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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's,

This year Septuagesima Sunday falls on February the sixth and Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is February the twenty-third. With her unfailing wisdom the Church provides a little better than two weeks, beginning with Septuagesima Sunday, as a period of preparation for the holy season of Lent.

What should our preparation be? Many of us fail to enter into the joy of the spiritual life because of poor planning of the daily living in and for Christ Jesus. We are all headed for the same goal, namely, union with our blessed Lord, but many of us do not reach the goal because we make no definite plans for the pilgrimage. In other words, our Christian living is too often haphazard. As a result our spiritual life often lacks reality and joy.

Let each one of us then on Septuagesima Sunday begin to draw up a definite plan for Christian living during Lent. As a basis for such a plan some suggestions for a Lenten Rule follow. But these are and can be mere suggestions, since no two of us are in the same spiritual condition and each one of us wants to grow in grace and to bear a brighter witness to the Lord of Glory.

In His Holy Name, therefore, I call upon you carefully to prepare for Lent. Make a Lenten Rule and offer it in love to your Lord. Consider your Rule a minimum, the bounds of which you will break with great-hearted devotion. Make your Rule with the idea that it may lift your spiritual life to a happier and holier level which by God's help you will maintain after Lent is past.

Affectionately yours,

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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.



VICARIOUS PRAYER

Morning or Evening Prayer in an empty church does when he prays in the name of the whole body of the faithful. The priest who is without a congregation save the server does when he offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In each case the priest is expressing the corporate mind of the whole Church Catholic, not the mind of one or more of her members. And in the celebration of the Holy Mass it is not only the whole Church that is praying in the person of the priest, but Jesus Christ is praying too, for He is the Priest and Victim in every Mass.

Now you as well as your priest are a representative of all mankind. As a Christian you will best represent mankind at prayer. Just as choirs of angels are incessantly praising God in His goodness here before earthly altars. The very fact that many services are being held in your parish church—daily Masses, the daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer, the Stations of the Cross, the recitation of the Rosary, Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament, services of intercession, and all the rest—serves as a warning voice to the men in the world that worship belongs in daily life and that all men, whether they admit it or not, are at least potential citizens of the Kingdom of God. These many services serve notice that even that which is considered secular must be offered to God since it belongs to Him. When the Angelus bell rings three times each day here at Saint Mary's it is a reminder to the throngs in the Times Square area that the chief joy in the life of the world is found in the fact of the Incarnation of the Son of God and the many blessings that flow therefrom.

Now corporate worship carried on through the many daily services and devotions becomes an expression of the all-important fact that Christians belong to a brotherhood, that they are indeed "members one of another". Our blessed Lord denounced prayer as an individualistic and unsocial act when He taught His disciples the prayer beginning with "Our Father" and continuing with the emphasis on the social and the corporate. This great Lord's Prayer proclaims that no one of us may expect to be the exclusive object of God's love and that no one of us may expect to receive graces different from the graces offered to others. This great Prayer proclaims too that no one of us may presume to pray in utter disregard of his fellow men and that no one of us may be enriched because of the impoverishment of someone else, since the supply of God's grace is endless for all.

Our blessed Lord who taught men how to pray in new and better fashion gave these same men a new commandment. Did He not say "A new commandment give I unto you, That ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another"? Yes, Jesus Christ gave a new prayer and a new commandment. In so doing He taught that we His followers are to be one body, one family of God, and that as we pray our prayer becomes prayer of fellowship, prayer of the people of the living God.

Now where does vicarious praying come into the general picture? Just here. All cannot be present at the daily services of corporate prayer. Some will not attend. Some fail to appreciate their privilege. Some are otherwise engaged at the stated hours of prayer. Nevertheless, the daily Mass and the daily Offices and other devotions remain forms of corporate worship. Many of us can plan to be present at the Church's daily corporate worship.

As we attend we may pray vicariously, that is, as representatives of those who do not join us.

Go to Mass, attend Morning and Evening Prayer and other devotions on behalf of and as a representative of that son of the parish in the Army or Navy of our country cut off from Catholic privileges, that man away on a business trip taking him miles away from any altar, that lapsed Christian busily answering the call of the world, the flesh and the devil, that sick person bearing a cross and suffering over a prolonged time, that individual who believes he is the captain of his own soul and the master of his own fate, that missionary who is imprisoned in an internment camp in a far off land, yes, that priest or bishop who has failed to appreciate the happy discipline of the life of regular prayer.

If you pray vicariously you will grow in charity. You will pray on behalf of and in the place of others. You will be of the happy number of those frequenters of the Temple of whom the ancient pilgrims on their way to work chanted the well-known psalm

"Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord." With your priest you may joyfully reply as did the priests and Levites of old

"The Lord that made heaven and earth give thee blessing out of Sion."

NO one can enter with enthusiasm upon the keeping of a good Lent unless the barrier of his sins has been removed. To this end the Church Catholic urges her children to make faithful use of the Sacrament of Holy Penance. The schedule of confessions here at Saint Mary's on Shrove Tuesday, February the twenty-second, follows:

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

THE Ash Wednesday Masses on February the twenty-third 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.



THE evening of Passion Sunday, March the twenty-sixth, has been appointed by Bishop Manning for the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation. Instruction for adults and older boys and girls will be given on the six preceding Sunday evenings, beginning with Sunday, February the thirteenth. These instructions are given in place of the sermon at the regular Sunday evening service at eight. Invite your friends who have no definite church home to accompany you to the Sunday evening instructions. Here is your opportunity to be a missionary by bringing some one into touch with the revealed love of God.

Godparents have promised to bring their godchildren to the Bishop for Holy Confirmation. They should see to it that these godchildren are instructed before Confirmation. The Clergy and the Sisters of the Holy Nativity are giving instructions for younger boys and girls according to a special schedule.



WEDNESDAY, February the second, is the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and more commonly called Candlemas Day. The candles to be used at our altars and shrines during the coming year will be blessed before the first Mass of the day. We should be grateful if members of the congregation would assume the privilege of giving candles as memorials or thank offerings. Contributions to this end will be gladly received by the Rector.



THE annual Acolytes' Festival will be held on Lincoln's Birthday. Saturday. February the twelfth. As usual the service will be a Solemn Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a Procession of the Host and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This year we shall welcome as preacher at this festival Father Ruth, the Director-General of the Order of Saint Vincent for Acolytes. We at Saint Mary's will be host to many visiting priests and acolytes from New York and its vicinity. The members of Saint Mary's congregation are most cordially invited to attend this happy festival.

THE readers of AVE will be glad to learn that the Thank Offering in connection with the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Saint Mary's amounted to \$3,217.50. The Christmas Offering of 1943 has totaled \$2,592.19. This is the largest Christmas Offering Saint Mary's has had in many years. We are grateful to the many friends of Saint Mary's who have had a glad share in either or both of these offerings.



T recent annual meetings elections resulted as follows:

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President, Mrs Harold H. Bowman
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SAINT MARY'S GUILD

President, Miss Anne Arnold Vice President, Mrs Lenore V. Thomas Recording Secretary, Mrs Leonard Wickenden Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lillian Clisbee Treasurer, Mrs Newbury Frost Read.



FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH

IN 1549, when in England the first Prayer Book was authoritatively issued and sixteen years before the first permanent settlement was made in continental United States, St Francis Xavier landed at Kogoshima to preach the Gospel to the Japanese.

The labors of this greatest missionary of the second millenium were singularly blessed, although he remained in the Japanese islands less than three years. Other missionaries followed him and before the close of the sixteethh century there was an apparent likelihood of the triumph of the Cross throughout this region.

In 1597, however, the reigning Emperor, Taicosama, perhaps with a view to consolidating an empire which for a century and a half had been torn by civil strife, ordered the extirpation of Christianity in his realm. There followed a bloody course. Although but twenty-six martyrs are particularly commemorated in the mass of February 15th, more than one hundred thousand Christians were put to death in this persecution. Others fled, to live in caves after the manner of the earlier-day Christians of the catacombs. The chief pastors and most of the flock had been put to death. In the course of time, the few scattered sheep lost the Faith. Yet, when finally Occidentals were readmitted to Japan in the latter part of the last century, simple instruments of devotion were discovered—crucifixes, rosary beads and the like. These were treasured, by a very few, in ignorance and as if they had magical powers. How different might have been their experience had the episcopacy been granted them, by its powers to preserve the continuity of the visible Church.

Martyrdom truly betokens the virility of our Holy Faith. At mass on this day let each one ask himself for the divine help and for strength to bear witness to the Christ who bids us live with Him eternally.

Among these twenty-six servants of Christ who were faithful unto death was St Philip of Jesus, a Franciscan and missionary from Mexico to the Philippine Islands, whose ship was stormblown to the shores of Japan while he was returning home. His mission was to the Filipinos, yet his call to his Heavenly Home came to him, by chance, in another country. Consider Mexico in the days of the Conquistadores, so religiously fervent that they readily sent missionaries to foreign lands. St Philip's feast is kept, particularly in Mexico, on February 5th. Pray at mass that like him we may be prepared to heed the call of Christ wherever we are. Consider also our obligation to spread the Gospel. Let each one search his soul, asking whether he is praying and paying for missions.

Forty-eight years from the coming of St Francis to the crowning of the Martyrs of Japan. Forty-eight years from the consecration of our own John McKim for work in that same country until the attack on Pearl Harbor. Pray at mass for our fellow-Christians in Japan, that they may be faithful even unto death so that they may be forever assured of the crown of life.

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

February 2 — The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ursula Dumont Arnold.

February 12 - The Acolytes' Festival. Mrs. Archibald Russell.

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."

December 6 — Raymond Clapp Doop

Margaret Louise Husted

Jere Raymond Wickwire



MARRIAGES

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

December 3 - Richard Norman Foster and Mae Trean Burns



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

December 10 — Frances Billings
December 31 — Grace Whitman



BURIALS

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

December 6 - Catherine Taylor

December 16 - Charlotte Drummond Wegmann

December 30 - Helen E. Leeds

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

Wednesday, February 2, 9:30, The Guild of St Mary.

Sunday, February 6, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.

Monday, February 7, 8:00 (The Mission House), Associates of the Sister-hood of the Holy Nativity.

Wednesday, February 23, 9:30, The Associates of the Community of St Mary.

Sunday, February 27, 9:00, The Church School. The Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.

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

KALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 1. Tu. St Ignatius, B.M. Com. St Bride, V.
- 2. W. THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
- 3. Th. St Blase, B.M. Com. St Ansgarius, B.C.
- 4. F. St Andrew Corsini, B.C. Com. St Gilbert of Sempringham, C. Mass for Peace, 12:10. Abstinence.
- 5. Sa. St Agatha, V.M.
- ★ 6. Su. SEPTUAGESIMA. Com. St Titus, B.C., and St Dorothy, V.M.
 - 7. M. St Romuald, Ab. Requiem Mass, 8.
 - 8. Tu. St John of Matha, C.
 - 9. W. St Cyril of Alexandria, B.C.D. Com. St Apollonia, V.M.
 - 10. Th. St Scholastica, V.
 - 11. F. The Vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass in time of War, 12:10. Abstinence.
- 12. Sa. The Holy Founders of the Servites. At 11, Solemn Votive
 Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, Procession of the Host
 and Benediction.
- ¥13. Su. SEXAGESIMA. Com. St Kentigern, B.C.
 - 14. M. St Valentine, Pr.M.
- 15. Tu. SS Faustinus & Jovita, MM. Com. the Martyrs of Japan.
- 16. W. Feria. Requiem Mass, 7.
- 17. Th. Feria.
- 18. F. St Mary Bernard Soubirous, V. Com. St Simeon, B.M. Mass for Peace, 12:10. Abstinence.
- 19. Sa. Feria. Mass of St Mary
- ₹20. Su. QUINQUAGESIMA.
 - 21. M. Feria. Requiem Mass, 8.
- Tu. Chair of St Peter at Antioch. Com. St. Joseph of Arimathea,
 C. (Shrove Tuesday.)
- 23. W. ASH WEDNESDAY. Com. St Peter Damian, B.C.D. Fast and abstinence.
- 24. Th. Feria. Com. Vigil. Fast.
- 25. F. ST MATTHIAS, AP. Com. Feria. Mass in time of War, 12:10. Fast and abstinence.
- 26. Sa. Feria. Fast.
- ₹27. Su. LENT I.
 - 28. M. Feria. Com. St Gabriel, C. Fast.
- 29. Tu. Feria. Fast.

Days indicated by A 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 FEBRUARY

SERVICES

SERVICES	
Sundays	
Low Mass 7:0	00 a.m.
Morning Prayer 7:4	10 a.m.
	00 a.m.
Sung Mass 9:0	00 a.m.
	00 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon	00 a.m.
Evening Service and Benediction, with address . 8:0	00 p.m.
Week Days*	
Mass, daily 7, 8, and 9:3	0 a.m.
Also on greater Holy Days as announced	
11 a.m. and 12:1	•
3 7 (7)	00 a.m.
)0 p.m.
Special Devotions, Fridays 8:1	
Special Devotions in time of war 12:1	•
Wednesdays, Exposition, Intercessions and Benediction	n.
Fridays, Votive Mass.	
* Consult the Weekly Parish Leaflet for schedule of Lenten s February 23rd to 29th (inclusive).	ervices,
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 Firs	t Con-
fession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communi	on.
The Parish Secretary's office is open at the following tim	nes:
Mondays to Fridays 9:15 to 1 and 2 to	
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 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, 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

- 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.

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