A MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN NEW YORK
Dear Parishioners of St Mary's:

We are approximately midway in the holy season of Lent. Most of us made Lenten rules on Shrove Tuesday that we might enter Lent on Ash Wednesday with some definite plan for devotion, self-denial and almsgiving. Many of our Lenten rules have been broken by now, but let us pick up the broken pieces, put them together again and go forward into the remainder of Lent more faithfully than ever before. We knew that we are not sufficient of ourselves to help ourselves, that our sufficiency is of God, but we forgot. We thought we could keep our Lenten rules on our own strength. This is why we have failed. Yet Jesus, who so patiently hung on the Cross of Calvary to win for us eternal redemption, patiently waits for us to reunite ourselves to Him for the remainder of Lent with a restored Lenten rule. More than this, He will give us grace to keep this rule if we but reach out in faith to receive His grace.

May we constantly be with Jesus as Lent draws to its swift close — with Him on Palm Sunday in His brief triumph as He enters the Holy City among the hosannas and the waving of palm branches, with Him in Holy Week at the service of Tenebrae commemorating the darkness of His bitter passion, with Him on Maundy Thursday at the High Mass commemorating His divine institution of the Blessed Sacrament, with Him too on Maundy Thursday in the Garden of Gethsemane as we keep faithful watch.
at the Altar of Repose, with Him on Good Friday as we commemorate His death at the Mass of the Presanctified, with Him too on Good Friday as we keep the three hour watch at the Cross of Calvary, with Him on Holy Saturday as holy Church anticipates the Easter Feast, with Him on Easter Day as we commemorate His glorious Resurrection from the dead. Oh, the privilege of being in the company of Jesus!

Affectionately,

Graciously,

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 18th

Low Masses ........................................... 7, 8, and 10:00
Sung Mass ........................................... 9:00
Morning Prayer ...................................... 7:40
Blessing of Palms, Procession and High Mass .......... 11:00
Litany in Procession, with Sermon and Benediction ...... 3:00

Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week

Low Masses ........................................... 7, 8, 9:30 and 12:10
Morning Prayer ...................................... 9:00
Noon-day Address .................................... 12:40
Evening Prayer ...................................... 6:00

Wednesday, April 21st

Low Masses ........................................... 7, 8, 9:30 and 12:10
Morning Prayer ...................................... 9:00
Noon-day Address .................................... 12:40
Evening Prayer and Litany ............................ 6:00
Tenebrae ............................................. 8:00

Maundy Thursday, April 22nd

High Mass and Holy Communion, followed by
Procession to the Altar of Repose, Stripping of the Altars .... 7:00
Morning Prayer ...................................... 9:00
Evening Prayer ...................................... 6:00
Tenebrae ............................................. 8:00

Good Friday, April 23rd

Morning Prayer and Litany ............................ 8:00
Mass of the Presanctified ................................ 9:30
Preaching of the Cross ................................ 12:00 to 3:00
Stations of the Cross (Church School) ............... 3:00
Evening Prayer ...................................... 6:00
Tenebrae ............................................. 8:00

Holy Saturday, April 24th

Morning Prayer ...................................... 8:00
Blessing of the New Fire and Paschal Candle, The Prophecies, Blessing of the Font, Litany of the Saints and First Mass of Easter.. 10:00
Evening Prayer ...................................... 6:00

Easter Day, April 25th

Low Masses ........................................... 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10:00
Morning Prayer ...................................... 7:40
Procession, High Mass, and Sermon ...................... 11:00
Evensong, with Sermon and Benediction ................. 8:00

HOURS FOR CONFESSION

Maundy Thursday Good Friday Holy Saturday

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

After the Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church in the Holy Mass, there follows what are commonly called the Communion Devotions, consisting of the Exhortation, Confession, Absolution and Comfortable Words. The Exhortation urges upon the attention of the faithful the prerequisites for receiving Holy Communion; namely, repentance which is sorrow for sin springing from the love of Jesus whose Sacred Heart is broken by sin; charity which is love for one's neighbors strong enough to cause us to pray that these neighbors may see their sins in the light of God's love and repent before it is too late; obedience to God's revealed Will and His commandments; faith in God's promise of salvation. The Confession is a corporate acknowledgment of sins of thought, word or deed which justly provoke God's wrath and
which cause sinners to beg for God's mercy and forgiveness. This confession pre-supposes that each individual sinner has confessed his own sins one by one, presumably through the Sacrament of Holy Penance. The Absolution is the fulfillment of God's promise of forgiveness to the penitent. The Comfortable Words are the blessed assurance of God's unbounded love for sinners and of atonement through Jesus Christ, the second person of the blessed Trinity. These four Communion Devotions form a short office of preparation for communicants before receiving Holy Communion. They are reasonably omitted, if no communions other than that of the celebrant are to be made. Sometimes merely the Confession and Absolution are said immediately after the communicants arrive at the altar rail to receive their communions.

After the Communion Devotions, or after the Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church when these Communion Devotions are omitted, comes the central part of the Mass called the Canon, so-called because it is the 'rule' of the Mass which is not to be changed, added to, or subtracted from. Indeed, it is the necessary part of the Mass. The Canon begins with the Preface and ends just before the Our Father. The Preface is really an act of thanksgiving reminding the faithful that Jesus Christ began the celebration of the first Mass by giving thanks for the gifts of bread and wine which were to be used in that Mass. At the Preface, the celebrant bids the congregation lift their hearts in thanksgiving to God. Then he sings praise to God in the form of the Preface, so named because it is an introduction to the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass. On great feast days, on Sundays and on important ferias a Proper Preface is sung in the midst of the usual Preface.

Then follows the Sanctus, the “Holy, holy, holy”, often called the “Song of the Angels”. During the singing of the Sanctus the sacred ministers and the congregation bow low as they think of the angels who bow in lowly adoration before God's throne in heaven. It is during the Sanctus that earthly worshippers join their voices with the incessant music of heaven—the songs of angels and archangels and the voices of choirs of saints, answering and re-echoing one another. This is why many repetitions are permitted and encouraged in musical settings for the Sanctus. Lights and incense are brought in for the purpose of welcoming Jesus about to come to his children in the Blessed Sacrament. As part of this welcome the Benedictus is sung which contains the words of the children of the Hebrews who welcomed our blessed Lord to Jerusalem before His Passion. Yes, at this point of the Mass the Lamb of God is approaching His Sacrifice!

Then the music stops. There is a moment of awe-inspiring silence and the celebrant begins the Canon proper, often called the Prayer of Consecration. As he begins this prayer he extends and lifts his hands while raising his eyes to heaven, just as Jesus did when He began His great prayer on the night before His crucifixion. The celebrant makes the sign of the cross three times over the elements of bread and wine as a visible token of God's acceptance of his prayers that these elements may become a sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. As the celebrant spreads his hands over these elements as if to call down God's blessing on them, a bell is rung as a signal to the worshippers that the actual moment of consecration is at hand. The celebrant then does and says exactly what Jesus did and said at the celebration of the first Mass in the Upper Room. After the consecration of the bread he elevates the Sacred Host, and after the consecration of the wine he elevates the Sacred Cup as a reminder of the lifting up of Jesus on the cross. “I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” The members of the congregation bid Jesus welcome. He comes to His own and His own receive Him. The worshippers sign themselves with the cross as they behold their Redeemer in the Sacred Host and the Sacred Cup. These worshippers ask nothing for it is enough that He has come. In great humility they adore Him as they whisper “My Lord and my God!” Their adoration is accompanied by the ringing of bells, the offering of incense and the uplifting of torches. Yes, Jesus is present on His altar throne!

During the consecration the deacon of the Mass moves from one side of the celebrant to the other, assisting him in lifting and replacing the pall over the chalice, thus to remind the congregation of St Joseph of Arimathea as he took the body of Jesus after it had been lowered from the cross and covered the sacred limbs with fine linen. Immediately after the actual consecration the thurifer with the incense and the acolytes with their torches leave the sanctuary as a reminder of the crowds leaving the Hill of Calvary.
Following the actual Prayer of Consecration we are reminded that the death of Christ must never be isolated from all that came after it. In the prayer that follows the attention of the worshippers is fixed on the Resurrection and the Ascension of Christ, as well as on the mission of the Holy Spirit called upon at once to bless and sanctify the bread and wine that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ.

A memorial of the departed comes later in the Canon, for God has not taken our holy dead from us but He takes them to Himself that they may thus be closer to our hearts. Our dead merely live beyond the veil,—a very thin veil. Actually both living and departed are one in Christ and offer themselves in union with Him at every Mass.

Towards the end of the Canon the celebrant with the Sacred Host makes the sign of the cross three times over the chalice and twice between the chalice and himself—five times in all—to signify the five wounds of Christ. Then, holding the Sacred Host over the chalice, he elevates both as he offers to God the Father the Sacrifice of Christ. This is called the “little elevation”.

What a privilege it is to offer Christ to the Father, thus acknowledging the Father’s sovereign rule, making reparation for our forgetfulness of the Father, begging for pardon for our sins, praising the Father’s goodness, giving thanks for all spiritual benefits, and asking for renewed blessings. We do all these things through Jesus Christ who re-presents Himself in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass again and again as He presented Himself to the Father once for all in the salvation of the Sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary.

Sometimes the Canon of the Mass is said inaudibly on the ground that silence alone can cause the souls of men to face the crucified Love of their God.

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THE Church is Catholic not only because she holds a Faith and Gospel for all people, at all times, in all places, but also because in the treasury of her devotion there is to be found that which is suitable for every need and every temperament.

Apart from the Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the center of Christian life and worship, there are divers approaches to God in the art of prayer. The Catholic Church possesses many methods of stirring up in her people devotion to God. For centuries the Holy Rosary has been a popular form of prayer centering the minds of Christians upon the chief acts in the great drama of our redemption. In the fifteen traditional mysteries of the Rosary we are taught to meditate upon certain events in the life of our blessed Lord, the founding of the sacred Body the Church and the triumph of the Saints in glory.

This method of prayer, calling upon the powerful intercession of our Lady, Saint Mary, has been, since the days of the zealous Dominic, a favorite form of worship throughout the Catholic Church. Universal in its appeal, it has answered the needs of people in every station of life. The rich and the poor, the great and the small have, through the ages, joined in storming the gates of heaven with a chain of “Ave Marias”.

The Sodality of the Living Rosary of our Lady and Saint Dominic is an international devotional society, having for its object the continual “telling of the beads” throughout the year. The guild endeavors to recite the complete Rosary daily, each member being assigned a particular decade for each day in the month; hence the “Living Rosary”.

A Ward of the Rosary Sodality exists here at Saint Mary’s. Meetings are held in the Lady Chapel each second Friday, except during Lent. Members of the parish and friends of Saint Mary’s who are interested in participating in the work of this devotional guild are requested to communicate with Father Brown, Chaplain.

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THE usual spring meeting of the Guild of Help will be held on Thursday afternoon, April the twenty-ninth, at four, at the residence of Mrs William Lee Ward, 116 East 53rd Street. Following the meeting afternoon tea will be served. All the women of Saint Mary’s interested in the important social service work of the Church are most cordially invited to attend this meeting, whether members of the Guild or not.

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WE gratefully acknowledge the gift of a very beautiful gold chalice for use at our daily Masses. The chalice is in loving memory of William, Priest, Alice and Edith. It is gratefully given by members of their family.
The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in St Joseph's Hall Friday morning, April the ninth, at ten-thirty. This meeting will follow a corporate communion of the Auxiliary at the nine-thirty Mass. The speaker at the meeting will be Miss Laura F. Boyer, W.A. Vice-President for Education. Her subject will be "Latin America".

The pre-Passiontide Retreat for Women will be conducted by Father Taber on Saturday, April the tenth. The Retreat begins with Mass at eight. Meditations follow at 10:30, 11:30 and 2:30. After the closing meditation Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given. Breakfast and luncheon will be served to those women, whether of the parish or not, who send word not later than the day before the Retreat to the Sister-in-Charge, The Mission House, 133 West 46th Street. We shall be very grateful if those attending the Retreat would carefully and promptly send notice as soon as they are sure that they will attend.

The Lenten Mite Boxes which have been used by the members of the congregation as an "introduction" to the Easter Offering should be handed in to an usher on Palm Sunday or at the Church Office some day near to Palm Sunday.

The Missionary Mite Boxes of the boys and girls of the Church School should be returned at the Church School service of Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, or, failing this, at some service on Easter Day.

We are confidently counting on every member of Saint Mary's to give an Easter Offering that has been carefully planned out of gratitude for the many blessings received through the parish. Such an offering from each faithful communicant will go far to speed the day when the Rector will no longer have to announce from the pulpit "Saint Mary's is in need".

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."
February 17 — Mrs Evelyn Wenrich Hastings
February 17 — Sally Hastings
February 17 — Adolph Henry Teichert

RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER
"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."
February 9 — Mary Florence Langworthy
February 13 — Helen Sturges

MARRIAGES
"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."
February 17 — George Edward Southard and Jeanette Phyllis Lasher

BURIALS
"Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them."
February 1 — Olive Eugenie Morgan
February 1 — Robert Howard Hirsch
February 19 — Morton L. Fouquet

The altar flowers during the month of April are given in memory of the following:
April 4 — The Fourth Sunday in Lent. Haley Fiske.
April 22 — Maundy Thursday. Julia Arnold White
Of your charity pray for the happy repose of their souls.
The Corporate Communion for the month of April will be as follows:

Sunday, April 4, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.
Wednesday, April 7, 9:30, The Guild of St Mary.
Friday, April 9, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.
Sunday, April 25, 9, The Church School, The Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.
Wednesday, April 28, 9:30, The Associates of the Community of St Mary.

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Kalendar for April

4. Su. LENT IV. Com. St Isidore of Seville, B.C.D.
11. Su. LENT V. Com. St Leo the Great, B.C.D.
18. Su. LENT VI.
22. Th. MAUNDY THURSDAY. Fast.
23. F. GOOD FRIDAY. Fast and abstinence.
25. Su. EASTER DAY.
26. M. MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK.
27. Tu. TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK.
28. W. In the Octave of Easter. Com. St Paul of the Cross, C.
29. Th. In the Octave. Com. St Peter, M.
30. F. In the Octave. Com. St Catherine of Siena, V. Abstinence.

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 APRIL

APRIL 4 — LENT IV

Mass, Missa in hon. S. Clarae Assisiensis ........................................ Refice
Motet, Come unto me ........................................ Bach
Evening: Confirmation
Motet, Sicut cervus ........................................ Palestrina
O salutaris ........................................ Byrd
Motet, Panis angelicus ........................................ Titcomb
Tantum ergo ........................................ Henschel

APRIL 11 — PASSION

Mass, Missa Quarti toni ........................................ Victoria
Motet, The Veneration of the Cross ........................................ Rachmaninoff
Evening: The Litany in Procession
Motet, O vos omnes ........................................ Victoria
O salutaris ........................................ Bruckner
Motet, Adoramus ........................................ Sixteenth Century
Tantum ergo (No. 5) ........................................ Kodaly

APRIL 18 — PALM

Mass, Missa Cantabo Domino ........................................ Viadana
Motets, In Monte Oliveti ........................................ Ingegneri
Pueri Hebraeorum ........................................ Victoria
Tristis est ........................................ di Lasso
Evening: The Litany in Procession
Motet, Tamquam ad latriorem ........................................ Victoria
O salutaris ........................................ Whyte
Motet, Adoramus te ........................................ Rosselli
Tantum ergo ........................................ Beobide

APRIL 21, 22, 23

Tenebrae Responsories
Nocturn I ........................................ Ingegneri
Nocturns II and III ........................................ Victoria

APRIL 25 — EASTER DAY

Mass, Mass in C ........................................ Henschel
Motet, Christus surrexit ........................................ Neronio
Evening Song:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis ........................................ Sixteenth Century
Motet, Haece dies ........................................ Nanino
O salutaris ........................................ Byrd
Motet, Adoramus te ........................................ Perti
Tantum ergo ........................................ Kodaly

APRIL 25 — EASTER DAY

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, and 12:10 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 (Wednesdays)
  Expositions, Intercessions and Benediction ........................................ 5:10 p.m.

* Consult the Weekly Parish Leaflet for schedule of services, April 26th to 30th (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 ........................................ 9:15 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, 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. Father Craven, Chaplain.
DEVOational 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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