suggestions are humbly offered:

- 1. Receive Holy Communion at least once a week.
- 2. Make your confession on Shrove Tuesday and at the end of Holy Week.
- 3. In addition to attendance at Mass each Sunday, be present at one weekday Mass.
- 4. Attend Stations of the Cross each Friday evening.
- 5. Deny yourself some definite pleasure and add the money you would thus have spent to your Easter offering.
- 6. Keep Wednesdays as well as Fridays as days of abstinence from meat.
- 7. Spend at least fifteen minutes each day in Bible reading, meditation and spiritual reading.
- 8. Be generous with your time for your devotions before the Blessed Sacrament, frequenting God's House more than formerly.

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FTER the Sermon at the Holy Mass comes the Offertory which marks the beginning of the offering of the Holy Sacrifice. In the early days of the Church Catholic there were two processions of the people at Mass. The first of these processions came at the Offertory when the members of the congregation brought to the altar their gifts. - bread, wine, fruits, candles, precious metals, oil, etc. These gifts of the people were placed on a table near the altar. Then such bread and wine as was needed for the Mass was placed on the altar and there offered. The second of these processions was at the time of Holy Communion when the congregation went forward to the altar to receive the gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Thus the first procession was formed for giving and the second for receiving. In the later days of the Church Catholic the first procession was displaced by the taking up of the collection. So it happens that gifts of money are now offered with which bread and wine for the Mass are bought and the Church and her poor are supported. This more modern custom is to be safeguarded by constantly reminding ourselves that the money we give represents us and that our gift should thus be in proportion to our means. Whether we are able to give much or little matters not if our giving is honestly generous. It will then be in harmony with the generosity of God who changes our gifts into the Body and Blood of Christ and accepts them as part of His great gift, the Sacrifice of Himself in the Holy Mass. We shall do well to remember that just as when we make a gift to

some friend we offer with the gift our affection, so when we give our money to God at the Offertory we give also the love of our hearts. It will not be easy to offer ourselves with our money since to make an oblation of ourselves we must do it as members of the whole congregation and not as individuals. We find it so easy to be individualists, but our gift of money is merged with the gifts of the other members of the congregation thus signifying that the gift of ourselves should be merged with the offering of the other members of the congregation of themselves, since we are all one in Christ and members one of another. Ideally then, at the Offertory each true worshipper makes a personal surrender of himself to God, yet in union with every other worshipper in the congregation.

At the Offertory many prayers are said. The first of these is sung by the choir and is commonly called the Offertory Sentence. This changes at each Mass according to the particular festival or feria that is being observed. The other Offertory prayers are said silently by the celebrant. These are the same for every Mass. One is said as the celebrant offers the bread, another as he mixes the water with the wine in the chalice (the wine represents Christ, the water represents us human beings, and as the water is united with the wine in the chalice, so we are united with Christ in His Church), another as he offers the chalice, another as he places the chalice on the altar, another as he blesses the oblations of bread and wine, and the last as he prays the Holy Trinity to receive the offering in memory of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and in honor of the saints.

In the midst of the Offertory, incense is used as a symbol of prayer, but also as a sign of honor. The oblations of bread and wine are censed to signify the honor that is attached to them since they have a part in the Sacrifice. The altar is censed since it is the symbol of Jesus Christ and therefore it has the highest honor. The celebrant is censed since he is the privileged though unworthy one, through whom Christ acts in the offering of the Sacrifice. The deacon, sub-deacon, clergy, master of ceremonies, acolytes, choir and congregation are all censed inasmuch as they have the honor to be members of Christ and the privilege of offering their love, born of repentance, in union with the love of Jesus as He offers Himself in the Mass.

During the close of the Offertory the celebrant washes his hands to symbolize the cleanness of heart which should be his as he prepares to offer the Holy Sacrifice.

The paten, covered by the humeral veil, is held by the subdeacon because at every Mass the paten remains covered from the Offertory on until it is to be used by the celebrant later in the Mass.

At the close of the Offertory, as a reminder that the Holy Sacrifice is not for the priest alone but that it is the Sacrifice of priest and people, the celebrant turns to the congregation as he says "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty." To this bidding the congregation responds "The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands to the praise and glory of His name, to our benefit and that of all His Holy Church." Here the celebrant says silently the Secret, which consists of one or more prayers suitable to the particular festival or feria which is being kept.

After the Offertory the celebrant may announce the special intention of the Mass, at the same time asking for the prayers of the people for certain special objects. He then recites the "Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church," a prayer in which is concentrated all the intercessions which in the very early liturgies of Holy Church were said after the Prayer of Consecration. Originally these intercessions actually formed part of the Canon of the Mass.

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RE you a member of the Guild of All Souls? If you are, the approaching Seventieth Anniversary of the founding of the Guild will not be news. Although seventy years in the history of the Catholic Church are but a few, they mark the span of a full life among men, and these seventy years are noteworthy for being of so charitable and spiritual a quality. Readily and rightfully a man is approved who devotes his entire life to works of charity. Therefore we must approve the members of the Guild who for that length of time have given themselves to praying for the Dying and the Faithful Departed.

Intercessory Prayer is the expressed prime object of the society and by this means the members show their deep belief in two great articles of the Creed: the Communion of Saints and the Resurrection of the Body. Offering prayers for the souls in Purgatory gives a keen and practical awareness of fellowship with them and with the saints as well, for the clearer is the consciousness of the Day of Wrath, so much the clearer is consciousness of Christ, "whose glory fills the sky," and of the "Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright."

A secondary object of the Guild is to provide proper furniture for Catholic burials, especially for parishes and missions too poor to buy for themselves. Many priests in lonely stations are enabled thereby to have suitable vestments as week by week they offer Masses of Requiem. The Guild also publishes and distributes literature pertaining to these objects. At quarterly periods members receive an Intercession Paper, a help in directing their prayers to their society's intentions. Members of the Guild, in the event of death, are remembered in perpetuity.

An outward sign of the general work of the Guild is seen in the almost universal celebration of All Souls' Day, in greater frequency in the offering of Masses of Requiem, and in the inclusion in the Prayer Book, by the last revision, of a proper Mass to be read at the Burial of the Dead. The Guild would not claim these achievements as their own, yet any impartial observer would recognize these advances as answers to their concerted prayers.

Saint Mary's Branch of the Guild of All Souls, which includes the Clergy and the Sisters serving in the parish, invites all Catholics to join with them. No stated meetings are held, but the members are urged to be present at the weekly offering of the Mass of Requiem and at the service on the third Friday night, which is always Stations of the Cross with intention for the Faithful Departed. Father Craven has recently been appointed chaplain of the local branch, and application forms may be obtained from him or from Miss Helena D. Appleton, 140 East 46th Street, Secretary. Father Taber continues to serve as Warden of the Saint Mary's Branch.

Why aren't you a member?

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THE faithful strive to begin Lent with a good confession, thus by God's mercy removing the barrier of sin. The schedule of confessions on Shrove Tuesday, March the ninth, follows:

> Father Taber — 12-1, 2-3, 4-5, 8-9 Father Craven — 11-12, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Father Brown — 10-11, 2-3, 4-5, 8-9 Father Bruce — 12-1, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

O^N Ash Wednesday, March the tenth, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7, 8, 9:30, 11 and 12:10. The eleven o'clock Mass will be a High Mass with a sermon. Imposition of ashes will precede each Mass.

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REQUEST has been made for a Mass on a weekday earlier than those usually scheduled. We are most happy to grant this request. The Holy Mass will be celebrated each Thursday morning at six-fifteen, beginning with Thursday, March the eleventh. It is hoped that this earlier hour on Thursdays may appeal to many of the faithful who must leave for their daily work earlier than others.

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BISHOP Manning has appointed the evening of the Fourth Sunday in Lent, April the fourth, as the time for the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation at Saint Mary's. Instructions for adults and older boys and girls have already begun. They are being given in place of the address at the regular Sunday evening service of Evensong and Benediction at eight. Instructions for younger boys and girls are being given by the Sisters of the Holy Nativity according to a special schedule. Parents and godparents are urged to bring their young people more fully into the way of grace by arranging for their confirmation instructions. Every member of the congregation can be a missionary by inviting such of their friends as have no definite Church home to attend the Sunday evening instructions. Let us not be smug in the possession of our Catholic privileges while forgetting those who have not the joy of such privileges.

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O^N Friday morning, March the twelfth, at the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in St Joseph's Hall Father Taber will give an address on a subject of his own choosing. This meeting follows the monthly corporate communion of the members of the Auxiliary at nine-thirty. Since March the twelfth is also being observed by Christian women everywhere as their annual "World Day of Prayer," members of the Auxiliary are planning to attend the twelve-ten Mass on this day at which time they will offer their intercessions that righteousness and justice may prevail throughout the world, leading with God's help to world peace.

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A DVANCE notice is given of the annual Pre-Passiontide Retreat for Women which will be held this year on Saturday, April the tenth.

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VERY beautiful monstance has been given for use in our many services of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This monstrance has been especially designed for St Mary's on severely chaste and yet exquisitely beautiful lines. It is a thank offering for the devout life of one who has been called into the joys of the life beyond the grave.

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THE Corporate Communions for the month of March will be as follows:

Monday, March 1, 8:00 (The Mission House), Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.

Wednesday, March 3, 9:30, The Guild of St Mary. Sunday, March 7, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.

Wednesday, March 24, 9:30. The Associates of the Community of St Mary.

Sunday, March 28, 9:00, The Church School. The Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

CONFIRMATIONS

By the RIGHT REVEREND CHARLES KENDALL GILBERT, D.D.

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

January 12 - Paul Arizona Fairly

January 21-Otto Ewald Pribram

RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER

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

January 22 - Mrs Bernice C. George

January 6 - Mrs Julia Pons Chesta

January 19 - Miss Daphne Hughes

January 25 - Miss Evelyn W. Pike

BURIALS

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

January 6 — Mary Bond Carll January 11 — James E. Johnston

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

March 19 — St Joseph. Benjamin and Eliza Verplanck Richards March 25 — The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Martha Fiske. WE gratefully acknowledge the following contributions toward

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To insure delivery of AVE, the Parish Secretary should be notified promptly of any permanent change of address.

KALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 1. M. St David, B.C.
- 2. Tu. St Chad, B.C.
- 3. W. Feria. Requiem Mass, 8.
- 4. Th. Feria.
- 5. F. Feria. Mass for Peace, 12:10. Abstinence.
- 6. Sa. SS Perpetua and Felicitas, MM.
- 🕱 7. Su. QUINQUAGESIMA. Com. St Thomas Aquinas, C.D.
 - 8. M. Feria. Requiem Mass, 7.
 - 9. Tu. Feria. (Shrove Tuesday.)
- 10. W. ASH WEDNESDAY. Com. Forty Martyrs of Sebaste. High Mass, with sermon, 11. Fast and abstinence.
- 11. Th. Greater Feria. Fast.
- 12. F. St Gregory the Great, B.C.D. Com. Feria. Fast and abstinence.
- 13. Sa. Greater Feria. Fast.
- ★14. Su. LENT I.
 - 15. M. Greater Feria. Requiem Mass, 8. Fast.
 - 16. Tu. Greater Feria. Fast.
 - 17. W. EMBER DAY. Com. St Patrick, B.C. Fast and abstinence.
 - 18. Th. St Cyril of Jerusalem, B.C.D. Com. Feria. Fast.
 - 19. F. ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Com. Ember Day. Fast and abstinence.
- 20. Sa. EMBER DAY. Com. St Cuthbert, B.C. Fast and abstinence.
- ₩21. Su. LENT II. Com. St Benedict, Ab.C.
 - 22. M. Greater Feria. Requiem Mass, 7. Fast.
 - 23. Th. Greater Feria. Fast.
 - 24. W. St Gabriel, Archangel. Com. Feria. Fast and abstinence.
 - 25. Th. THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Com. Feria. Fast.
- 26. F. Greater Feria. Fast and abstinence.
- 27. Sa. St John Damascene, C.D. Com. Feria. Fast.
- ₩28. Su. LENT III.
- 29. M. Greater Feria. Requiem Mass, 8. Fast.
- 30. Tu. Greater Feria. Fast.

31. W. Greater Feria. Fast and abstinence.

Days indicated by M 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. MARCH 7 - QUINQUAGESIMA

MUSIC FOR MARCH

Motet. O admirabile commercium Palestrina EVENSONG: Byrd O salutaris Farnaby MARCH 10 - ASH WEDNESDAY Missa Deus genitor alme Plainchant MARCH 14 - LENT I Hassler Motet, Turn our captivity Byrd EVENING: The Litany in Procession Perti Tantum ergo (5 parts) Victoria MARCH 21 - LENT II Mass Missa brevia Palestrina

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SERVICES IN LENT

SUNDAYS	
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Low Ma	ss .				•	•			•	7:00 a.m.
Morning	Prayer									7 :40 a.m.
Low Ma	ss .								•	8:00 a.m.
Sung Ma	ss .				•	•				9:00 a.m.
Low Mas	s (Lad	y Cl	hapel)		•			•	10:00 a.m.
High Ma	lss, with	ser	mon							11:00 a.m.
Evening S	Service a	and	Bene	dict	ion,	with	add	Iress		8:00 p.m.

WEEK DAYS*

Mass, daily	7,	8, and	9:30 a.m.
Thursdays (extra Mass)			6:15 a.m.
Morning Prayer (with Litany, Fridays)			9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays)		6:00 a.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.

*Consult the Weekly Parish Leaflet for schedule of services, March 1st to 9th (inclusive).

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 Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The Parish Secretary's office is open at the following times:

Mondays to Fridays .			9:1	5 to 3	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, Thursdays, 3:30 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*.
- GUILD OF ST VINCENT.—For Altar Servers. Meetings last Wednesday of the month, 8 p.m. Father Craven, *Chaplain*.

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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*.
- 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.