Dear Parishioners of St Mary’s:

In this, the first ‘open letter’ of the new year, I purpose to fulfill the injunction placed on me through a rubric of the Book of Common Prayer. This rubric orders me “from time to time to advise the People, whilst they are in health, to make Wills, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and when, of ability, to leave Bequests for religious and charitable uses”.

Have you made your will? Have you made it prayerfully, with a full realization of your responsibility as a Christian? Whatever we acquire through our efforts we really acquire as a result of our use of God-given talents. Our possessions, then, become a solemn trust for which we must give a just account to God. They are to be used for God’s honor, for the support of those in our immediate family and for charitable works among those of the greater family of the living God. Whatever of our possessions remain to us at the time of our death should be willed to our relatives and those who are in need, to the Church, and to charitable institutions.

As one of your New Year’s resolutions I urge you to make your will. Make it a thanksgiving to God who has been for you the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Remember those in need, remember organizations who minister to those in need, remember above all the Church which ever ministers to those who are always in need of God’s grace, remember Saint Mary’s.
If very many of us would write Saint Mary's into our wills the future of the parish would be placed on a solid financial basis, thereby releasing our full efforts for spiritual progress. You will find a form of bequest printed below. For the glory of God and for the sake of your parish, I ask you to incorporate this form into your will.

Affectionately yours,

G. T. T.·

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath to THE SOCIETY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of New York, and having its principal office at 145 West 46th Street, New York City, (here stating the nature or amount of the gift)."

THE preacher at High Mass on Sunday, January the second, will be Father Alan G. Whittemore, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross.

SAINT MARY'S Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration, which was held in connection with her Patronal Feast, the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December the eighth, was filled with spiritual joy. The principal part of this celebration were the Masses offered in thanksgiving for our many blessings as a parish. A Thank Offering of over three thousand dollars was presented to the Parish Treasurer at the parish dinner. This Thank Offering is being held open for a time since contributions are daily being received. The parish dinner itself was a happy family party at which Bishop Manning and several other invited guests brought greetings. Our own parishioner and trustee, Hoxie Neale Fairchild, professor of English at Hunter College, so ably and devotedly expressed the gratitude of the laity for all that Saint Mary's has stood for during the seventy-five years of her existence that we feel it a privilege to share his address with the many readers of AVE.

A LAYMAN'S THANKS FOR SAINT MARY'S

PROFESSORS of English are always being asked to do things of this kind because they are supposed to know how to put words together. There is really no other reason for choosing me
to address you tonight. And the honor of having been elected as a
Trustee makes me all the more ashamed of my poor little gift of
gab when I consider how many men and women in the audience
know the parish more intimately than I, and have served it longer
and more fruitfully. One thing, however, I can say for myself:
there is nobody here who has more reason to be thankful for Saint
Mary's than I. This church was the instrument, under God,
through which my religious life was renewed after more than
twenty-five years of complete unbelief.

But, as you see, my personal reasons for gratitude are not of a
sort that can very well be discussed in an after-dinner speech at
Schrafft's. On such an occasion I should try to voice the collective
gratitude of the laity of this parish, the common denominator of
thankfulness which unites us all. I have no authority to do this,
but I feel so sure that my fellow-laymen will agree with me that
I do not hesitate to make the attempt.

We laymen, then, are deeply thankful for Saint Mary the
Virgin's as a parish of the Episcopal Church in which the truth, the
whole truth, and nothing but the truth of the Catholic religion is
believed and taught and practiced and made manifest, and where
the Catholic sacraments and their fruits in the sacramental life are
absolutely central. Here we may practice the Catholic religion
quietly, steadily, sincerely, reverently; with dignity and beauty;
without any straining or affectation; in perfect ease and freedom.
It is with a parish as with an individual: "He that loseth his life
shall find it." This may properly be called "the free Church of
Saint Mary the Virgin" because it has found true freedom, not by
trying to be new and different, but simply by obeying the injunction
of its Blessed Patron, "Whatsoever He tells you to do, do it."

And tonight we remember gratefully that this obedience has
been maintained for seventy-five years. In relation to the history
of the Catholic Revival within our Communion, that is a long

and honorable record. In relation to eternity, of course, it is less
impressive. There is a sense in which every parish of Holy Church
is exactly the same age as every other parish. If the life of a Catho-
lic parish is its union with the Incarnate and Crucified and Risen
Lord, who dwells beyond space and time but who dwells also within
the tabernacle, then every parish is older than the foundation of
the world and as new as this morning's Mass.

But against the background of American Church history, seventy-
five years of Catholic loyalty is certainly something to be grateful
for. All honor to the line of Rectors, with their assistant priests,
whose devotion and wisdom and courage have done so much to
make that record possible! The fifth and sixth of those Rectors
are with us tonight. When Father Williams left us a few years
ago, some of us had grave fears for the future of Saint Mary's.
But God forgave us for forgetting that a priest is a priest, and
He sent us Father Taber. As men, Father Williams and Father
Taber are interestingly different, and each has made his own char-
acteristic contribution to the development of this parish. But as
priests, they are absolutely the same in everything that is essential
to our spiritual life as communicants of Saint Mary's. We are
heartily thankful for both of them; and we are even more thankful
that our parish owes its continuity to an apostolic priesthood which
was born, not of blood, nor of the flesh, nor of the will of man,
but of God.

To be thankful for Saint Mary's as it exists today, then, is also
to be thankful for Bishop Manning, who for many years has been
one of our staunchest friends. It is very important for a parish like
ours to have a bishop who knows what a bishop is. Bishop Manning
is thoroughly well posted on that subject. Had it not been for his
loyalty to Catholic principles, and his willingness to fight for them
when they were threatened, the recent history of our parish might
have been very different.
It is not for us laymen to praise ourselves, but at least we may say that the laymen of the past must have their share of the credit for the fine record of this parish. I do not mean merely their financial support or their participation in parish organizations; I mean their contribution as worshippers and communicants to the total spiritual life of Saint Mary’s. The function of the layman in the sacramental process is not merely negative and passive. The layman himself is an essential part of that Holy Church through which grace is mediated to his spirit and to the spirits of his fellow-laymen. As a member of the Mystical Body of Christ, he has a share in the priesthood of the one High Priest. Saint Mary the Virgin’s has become what it is, not only through the priesthood of its clergy, but through the humbler priesthood of its lay communicants.

We cannot rightly give thanks for the lofty privilege of sharing in the redemptive work of the Church without trying to make increasingly worthy use of that privilege. What I must now say in pursuing this thought may not sound congratulatory enough for a birthday party. But this is a birthday party in Advent—and such an Advent!

At our Parish Dinner two years ago, I urged that we had an important stake in this war not merely as Americans, but as Catholics. Tonight I should like to suggest that we have a similar stake in the making of the post-war world. If men try to solve the immense problems of the next few years on a purely naturalistic basis, the peace that they make will merely be a prelude to another war which will probably be the end of our civilization. But if we restore the connection between the brotherhood of men and the fatherhood of God, then there will be a real chance to shape a world of enduring peace and freedom and decency. The forces moving away from God toward complete destruction will be terribly strong. On the other hand, one already observes a strong Godward trend all over the world. Thousands of people who have ignored or scorned religion are beginning—just beginning—to see that it takes the Superhuman to keep the human from becoming subhuman.

Will such people find in the Church a sympathetic friend, or a supercilious critic of their imperfections and uncertainties? We shall not be of much use in the coming spiritual crisis if we are thankful for Saint Mary’s merely as a blessed refuge from the din and strife of contemporary affairs, as a means of dodging immediate human obligations. No escape from the world can be found by worshipping the God who loved the world so very much that He entered it to suffer and to die.

And we shall not be of much use if we proceed on the assumption that the entire non-Catholic world is in complete spiritual darkness. On this point Catholic laymen are sometimes narrower than Catholic clergy. I have never seen a priest who believed that incense was necessary for salvation, but I have seen some laymen who approached that position pretty closely. “Strictly orthodox” is a term often applied to the sort of Churchman who thinks that nobody who is not a Catholic possesses any religious truth. But as a matter of fact this opinion is heretical. The Church would have us respect and love and actively foster those incomplete but precious gifts of grace which God has given, sometimes very abundantly, to those other sheep of His which are not of this fold.

I am not suggesting the slightest relaxation of Catholic belief or practice on our part, or the slightest compromise with external forces which would interfere with our faith or its modes of expression. I rejoice, for example, in the recent defeat of the proposal to unite us with the Presbyterians. But that good and necessary fight having been won, I do think we spend a little too much time in thanking God that we are not as Presbyterians are, and too little time in loving Presbyterians and in working with them in the very large area in which we can work with them on a Christian basis.

In a recent article on Jacques Maritain, it is said that the mind of this great Catholic philosopher “glows with charities, and is
marvellously exempt from spiritual pride.” I winced a little when I read that. It made me wonder if I had made a thoroughly Catholic use of the gifts which Saint Mary’s has given me. In the present spiritual crisis the difficult but necessary task of the Church is unswervingly to preserve its own integrity, and at the same time encourage and support the gropings of all men who are trying to work their way toward God. If we look outward toward the poor lost world with a face of love and sympathy, not of shocked disapproval, many wanderers will learn to be as grateful to this parish as you and I are tonight.

So finally, my fellow-layman, let us be thankful not only for what Saint Mary’s has done for us, but also for what, by God’s grace, Saint Mary’s may do through us for the bewildered and suffering world.

— Hoxie N. Fairchild

THE Guild of Help has ‘drafted’ Father Taber for another Book Review for the benefit of the work of the Guild in the interests of the Church Mission of Help and other social work of the Church. The Review will again be given at the residence of Mrs Eugene W. Mason, 111 East 69th Street and the date appointed is Thursday afternoon, January the twenty-seventh, at four o’clock. Tickets at $2.20 (including tax) may be obtained from Mrs Mason or from the parish secretary. Afternoon tea will be served.

UNDER the auspices of the Diocesan Board of the Woman’s Auxiliary, on Tuesday, January the fourth, at two-thirty in the afternoon, in Saint Thomas’ Parish House, 1 West 53rd Street, the Reverend Alan G. Whittemore, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross, will give an instruction to women on the spiritual significance of their Church work. Attendance at this address is not confined to members of the Auxiliary. All women are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity.

KALENDAR FOR JANUARY

1. Sa. CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD.
4. Tu. Octave Day of the Holy Innocents, MM.
5. W. Vigil. Com. St Telesphorus, B.M.
6. Th. THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.
11. Tu. Of the Octave. Com. St Hyginus, B.M.
16. Su. EPIPHANY II. Com. St Marcellus, B.M.
20. Th. SS Fabian, B., & Sebastian, MM.
22. Sa. SS Vincent & Anastasius, MM.
23. Su. EPIPHANY III. Com. St Raymund of Pennaforte, C., and St Emerantiana, V.M.
26. W. St Polycarp, B.M.
27. Th. St John Chrysostom, B.C.D.
28. F. St Peter Nolasco, C. Com. second Feast of St Agnes, V.M. Mass for Peace, 12:10. Abstinence.
29. Sa. St Francis of Sales, B.C.D.
30. Su. EPIPHANY IV. Com. St Martina, V.M.

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 1 — CIRCUMCISION
Mass, Missa Magnae Deus potentiae .... Plainchant

JANUARY 2 — CHRISTMAS II
Mass, Messe breve ............................. Ropartz
Motet, Ave Verum .............................. Cipolla
Evening, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis ........................... Grassi
O salutaris ...................................... Ravanello
Motet, Adoramus te .............................. di Lasso
Tantum ergo (No. 4) ................................... Sixteenth Century

JANUARY 9 — THE HOLY FAMILY
Mass, Missa in E .................................. Rehm
Motet, In te Domini speravi ...................... Saladino
Evening, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis ................. Bachieri
O salutaris ....................................... Franz
Motet, Adoramus te .............................. Remondi
Tantum ergo ...................................... Kodaly

JANUARY 16 — EPIPHANY II
Mass, Missa Sanctae Clarae Assisiensis ............... Kromolicki
Motet, Ego sum panis vivus ...................... Caldara
Evening, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis ................. Viadana
O salutaris ....................................... Caplet
Motet, Adoramus te .............................. Saladino
Tantum ergo ...................................... Tartini

JANUARY 23 — EPIPHANY III
Mass, Missa Sancti Laurentii, Justiniani .......... Ravanello
Motet, Quarite primum ........................... Casciolini
Evening, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis .......... Aula
O salutaris ....................................... Terrabugio
Motet, Ave Verum .............................. Bentivoglio
Tantum ergo ...................................... Breidenstein

JANUARY 30 — EPIPHANY IV
Mass, Mass for Three Voices ...................... Byrd
Motet, O esca viatorum ........................... Isaac
Evening, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis .............. Anerio
O salutaris ....................................... Bentivoglio
Motet, Panis angelicus ........................... Casciolini
Tantum ergo ...................................... Cipolla

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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

November 7 — Walter Aniello Pons (Infant)
November 14 — Raymond Clapp Doop

MARRIAGE
“Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.”

Schuyler Graves Burdett and Lilian Teresa Zubar

RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER
“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

November 1 — Mr and Mrs Stephen J. Chamberlin
Sarah Chamberlin
Stephen J. Chamberlin, Jr.
November 8 — Thomas MacCounghry Judson
November 9 — John R. Cline Baker
November 11 — Paul Adde Fancher
November 26 — Sally Magowan

BURIAL
“Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them.”

November 13 — Anna R. Irwin

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

January 23 — 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 Communions for the month of January are as follows:

Sunday, January 2, 9:00. The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.
Wednesday, January 5, 9:30. The St Mary's Guild.
Friday, January 14, 9:30. The Woman's Auxiliary.
Wednesday, January 26, 9:30. The Associates of the Community of St Mary.
Sunday, January 30, 9:00. The Church School. The Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.

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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 p.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 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 Ward: Fridays, 7 to 8; Saturdays, 3 to 4 p.m.

Father Bruce: Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 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 devotional meeting, third Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, first Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Craven, 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, 4-5:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Ward, 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 Ward, Chaplain.

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

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS


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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