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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's:

What a blessed Passiontide and Easter we have commemorated together, — a genuine offering of devotion to Jesus in His redemptive love and triumphant victory! It has indeed been a whole-hearted offering on the part of clergy, acolytes, choir and every faithful worshipper. On account of the war we have not, perhaps, reached the customary St Mary's standard of richness of ceremonial and musical setting, yet we have gladly offered our best. This is what counts. What is more, we know that our young men in the armed forces of our country, whom we so sorely miss in our sanctuary and choir, are giving of their best wherever they are. In many cases they are serving at the Holy Mass and singing God's praises at His altars in camp chapels, on ships of war and on battlefields. Thanks be to God we are all one in our devotional life.

I am sure that each one of the congregation who has tried by God's grace to rise to a greater spiritual height during Lent has gained that height. But let this gain not be lost! Let each one of us hold to some one definite part of his spiritual progress during the holy season of Lent, — it may be a period of daily meditation, or an extra Mass on a week day, or specific provision for spiritual reading, or a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Friday evening worship, or some other help to the spiritual life. If we hold to some one definite gain, we shall not then slip back into a lowest-common-denominator type of religion which of necessity is so lack-
ing in spiritual joy. Let it be remembered that the good and gracious Lord has willed for us spiritual joy and has provided many, many helps for us through His Church in order that we may attain to a radiant state of life.

Affectionately yours,

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AFTER the Consecration in the Holy Mass, the Our Father is sung as the first of the prayers in the preparation for Holy Communion. The word “Father” is never so fraught with meaning, for we are indeed His sons identified with His Divine Son, Jesus Christ, by our baptism and about to be reidentified with this same Divine Son in Holy Communion. Toward the end of the Our Father the subdeacon goes to the altar to hand the paten (which he has been holding beneath the humeral veil since the Offertory) to the deacon who, in turn, hands it to the celebrant. As the celebrant takes the paten he makes the sign of the cross with it on himself and he then slips it under the consecrated Host, the Body of Christ, lying on the Corporal. As the celebrant prays for deliverance from all evils through the intercession of blessed Mary and all the saints, he breaks a particle off from the Sacred Host as he says “May this mingling and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ avail us who partake thereof unto life eternal” As the separate consecration of the bread and wine earlier in the Mass symbolizes the separation of Christ’s Body and Soul at His death on the Cross, so now the Commixture symbolizes the reunion of Christ’s Body and Soul at His glorious Resurrection.

There now follows the Agnus Dei, or the “O Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world,” etc. These are the first words in the Mass to be addressed to our Blessed Lord, the second Person of the most Holy Trinity. After beseeching the Father to accept the sacrifice of His Divine Son in the Mass, the faithful now seek union with Jesus. As they do so they smite their breasts as a token of penitence and unworthiness.

Following upon the Agnus Dei the celebrant says a prayer for the peace and unity of the Church. “Regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church,” he prays. Thus, free from pride and greed and dissension the faithful are to unite and hold the Catholic Faith. There must be peace with ourselves whereby we hold to a singleness of purpose and answer to our Christian calling. There must be peace with others whereby we behold in them those whom Jesus loves and for whom He died. There must be peace with God, such peace as can only flow from divine forgiveness of our sins.

After this prayer for peace, the Pax, or Kiss of Peace, was given in the ancient Church. It reminded the faithful of St Paul’s injunction to the early Christian brethren, “salute one another with a holy kiss.” The celebrant kissed the altar, then laid his hands on the shoulders of the deacon as he said “Peace be with thee” to which salutation came the reply “And with thy spirit”. The deacon then gave the Pax to the subdeacon and then it was conveyed to others,—acolytes, choir and entire congregation. In later times the Pax was not spread throughout the entire congregation but given only to those in the chancel. Since the original ideal ceased to be maintained, the giving of the Pax fell into disuse, although it is still given in some churches. When given, it reminds the faithful of the appearance of the Risen Christ on the first Easter Day as He greeted His Apostles and blessed Mother in the Upper Room with the ancient greeting “Peace be with you”. It is an outward symbol of the love that should prevail among all the worshippers at Mass who are indeed “members one of another”. After the prayer for peace, another prayer is said by the celebrant for deliverance from all ills and steadfast cleaving to God’s holy commandments.
Then comes the Prayer of Humble Access. The prayer takes its name from one of its petitions “We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table”. In this prayer all presumptuous and excessive confidence is laid aside while true humility is proclaimed as the essential approach to the receiving of Holy Communion. Indeed, this prayer echoes such awe and lowliness as that expressed by the Prophet Isaiah “Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts”. This prayer is said only when there are to be communions of the people.

Then the celebrant makes his own communion, thus completing the Sacrifice. After the celebrant’s communion, when the Mass is celebrated at an hour at which the faithful may be expected to receive communion fasting, the celebrant turns to the congregation (who have been summoned to the communion rail by a bell) and as he holds the consecrated Host over the paten (or ciborium) he says “Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world!” Then three times he prays “Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof”, and three times the communicants respond, “But speak the word only and my soul shall be healed”. In this way the faithful are reminded of the humble remark of the centurion who approached the Son of God to ask that his servant be healed. Then Holy Communion is administered, and Jesus who took his first earthly abode in a stable and later dwelt in a humble cottage in Nazareth, Jesus who took children not yet baptized into His arms and mingled with publicans and sinners, Jesus who entered the house of Simon the Leper and permitted Mary Magdalene to anoint Him speaks the words “This is my Body — This is my Blood” and the souls of the sinful communicants are fed. When we receive Holy Communion Jesus Himself becomes our hope, our strength, our joy and the object of our love. He who is the Vine pours His life into us who are the branches. Thereby we may joyfully exclaim “I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me”. Who shall hesitate to claim that daily communion is the highest ideal of the Christian?

When the celebrant and any others who are prepared to receive Holy Communion have done so, all that remains of the Body and Blood of Christ is reverently consumed. Then the sacred altar vessels are cleansed.

The women of the congregation are cordially invited and strongly urged to attend a Silver Tea to be held in St Joseph’s Hall by the Woman’s Auxiliary on Wednesday afternoon, May the twelfth at three-thirty. The proceeds from this Tea will be devoted to the memorial for Mrs Charles Gilmore Kerley, the late president of the Diocesan Woman’s Auxiliary. On this occasion Miss Alice Palmer will give a talk on her work for the Church at Ellis Island.

There will also be presented the knitting project for the summer, which project, in the interests of the merchant marine, received so wholehearted a response last summer.

The Fellowship of St John and the Associates of the Society of St John the Evangelist will have their annual corporate communion on the Feast of St John before the Latin Gate on Thursday, May the sixth, at eight o’clock in the Lady Chapel.

On the evening of the Third Sunday after Easter Day, May the sixteenth, at the regular eight o’clock service, the annual May Festival will be held in honor of Our Lady, blessed Mary Ever-Virgin. As usual the service will be Vespers of the blessed Virgin, followed by a Procession and the Crowning of the statue of Our Lady. The Festival will be brought to a close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a happy custom for Catholic Christians to pay special honor to blessed Mary, Mother of God, in the month dedicated to her — the month of May.

Through many thank offerings given in connection with funerals and special requiems, St Mary’s has been able to
procure a much needed set of black vestments for use at High Masses of Requiem.

An exceedingly beautiful gold cope has been given for use at the services of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Cope comes as a thank offering from a grateful parishioner.

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We are printing a list of books borrowed from the Parish Library in the Mission House and now long overdue. Will those who are in the habit of borrowing Parish Library books kindly search their shelves and if any of the following books are located return them as soon as possible to the Mission House? Otherwise, instead of naming you welcome borrowers, we shall call you by some inelegant name. Your prompt response to this urgent request will be truly appreciated!

A.H.  
Ault  
Barry  
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Bell  
Brett  
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Brewster  
Brilioth  
Cabrol  
Carleton  
Carmichael  
Catherine at Siena, St  
Cleveland  
Crosse  
Dinnis  
Drane  
Fiske  
Foakes-Jackson  
Francis of Assisi, St  
Gairdner  
Gavin  
Grafton  
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Hodges  
Holmes  
Huntington  
John of the Cross, St  
Julian of Norwich  
Kidd  
Kirk  
Larrabee  
Lawrence  
Lear  
Leen  
Luckock  
Mackay  
McNeile  
Newman  
Oliver  
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Papini  
Mother Eva Mary, C.T.  
Charles Gore  
The Anchorhold  
History of St Catherine of Siena. 2 Vols.  
Calvary Today  
A History of the Christian Church to A.D. 461  
The Little Flowers of St Francis  
History of the English Church in the 16th Century  
Selfhood and Sacrifice  
Lineage of the American Catholic Church  
Vocation  
How to Know the Bible  
Immortality  
Hope in Troubles Times (Booklet)  
The Work of Prayer  
A Spiritual Canticle of the Soul  
Revelations of Divine Love  
The Counter-Reformation  
The True Lent  
The Temple of His Body  
Life of Phillips Brooks  
The Light of the Conscience  
The Holy Ghost  
Footprints of the Son of Man  
Difficulties in the Way of Discipleship  
Self-training in Meditation  
The Dream of Gerontius  
Victim and Victor  
Our Family Ways  
St Augustine  
The Story of Christ
FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

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

March 18 — Daniel Irwin Sherry (Adult)

CONFIRMATIONS

By the RIGHT REVEREND ROBERT ERKINE CAMPBELL, O.H.C., D.D.

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

April 4 —
Johara Melvina Anderson
Sally Prentiss Bulkeley
Ethel Julia Frey
Cornelius Clifford Geary
Alexander Charles Gordon
Marian Haven Haines

Willa Eunice Hampton
Alexander Frederick Pond Heron
Louise Emma Violet Uehlin Raese
Ruth Grosse Schachian
Mildred E. Welch Sims
Estelle Lucile Bridge Wilking

MARRIAGES

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

March 6 — Charles Joseph Miller and Dorothy Louise Frey

RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER

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

March 15 — Aldene Armstrong
March 19 — Margaret Clapp (Hussey) Dinan
March 23 — Mary Elise (Damrosch) Sleeper

BURIALS

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

March 3 — Edith Mead Slocum Cuyler
March 15 — Frederick Charles Schmidt II
THE Corporate Communions for the month of May are as follows:

Sunday, May 2, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.
Monday, May 3, 8:00 (The Mission House), The Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
Wednesday, May 5, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.
Thursday, May 6, 8:00, The Fellowship of St John.
Friday, May 14, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.
Wednesday, May 26, 9:30, The Associates of the Community of St Mary.

THE altar flowers during the month of May are given in memory of the following:
May 6 — St John before the Latin Gate. Members of the Fellowship of St John
May 9 — The Second Sunday after Easter. Emily Speir Arnold.
May 23 — The Fourth Sunday after Easter. Emma Frances Taber.
May 30 — The Fifth Sunday after Easter. Louise C. Read.

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

KALENDAR FOR MAY

2. Su. EASTER I. Com. St Athanasius, B.C.D.
4. Tu. ST MARK, EV. Com. St Monica, W.
5. W. SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APP.
9. Su. EASTER II. Com. St Gregory Nazianzen, B.C.D.
11. Tu. Feria.
12. W. St Pancras, M.
15. Sa. St John Baptist de La Salle, C.
16. Su. EASTER III.
18. Tu. Feria.
19. W. St Dunstan, B.C.
20. Th. St Bernardine of Siena, C.
23. Su. EASTER IV.
24. M. St Vincent of Lerins, C.
26. W. St Augustine of Canterbury, B.C.
27. Th. St Bede, C.D.
30. Su. EASTER V. Com. St John of Arc, V.

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 2 — LOW SUNDAY
- Mass, Missa in hon. S. Clarae Assisiensis
- Motet, O sacrum convivium

**Evensong**
- Magnificat
- Nunc dimitis
- O salutaris
- Motet, O bone Jesu
- Tantum ergo (No. 6)

**Refice**
- Aichinger

#### MAY 9 — EASTER II
- Mass, Missa Quarti toni
- Motet, Laudate Dominum

**Evensong**
- Magnificat and Nunc dimitiss
- O salutaris
- Motet, Adoramus te
- Tantum ergo

**Victoria**
- Bonamico

#### MAY 16 — EASTER III
- Mass, Missa Misericordias Domini
- Motet, Dum transisset Sabbatum

**Evensong**
- Magnificat and Nunc dimitiss
- O salutaris
- Motet, O bone Jesu
- Tantum ergo (4 part)

**Rheinberger**
- Tallis

#### MAY 23 — EASTER IV
- Mass, Mass in C
- Motet, Estate fortes in bello

**Evensong**
- Magnificat and Nunc dimitiss
- O salutaris
- Motet, Adoramus te
- Tantum ergo (Opus 11, No. 5)

**Henschel**
- Victoria

#### MAY 30 — EASTER V.
- Mass, Missa in hon. Sancti Josephi
- Motet, O admirabile commercium

**Evensong**
- Magnificat and Nunc dimitiss
- O salutaris
- Motet, Adoramus te
- Tantum ergo

**Peeters**
- Handl

### SERVICES

#### SUNDAYS
- Low Mass
- Morning Prayer
- Low Mass
- Sung Mass
- Low Mass (Lady Chapel)
- High Mass, with sermon
- Evening Service and Benediction, with address

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#### WEEK DAYS
- Mass, daily
- Also on greater Holy Days as announced

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**Other Services during the Week, 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. 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.
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 Communion, 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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