Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's:

Since the last issue of AVE much has happened by way of encouragement in the progress of the war. D-Day has come and gone and now with confidence many are looking toward V-Day number one and then V-Day number two. On D-Day churches everywhere were thronged and many prayers went up for the men in the Armed Forces. On the V-Days undoubtedly churches will again be thronged with grateful worshippers. This is all to the good.

If, however, religious fervor on days of outstanding significance is going to ring true and not like “a sounding brass or a tinkling symbol,” then such fervor must be a natural consequence of faithful devotion day by day. Otherwise it will resemble the emptiness of the Easter Day religious enthusiasm of those who have not darkened a church door since the previous Easter Day.

This leads me to remind each of you that since Pearl Harbor there have been held here at Saint Mary's two Special Devotions in Time of War. Each Wednesday noon from twelve-ten to twelve-forty-five there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with Intercessions, Thanksgivings and the committing to God's loving care of those of the Armed Forces who are members of Saint Mary's as well as those for whom prayers have been asked. Each Friday noon at twelve-ten there is a Votive Mass either “For Peace” or “In Time of War.”

A goodly number of the faithful have been attending these special war devotions. Surely many more will wish to be in
attendance on Wednesdays and Fridays, praying that only under and for God our fighting men may make their sacrifices and that only under and for God the war may terminate in a righteous peace.

Affectionately,

Our best friends, the saints in glory and the faithful on earth, are praying that we may be blessed in the spiritual life. What do we mean by the spiritual life?

The spiritual life is a life both of vision and of action. Those who are spiritually alive and not spiritually dead come to see that the life of Jesus Christ is the light of men. Likewise, they come to consider that their primary daily activity is uniting themselves with Him who is the light.

Does this mean that the spiritual life begins with man's efforts? By no means. The spiritual life begins with God. In the Creed we Christians affirm “I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life.” The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, God the Holy Ghost, is the author of the spiritual life for you and for me. He it is who shows us Jesus, the divine Son, who in turn reveals to us the Father. “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father” was the reply given by our blessed Lord to St. Philip as he impatiently pleaded “Lord, show us the Father and it suffice us.” Unlike St. Philip, you and I may not see Jesus walking about our streets and lanes but we may turn to the Holy Ghost as we pray “Enable with perpetual light the dulness of our blinded sight.” In answer to our prayer the Holy Ghost will give us the eyes of faith with which to see Jesus on His throne in heaven, in the Sacred Host at the Holy Mass, through the pages of the holy Gospel and reigning over the hearts of His loved ones.

Not only does the Holy Ghost show us Jesus, but He gives us that “fire of love” which so enflames our hearts that we will to use every means of grace to effect a union with Jesus, whether the means of grace be a Sacrament of Holy Church or an act of self-surrender in vocal or mental prayer. Yes, it is the Holy Ghost who is the author of the spiritual life for you and for me.

Unless, however, we men and women of free wills cooperate with the Holy Ghost, we cannot attain to the joys of the spiritual life. There are so many well-meaning Christians whose life is mainly a response to daily activities such as work, amusements, exercise, meals. Such life is an outward life. In contrast to this there is an inward life which can be lived only as we respond to the Holy Ghost who will show us Jesus and unite us to Him through the Sacraments of Holy Church, through our prayers, through the prickings of conscience and through the desire to resist the temptation to sin.
May we never be content to live a butterfly type of existence, responding merely to outward things and never looking within! Rather may we by the power of the Holy Ghost live the spiritual life, firmly convinced that the life which the world offers, no matter how pleasant or innocent it may be, is after all a mere shadow and that the only real life is that lived in the light of Jesus Christ and in union with Him!

*Veni, Creator Spiritus*

"Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, And lighten with celestial fire. Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart. Thy blessed unction from above, Is comfort, life, and fire of love. Enable with perpetual light The dulness of our blinded sight. Anoint and cheer our soiled face With the abundance of thy grace. Keep far our foes, give peace at home; Where thou art guide, no ill can come. Teach us to know the Father, Son, And thee, of both, to be but One; That, through the ages all along, This may be our endless song: Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

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By happy custom the first Sunday in October is observed at St Mary's as the Feast of the Dedication. On this Festival as many as possible will attend the great High Mass of Thanksgiving to show our gratitude for our many blessings as we enjoy the privilege of worshipping in this church edifice that so clearly bespeaks the presence of God and so emphatically calls us to ever greater devotion.

**OCTOBER 19**

Born in 1499 of illustrious parents at Alcantara, Spain, St Peter entered the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) at the age of sixteen. From that time until his death in 1562 he ceaselessly practiced great austerities and he became an example not only to the members of his Order but his influence was felt throughout the Church. Saint Peter was a contemporary of St Teresa of Jesus, St John of the Cross, St Francis Borgia and Blessed John of Avila in that period of great reforms, and he himself was in the forefront of the Carmelite reform which was so largely influenced by St Teresa.

Upon his death St Teresa wrote of him: "Oh! what a perfect imitator of Jesus Christ God has just taken from us, by calling to his glory that blessed religious, Brother Peter of Alcantara. The world, they say, is no longer capable of such high perfection; constitutions are weaker, and we are not now in the olden times. Here is a saint of the present day; yet his manly fervour equalled that of past ages; and he had a supreme disdain for everything earthly. But without going barefoot like him, or doing such sharp penance, there are many ways in which we can practise contempt of the world, and which our Lord will teach us as soon as we have courage. What great courage must the holy man I speak of have received from God, to keep up for forty-seven years the rigorous penance that all now know."

That such an "extremist" should have been so essentially practical will surprise us only until we have read and studied his *Golden Treatise of Mental Prayer*. St Francis of Sales, amongst other Masters of the Interior Life, drew generously from the Treatise which has an appendix which considers the attainment of Devotion. This small volume is available in most convenient size in an edition supervised by Father Hollings, S.S.J.E., and published in this country by Morehouse-Gorham.

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On the last day of August Father Ward terminated his ministry on the clergy staff of St Mary's. After his holiday he will take up new duties on the staff of St John's Church, Los Angeles. The prayers of his many friends will follow him in his new work for God and Holy Church.
A SPECIAL Offering envelope is enclosed in this number of AVE for your gift to the Army and Navy Commission of the Episcopal Church. A descriptive folder tells of the genuine need for help. You will gladly have your share in the Church’s work with the Armed Forces.

ON Friday nights, beginning with Friday, October the sixth, Father Taber will give a course of instructions on Church History in St Joseph’s Hall. These instructions will begin promptly at seven-thirty and will be followed by a ten-minute period given over to the “Question Box.” The evening will be brought to a close by the regular Friday night devotions in the Lady Chapel at eight-fifteen. Last year these Friday evening instructions and devotions were increasingly well attended by both men and women. You are most cordially invited to avail yourself of the privileges of popular instruction and popular devotion every Friday.

ON the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, October the twenty-ninth, the Servants of Christ the King are holding their Annual Rally at St Mary’s. This rally begins at three-thirty in the afternoon with registration. The opening service will be held in the Church at four and will be conducted by Father Emerson, Rector of St Paul’s Church, Norwalk, Connecticut. Refreshments will then be served and the rally proper will be held in the parish house at six-fifteen led by Father Wadhams, Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, New York City. The rally will be brought to a close with Evensong and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at eight at which time Father Ford, Rector of St Mary’s Church, Sparta, New Jersey will be the preacher.

The Servants of Christ the King is an organization for young people who pledge themselves to live by a Catholic Rule of Life. A goodly number of our St Mary’s young people are already members of the SCK and it is hoped that many more may join. Those interested will kindly consult with one of the clergy or with The Sister Mary Angela, S.H.N.

ON Armistice Day, November the eleventh, a Catholic Conference is being held at St Mary’s under the auspices of the Catholic Layman’s Club of New York. At the High Mass at eleven the Right Reverend the Bishop of Long Island will preside and preach. The Conference luncheon will be held at the Hotel Capitol. The speakers will be William R. Castle, former Ambassador to Japan and former Under Secretary of State and Professor Tinker, Sterling professor of English Literature at Yale University. The Conference will be brought to a close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at four. This Conference promises to provide a day of enthusiastic witness to our blessed Lord and to the Catholic Cause in the Episcopal Church. All, both men and women, will wish to attend. Tickets for the luncheon at one dollar and seventy-five cents may be obtained by applying to John R. C. Baker, Treasurer, The Church Office, 145 West 46th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

THE opening meeting of the Woman’s Auxiliary will be held on Friday, October the thirteenth. There will be a corporate communion at the nine-thirty Mass, followed by a business meeting in St Joseph’s Hall at ten-thirty. Every woman of St Mary’s is urged to ally herself with the Woman’s Auxiliary, the Church’s missionary organization.

We are urged to request that those women who have been knitting for the Seamen’s Church Institute please return the finished articles before this meeting to Mrs Kathleen G. Spencer, 25 Prospect Place, Tudor City, New York 17, N. Y.

ALTHOUGH St Mary’s Summer Home at Keyport, New Jersey was not officially opened this year many of the parishioners “ unofficially” enjoyed a holiday at Keyport at their own expense. We were indeed glad to have the Summer Home used and we shall hope to be able to reopen it another summer.

THE boys and girls of St Mary’s have been notified by mail of the reopening of the Church School on Sunday, October
the first, at the nine o'clock Mass. It is most important that all of the boys and girls of St Mary's of the ages of four through seventeen regularly worship at the Holy Mass and regularly receive instruction. There is even a class for "anyone under a hundred." This latter is attended by parents who wait for the dismissal of the younger children—and all others who desire instruction.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

**BAPTISMS**

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

May 24—Ralph Kenneth DuFour (Adult)
June 15—Martin Jay Arsen (Infant)
June 18—October Monica Brown (Adult)
June 24—Gustav Deane Soltz (Adult)
July 6—Mary Agnes Goodson (Adult)
July 23—Carol Mary Miller (Infant)
Aug. 6—Kenneth Alexander Ramsay (Adult)

**CONFIRMATIONS**

By the Right Reverend William T. Manning, D.D.

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

June 26—Gustav Deane Soltz
October Monica Brown

**MARRIAGES**

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

May 26—Ralph Kenneth DuFour and Florence Diana Gordon
May 27—Victor Theodore Humphreys and Barbara Anne Gibbs
June 25—Joseph Robert DeParis and Marie Lillian Mason
July 11—Charles Richard Rocks and Mary Agnes Goodson
Aug. 29—Malcolm Barton Thompson, Jr., and Martha Gregg Casey

**RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER**

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

May 19—Pauline Lewis Groesbeck
June 29—Louis James Spellos
Pearl Louise Yerkes Spellos
July 11—Georgia Lou Holmes
July 27—Charlotte Joyce Pluckhahn
July 31—Robert Cook Thayer
Renia Silloway Thayer
Tobey Thayer
Aug. 3—John C. McCutchen
Carvel Mercer McCutchen
Aug. 9—Lawrence Lovell Schoonover

**BURIALS**

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

June 3—Santiago Perez
June 17—Arthur Francis Campbell
July 28—Emma Brandt Donovan
July 31—Edwin Robert Maslen
Aug. 3—Charles McFall
Aug. 29—Aline G. Tolfree
Aug. 31—Malcolm Barton Thompson

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T**HE** altar flowers for the month of October are given in memory of the following:

Oct. 8—The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. Thomas Coit Fanning and Cornelia Lane Fanning.

Of your charity pray for the happy repose of their souls and of the souls of all the faithful departed. Requiescant in pacem.
THE Corporate Communions for the month of October are as follows:

Sunday, October 1, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.
Wednesday, October 4, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.
Friday, October 13, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.
Sunday, October 29, 9:00, The Church School. The Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.

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**KALENDER FOR OCTOBER**

1. Su. THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION. Com. Trinity XVII and St Remigius, B.C.
3. Tu. St Teresa of the Child Jesus, V.
4. W. St Francis of Assisi, C.
7. Sa. HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Com. St Mark, B.C., and SS Sergius and Companions, MM.
8. Su. TRINITY XVIII. Com. St Bridget, W.
10. Tu. St Francis Borgia, C. Com. St Paulinus, B.C.
11. W. MOTHERHOOD OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
15. Su. TRINITY XIX. Com. St Teresa, V.
17. Tu. St Margaret Mary, V. Com. St Etheldreda, Abs.
18. W. ST LUKE, EV.
19. Th. St Peter of Alcantara, C. Com. St Frideswide, V.
22. Su. TRINITY XX.
25. W. SS Chrysanthus & Daria, MM. Com. SS Crispin & Crispinian, MM.
26. Th. St Evaristus, B.M.
28. Sa. SS SIMON & JUDE. APP.
29. Su. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING. Com. Trinity XXI.
31. Tu. Vigil of All Saints.

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 OCTOBER

### October 1

- **Mass**, Missa in festis solemnibus
- Motet: Urbs beata Jerusalem

### October 8

- **Mass**, Missa monodica
- Motet: O Jesu meek

### October 15

- **Mass**, Missa Davidica
- Motet: O mysterium inefabile

### October 22

- **Mass**, Missa Panis quem ego dedero
- Motet: Benedictus

### October 29

- **Mass**, Messe breve à Ste. Anne
- Motet: Alleluia-Psallat

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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.

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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 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, 4:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m.

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.

GUILD OF ALL SOULS.—St Mary’s Ward. Meetings (Lady Chapel) third Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Craven, Chaplain.

SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE KING.—For young people who will keep a Catholic Rule of Life. Meetings and corporate communions as announced.

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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