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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's:

Since my last letter to the parish family there have been many changes. The world has changed from a state of war to a state of peace. At noon on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary a Solemn Votive Mass of Thanksgiving for Victory was celebrated. At this High Mass solemn were our thoughts for we remembered all of the sacrifices that have been made for God and country during this world struggle. And we felt the great responsibility of proving ourselves worthy of these sacrifices, which are a reflection of the Supreme Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Ringing in our ears were the majestic words of the Lamb of Calvary: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".

Changes too there have been in the clergy staff. By his own wish Father Craven resigned in order that he might give himself to special work and study during an interim between pastoral duties. He has faithfully served on the parish staff for six years. His many friends will greatly miss him. Father Funk has also relinquished his work with us to enter Holy Cross Monastery in October, there to try his vocation for the Religious Life. Such has been his desire ever since he began his preparation for the priesthood. We are grateful for the blessings which both Father Craven and Father Funk have brought to Saint Mary's and our prayers will follow them as they go forward in the service of the Great High Priest.

Year by year, year by year, the first of October, we eagerly begin the full schedule of worship and work for the fall and winter months. May each one of us who make up the parish family...
rededicate himself to a glad acceptance of a generous share in this worship and work that the name of God may be glorified!

Affectionately yours,

[Signature]

ANGELS

Do you believe in angels? Our blessed Lord does. Frequently during His earthly ministry He spoke of angels and warned His disciples against the devil, the chief of the fallen angels. He taught that children have guardian angels, that angels carry the souls of the faithful to a place of waiting, that angels will reap the harvest of the world at the last day and that when He Himself shall come again in glory He will be surrounded by angels.

The Apostles too believed in angels. The One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church has never doubted the existence of angels. Indeed she has provided in her calendar many feasts dedicated to angels such as St Michael and All Angels on September twenty-ninth, the Holy Guardian Angels on October second, St Raphael the Archangel on October twenty-fourth, St Gabriel the Archangel on March twenty-fourth, and the Vision of St Michael on May eighth. The Bible too has many references to angels, thirty-nine of which are found in the four Gospels and eighty-eight of which are found in other Books of the New Testament, to say nothing of the many Old Testament references.

But the point is, do you believe in angels? It is natural that you should. After all, if God uses men to build cities and found cultures and disclose the powers of His creation, why should He not employ the services of other created beings? This He has done. An angel announced the birth of St John Baptist. An angel it was who announced the conception of Jesus Himself and His birth was welcomed by angels. Angels ministered to Him after His battle with the devil at His temptation in the wilderness. Angels were present at His Resurrection and at His Ascension. Angels have ever been messengers of God and guardians of His children and warriors against evil angels, who have comprised the hosts of evil, and bearers of the souls of the faithful departed to their rest and bearers too of the prayers of the Church to heaven. Angels have been witnesses to the conduct of men and rejoice over a sinner's repentance. They will also be witnesses at the judgment of men. In short, angels are God's agents for the maintaining of moral growth, the sustaining and protecting of mankind (sometimes carrying out special missions of revelation or help) and the ministry of worship and judgment.

Unlike God, angels are finite since they are part of His creation. Unlike men, angels are wholly spiritual beings. Like men, angels have the power of moral choice, the abuse of which has caused part of the angelic creation to devote itself to evil rebellion against God's will. Such a group we call the fallen angels, or devils, of whom Satan is the chief. These fallen angels seek to destroy men through temptation but they have no power over God Who is Omnipotent.

Records show that angels have appeared to human sight. Such appearances may have been purely subjective or angels may have been empowered by God to assume objective physical form. In any event, the appearances were genuine. Of course men have tried to represent angels in art and they have frequently represented them with wings, yet these wings are purely symbolic as are the halos represented about the heads of saints or the palm branches represented in the hands of martyrs. The number of angels is very great and they are revealed to us as organized hosts. Scholastic writers in a speculative mood have divided the hosts of angels according to names given them in Holy Scriptures into three hierarchies, each with three orders. The first hierarchy in attendance immediately upon God consists of thrones, cherubim and seraphim; the second hierarchy operating in nature or in warfare consists of dominations, virtues, and powers; and the third hierarchy existing to carry out special missions and to aid men consists of principalities, archangels and angels.

All of this may or may not interest the average Christian, but that which is essential for us to grasp is this: we are born into a universe in which there is a constant spiritual conflict going on between the forces of good and the forces of evil and
each member of both of these forces possesses free will. It becomes our happy duty, revealed by God himself, to cooperate with the good and to oppose the evil. As our life as Christians becomes one with Christ's holy life, we may rest secure against the very worst that the armies of evil, with Satan as their leader, can do to us because we fight as members of Christ's Mystical Body, the Church. In such fighting we are protected by hosts of angels. We have as heavenly allies the saints in glory. We are ringed about with the prayers of the saints. We draw our very life from Jesus who is our Life, against Whom death and the devil will forever be powerless.

Do you believe in angels? Put your belief into practice and see the happy difference it makes in your daily struggle.

SCHOOL OF PRAYER

We are looking forward to the School of Prayer which Father Hughson, O.H.C., is conducting at Saint Mary's on the five evenings, Sunday October twenty-eighth through Thursday November first, at eight o'clock. Father Hughson is also preaching at High Mass on Sunday, October twenty-eighth and again at High Mass on All Souls' Day, November second. The following letter has graciously been sent by Father Hughson:

My dear Friends:

The rector of the Church of St Mary the Virgin has honored me with an invitation to conduct a School of Prayer for the parish, beginning Sunday evening, October 28th and closing on All Souls' day. Prayer is absolutely the primary factor in the Christian life. It has been said very truly by a great saint, that no soul was ever saved except by praying, and that no soul was ever lost except for the reason that it failed to pray.

If this be true, and no one can doubt it, we see instantly, then, that the fundamental thing in Christian training is training in prayer. The natural man does not pray well. It is both a science and an art. One has to know what prayer is, and he then has to know how to practice it, and as is the case with every art, the practice has to be constant or he will lose it. The most skillful performer on a musical instrument must keep up his practice or his art will fail. In like manner will prayer fail if we are not persistent in its practice.

But there is a difference. Prayer is any loving communication of the soul with God, that loving communication which leads to deep and lasting friendship. By prayer we learn to know God, to love Him, and as a consequence to find our joy in His service. He who neglects his musical art loses that which can be replaced by something else, by another art just as valuable perhaps. He who loses the art of prayer and does not regain it, loses everything that is worth having both in time and in eternity, for he loses God.

These brief considerations show us the need of schools of prayer, the imperative necessity of that instruction in what prayer is and how to use it. Most of us find prayer difficult, but in large measure this idea that prayer is hard is a fiction. It is a universal experience in all human life that we find difficult the things we do not know how to do. Prayer is no exception to this rule. He who has not learned what prayer is, and who has not practised it long and persistently, will find it hard or even impossible just as he would find it impossible to draw harmonies from a piano under like conditions of ignorance.

But there is another difference. A merely human art can be mastered by the use of merely human means. And also there are some who can never become musicians just because it is not in them. But prayer is a supernatural art, that is to say, it is an art the capacity for which dwells in every soul, and it is taught us by God Himself. He gives us the supernatural power to pray and to pray well if we will cooperate with Him. More than this, He Himself dwells in us and His Holy Spirit prays in us, using our human faculties for this great end if only we will yield ourselves up to Him, and follow the guidance which He will most surely give us.

Many volumes have been written on the subject of prayer, and it would seem an impertinence to attempt to give the principles of this great science, and to seek to inculcate its art, in less than half a dozen brief lectures. But, after all, these principles are not many in number, although they apply to all human life, and they are not difficult to master. The
course we hope to pursue may be roughly outlined as follows:

2. To Whom do we Pray?
3. The Model Prayer.
4. The Conditions of Prayer.
5. The Elements of Prayer. Helps and Hindrances.

Each lecture will be followed by questions and discussion, for the purpose of clarifying the theme, and making it practical for the use of all who are interested. In this discussion of questions, we shall try to avoid all mere controversy, and confine ourselves to points which are constructive and positive, the serious and always loving aim being to bring out those issues which make for the closer union of the soul with God.

Of course, much in such a course depends upon the conductor, but far more depends upon the people. I want to ask you to begin now, and to pray very earnestly that this School of Prayer may be for God's glory, and for genuine and permanent help to many souls. If we can all pray as we ought, there will be no question that the Holy Spirit will be able to use what we do so that many souls will be helped by it to deeper life of love and union with God Soli Deo gloria.

Affectionately in our Lord,

S. C. HUGHSON, O.H.C.

ST URSULA'S GUILD

ST URSULA'S GUILD was founded in 1925 by Father Huntington, O.H.C., among a group of Philadelphia church-women. The New York chapter was established in 1928 by Father Gavin among women who were Catholic and who were interested in various phases of educational work. Among the members have been teachers of all kinds from kindergarten to college and professional school, women doing administrative work in the education field, librarians and social workers. From 1932 on, under Father Gavin’s stimulus, the purpose of the chapter has been to encourage its members to study under direction one aspect of Catholic faith or practice each year, sometimes by presenting at meetings the results of their own research, sometimes by having a subject presented to them by a recognized authority. The atmosphere of the meetings is informal and discussion is limited only by time. In 1943 St Ursula’s returned to the hospitality of St Mary's, where its early meetings had been held; in other years the chapter had met at St Luke’s Chapel, at the General Theological Seminary, at Windham House and at St Mary’s Hospital.

During the coming winter the meetings will be held again at St Mary’s, with Father Taber as Chaplain, as he was during 1944-45. The topic will be The Hymns of the Western Church, and Miss Ruth Messenger, Associate Professor of History at Hunter College, who is well-known in England and the United States for her work on medieval hymns, will speak at the three meetings. The schedule is as follows:

October 27 — 8 a.m. Corporate Communion.

10 a.m. Meeting in the Guild Room.

Topic: Early Latin Hymn Cycles.

February 2 — 4 p.m. Meeting in the Guild Room.

Topic: The Sequence.

5.15 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

March 23 — 4 p.m. Meeting in the Guild Room.

Topic: Great Hymn Writers.

5.15 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

May 10-12 — Retreat at the House of the Holy Nativity, Bay Shore, Long Island.

All women who are interested are cordially invited to attend, whether or not they wish to join St Ursula’s Guild. Further information may be obtained either by mail or by telephone from Miss Adelaide D. Simpson, 520 West 114th Street, New York 25 (telephone UNiversity 4-0553).

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to both Father Jacoby and Father Kreutler who have joined the clergy staff of St Mary’s. Father Jacoby comes to us from St Luke’s Church, Evanston, Illinois, where he has been serving as curate. Formerly he had served curacies at the Church of St Stephen and the Incarnation, Washington; St Stephen’s Church, Providence; Trinity Church, Bridgeport and a rectorate at Christ Church, Binghampton. He is a native of Philadelphia and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and of the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Father Kreutler has had but one previous charge, that of curate at the Church of St Anthony of Padua, Hackensack, New
Jersey. He is a native of Newark and a graduate of Carroll College and Nashotah House.

Many prayers will follow both of these priests in their devotions and their works here at St Mary’s.

PARISH NOTES

The St Mary’s Church School reopens on Sunday, October the seventh, with Mass at nine o’clock followed by instruction in classes. Every boy and girl of the parish from the age of Kindergarten through High School should be enrolled in the Church School. There is no more important work in the parish than the training of our boys and girls in Catholic Worship and the Catholic Faith. The course of instruction will be offered by the clergy and by the Sisters of the Holy Nativity.

On Friday evenings, beginning October fifth at seven-thirty sharp in St Joseph’s Hall, Father Taber will give a series of instructions on “The Book of Common Prayer — a Treasury of Catholic Devotion and Catholic Doctrine”. There will follow each instruction the “Question Box”, after which will come the regular Friday night devotions in the Lady Chapel. All interested will be cordially welcomed at these Friday evening instructions and devotions. Bring your friends with you.

On Sunday, October the seventh, we shall welcome as preacher at High Mass Father Clifford E. Barry Nobes who has been our parish missionary at All Saints’, Bontoc, The Philippines and who has been a prisoner of the Japanese from “Pearl Harbor” to his release by our armed forces on their entry into Manila. Father Nobes will have much of interest to tell our congregation and we thank God that he is safe home again.

The cessation of hostilities on V-J Day has naturally brought an end to our special war devotions, — the Service of Exposition and Intercessions for the Armed Forces on Wednesday noons and the Votive Mass In Time of War on Friday noons. These devotions have been regularly offered ever since our country declared war.

We shall continue the 12:10 Mass on Friday noons as several faithful worshippers have expressed the hope that we might do so.

St Mary’s Guild resumes its work for the fall and winter months on Wednesday, October the third, with a Corporate Communion at the nine-thirty Mass, followed by a meeting at ten-thirty in St Joseph’s Hall. The members of this Guild gladly keep the many vestments of St Mary’s in repair and make new vestments as well, both for the parish and for missions. New members are needed and will be warmly welcomed. The Sister Mary Louise, S.H.N. will again this year be present at the Guild meetings.

The opening meeting of the Woman’s Auxiliary for the new season will be held in St Joseph’s Hall on Friday morning, October the twelfth at ten-thirty, preceded by a Corporate Communion at the nine-thirty Mass. At the meeting gifts for the Church’s work in Puerto Rico will be presented and a report on the summer knitting for the Merchant Marine will be made. The women of the congregation are urged to attend.

St Joseph’s Hall will be scarcely recognized for it is receiving a coat of paint. The stage has been removed to make way for a portable altar in the hope that we may from time to time hold such devotions there as are too well attended for the Lady Chapel or too slimly attended for the church. Our plans will proceed only as free-will financial aid may permit, but St Mary’s, thank God, has always been known for daring ventures of faith.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

May 6 — Jeffrey Neil Parker (Infant)  
May 26 — Irene Sylvia Nelson (Infant)  
June 9 — Dimmes Columba McDowell  
June 17 — John Nevill Joyner (Infant)
CONFIRMATIONS

By the RIGHT REVEREND S. HARRINGTON LITTELL, D.D.

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

June 16 — John Hunter Bowman
June 16 — Chester Herbert Jencks
June 16 — Harold Carl Titus
June 16 — Dimmes Columba McDowell

MARRIAGES

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

May 27 — Anthony Richard Cruz and Mary Cecilia Blake
May 28 — Charles Sullivan Tagan, Jr., and Alice Ann Bennett
August 4 — Harold M. Lindstedt and Alida Nygaard Jacobsen
August 4 — William Joseph Featherstone and Charlotte Morris Carswell

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

May 10 — Billy Bryan Brown
May 23 — Mrs Kathleen G. Spencer
June 8 — Arthur Stuart Jordan
June 8 — Mrs Claire Nell (Williams) Jordan
June 19 — Albert Irwin Fuller
June 22 — Walter Oswald
June 22 — Mrs Florence Nathalie (Fraites) Oswald
June 26 — Mrs Jessie May (Rosefield) Grawe
June 28 — John J. Headley
August 2 — Anne Marie Corley
August 2 — Mrs Olga (Stein) Danes
August 8 — Florence Clarkson

BURIAL

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

May 5 — Anna Davies Haines

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

October 7 — The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity. Titus Payko
October 14 — The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Martha Elizabeth Fitch
October 18 — The Feast of St Luke. Wallace Clark Brackett
October 28 — The Feast of SS Simon and Jude. Samuel Pratt

Of your charity pray for the happy repose of their souls and of the souls of all the faithful departed. 

THE Corporate Communion for the month of October are as follows:

Monday, October 1, 8:00 (The Mission House) Associates of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
Wednesday, October 3, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.
Sunday, October 7, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.
Friday, October 12, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.
Sunday, October 28, 9:00, The Church School. The Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.

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**KALENDAR FOR OCTOBER**

1. M. St Remigius, B.C.
3. W. St Theresa of the Child Jesus, V.
4. Th. St Francis of Assisi, C.
5. F. St Placidus & Companions, MM. Requiem Mass, 8. Anniversary Requiem for George Martin Christian, Priest. 11. Abstinence,
8. M. St Bridget, W.
10. W. St Francis Borgia, C. Com. St Paulinus, B.C.
11. Th. MOTHERHOOD OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
14. Su. TRINITY XX. Com. St Callistus, B.C.
15. M. St Theresa, V.
17. W. St Margaret Mary, V. Com. St Etheldreda, Abs.
18. Th. ST LUKET, EV.
20. Sa. St John Cantius, C.
21. Su. TRINITY XXI. Com. St Hilarion, Abt. & St Ursula & Companions, VV. MM.
23. Tu. Feria.
25. Th. SS Chrysanthus & Daria, MM. Com. SS Crispin & Crispinian, MM.
28. Su. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING. Com. Trinity XXII.
29. M. SS SIMON & JUDE, APP.
31. W. Vigil of All Saints.

**MUSIC FOR OCTOBER**

**OCTOBER 7**

Mass, Missa in festis solemnibus

*Messe bre"e	Ste. Anne* Ropartz

Motet: Alleluia-Psallat *XVI Century*

Magnificat and Nunc dimitis

*Benedictus* Noyon

Evensong

*Magnificat and Nunc dimitis* Viadana

Motet: Tota pulchra es, Maria *de Ranse*

O salutaris

*Motet: Adoramus te* di Lasso

Tantum ergo

*Schoeck*

**OCTOBER 14**

Mass, Missa Davidaica

*Perosi*

Motet: O mysterium ineffabile

**Evensong**

Magnificat and Nunc dimitis

*Grassi*

Motet: Ave Maria

O salutaris

*Verhelst*

Tantum ergo

*Reinberger*

**OCTOBER 21**

Mass, Missa Panis quem ego dedero

*Berthier*

Motet: Benedictus

**Evensong**

Magnificat and Nunc dimitis

*Bachieri*

Motet: Ave Maria

O salutaris

*Vermieux*

Tantum ergo

*Caplet*

**OCTOBER 28**

Mass, Messe bre"e à Ste. Anne

*Ropartz*

Motet: Alleluia-Psallat *XVI Century*

Magnificat and Nunc dimitis

*Anerio*

Motet: Ave, Regina caelorum *Roger-Ducasse*

O salutaris

*Noyon*

Motet: Ave Verum

Tantum ergo (No. 5)

*Kodaly*

*Sculthorpe*
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.
Mass, Fridays 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.

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 Secretaries 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 Jacoby: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m.
Father Kreutler: Fridays, 7 to 8; Saturdays, 3 to 4.
Father Bruce: Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Confessions will also be heard Sundays, 8:40 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 charities 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 Jacoby, Chaplain.

GUILD OF ST MARY OF NAZARETH.—For Girls, Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Kreutler, 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 Kreutler, Chaplain.

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