Dear Parishioners of St Mary’s,

If each of you has not already returned a signed pledge card for 1948 I trust that you will do so immediately that you may place your first 1948 envelope in the collection plate next Sunday. Remember that St Mary’s must have an additional five thousand dollars income over and above that annually received in each of the past few years if she is to meet her budget for work and worship. Does not St Mary’s deserve this additional five thousand dollars this year? She does indeed deserve it but she will receive it only if each of her members regularly gives as much as he can and if each gift is made out of gratitude for many parochial blessings. Glad giving must and should come from all of the members of the parish. There has been more general giving in the last few years and this is an excellent sign. I am confident that this happy situation will be improved upon this year.

In the boxes of pledge envelopes you will find eight colored envelopes for special offerings on special holy days. You do not pledge yourselves to use these special envelopes, yet if each of us were to do so a considerable sum of money would be given eight times a year to help meet St Mary’s needs. Often we think that we can do no more than keep to our regular pledge, but surely we could cancel some theater or dinner party or some luxurious item of expense in favor of St Mary’s.
The beginning of the new civil year is a good time to take account of stock. Have you made your will, providing for your beloved family and for that part of God's family which is your parish? It is well for us to remember that all properties and monies that we hold we hold in sacred trust. They all come from God and the use and dispensation of them must be accounted for to God. One way of returning thanks to Him for temporal blessings is to remember in one's will the parish in which the spiritual blessings from heaven have been so richly offered; and also to remember some charity or missionary endeavor which is operated solely for God's honor and glory.

Do think these matters over and pray about them and take generous action in the name of the Lord.

Affectionately,

[Signature]

ANGLICAN CATHOLIC DECORUM

As an Anglican Catholic, what should I do when I am sick? You should calmly throw yourself on God's mercy, praying for restoration of health only that you may again take up your Christian pilgrimage here on earth and then bear a more faithful and a brighter witness to Jesus. You should accept any suffering and offer it in union with the Passion of your Lord, praying that it may partly expiate your sins just as the Passion of Jesus Christ expiated the sins of the whole world. Surely it is pleasing to the gracious Lord Jesus that you should have a share in the expiation whereby God the Father's justice is satisfied, just as it is pleasing to the gracious Lord Jesus that you should in some measure (as St Paul points out in his letter to the Philippians) "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling". You should place your life in God's hands, gladly laying it down if He in His infinite wisdom should choose to end your earthly pilgrimage, — that period of proving and testing your worth on the battlefield in your struggle against the calls of the world, the flesh and the devil.

If you are seriously ill and are taken to a hospital for surgery or extended medical care, call your priest. He will gladly visit you and administer the Sacraments of Holy Penance, Holy Communion and Holy Unction if your illness is more than ordinary. In any event, he will offer to bring you the Blessed Sacrament. In a well-ordered hospital, on request a nurse will bring a crucifix and candles that a devotional setting may be provided for the Church's ministrations. Of course your visitors will leave your hospital room during your confession, but any may be present to assist by their prayers when you receive the Blessed Sacrament or when you are anointed. The Asperges precedes Holy Communion. If the three Sacraments are administered, whether as Last Rites or not, they are administered in the following order: Confession, Communion, Unction.

If you are laid up at home for a considerable time or if you become a chronic invalid, your priest will arrange for the continuance of Sacramental grace. He will offer to help you maintain your usual schedule of confessions and communions. For the priest's visit there should be in your room a table, covered with a clean white cloth, adorned with a crucifix, two candles, a bowl or tumbler of water with a spoon and small napkin. The table should be placed near the foot of the bed, the crucifix facing the sick person. Others of the household should be encouraged to assist by their prayers as you receive the Blessed Sacrament, but of course they will have withdrawn from the room during your confession.
It is a beautiful custom for a member of the household to meet the priest with lighted candle as he rings the door bell and then precede him as he bears Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to the room of the sick person. This custom honors our Blessed Lord in His Sacramental Presence and helps maintain the proper reverential silence. The priest who is carrying on his person the Blessed Sacrament neither greets nor addresses anyone on the way to the hospital or sick room and he engages in no conversation on his arrival. The silence is broken only at the close of the spiritual ministration. The priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament wears a white stole just under his coat. Of course, he changes this to purple for either the Sacrament of Holy Penance or Holy Unction. If he is to carry the Blessed Sacrament to another sick person immediately after your communion, instead of the usual blessing, he will bless you by making the sign of the cross over you with the pyx in which the Sacred Hosts are carried, will not extinguish the candles and will leave your room without breaking the silence.

Do not hesitate in time of sickness to call for your priest at any time of the day or night. He expects you to do so for his Lord expects him to feed your soul. One of the greatest privileges of the priesthood is the spiritual care of the sick!

SIDELIGHTS OF OLD ST MARY'S

SOMEONE has said that humor is the oil that lubricates the wheels of life. Certainly there are many incidents in the story of St Mary's which seem to prove the truth of the saying. Perhaps the best known of these is the saga of the Dead Cat. It has become a parish legend, and, like most legends, appears with various embellishing details; but the bare facts appear to be about as follows:

Not far from the old St Mary's was a Roman Catholic Church, to which was attached a school. Not unnaturally there were attached to the school a number of small boys, and also not unnaturally, bearing the prejudices of the day in mind, the small boys felt it to be their bounden duty to hate St Mary's very much. They probably had no idea why they should hate it, except that such was generally thought to be the proper feeling to hold at that time, toward the church that was neither Catholic nor Protestant; but they knew that they hated it very much.

As the neighborhood was in those days residential, there were a number of small boys attached to St Mary's who loved it, and its young rector, very much. One fine autumn Saturday, when the animal spirits of all small boys ran high and were unrestrained by scholastic pursuits, the small boys of St Mary's were first horrified and then enraged to find the mortal remains of a very dead black cat deposited on the top of the ash-can outside the rectory. To add insult to injury, there was pinned to the carcass a sheet of paper containing some by no means complimentary remarks which they considered were addressed to their beloved Fr Brown.

Without a moment's delay, and with a wisdom that no doubt foreshadowed some of their actions in later life, they decided that this deadly insult emanated from their rivals of the Roman Communion.

They instantly organized a sortie party, which deposited the Dead Cat on the ash-can outside the residence of their rivals' pastor. Within a few moments it was returned. Not to prolong this history of guerrilla warfare, it may be said at once that the Dead Cat made many round trips between the two ecclesiastical establishments, to the great delight of an ever-increasing body of onlookers.
So numerous did these become that the police interfered, and the belligerents were dispersed to their respective homes for lunch or dinner, as the case might be. A considerable number of the bystanders, however, remembering their own boyhood, remained in anticipation of a resumption of the foray. What had begun as a lark at nine o’clock, by noon had become fraught with potential danger.

When Fr Brown returned to the rectory for lunch, he learned from the police the details of the campaign, whereat he laughed heartily. This brought a rebuke from the sergeant in charge, who appeared to feel that some serious infringement of lese majesty, if not of actual blasphemy, had occurred. Fr Brown continued to laugh, but he postponed his lunch and was ready when his volunteer troops returned to the fray.

He formed them up, and marched off at their head. This time he carried the Dead Cat. They proceeded to the other base of operations, where a conference took place between the two priests. It was punctuated by much laughter, and at the end there was a shaking of hands, and at last departure and a general seeing of one another home.

It seems worth while to include this saga of the Dead Cat among these random notes of old St Mary’s, not only because it is a parish legend, of which, unhappily, many of the present generation seem to be in ignorance, but because it instances the divine quality of humor. Many a feud that raged for years, many a quarrel that wrecked lives, started from smaller beginnings than the Dead Cat. But in this case Fr Brown saw the funny side—the side which today is usually as carefully hidden as if it betokened moral degradation—and because he could laugh, because he had the divine gift of humor, what might have been a lasting bitterness, has been peace for seventy years.

N.F.R.
YEAR by year the Library of St Bede sponsors a winter series of lectures. These lectures are given at the Guild Hall of St Thomas’ Church, 1 West Fifty-third Street and admission to each lecture is fifty cents. The lectures begin at eight-thirty. There are in 1948 to be three interesting courses in this winter series. The first course on “The Religious Life” will be given by Father Hughson, O.H.C. on January 5, 12, and 19. The second course on “The Christian in the World” will be given by the Honorable Frances Perkins on January 26, February 2 and 9. The third course on “The Unity of Christendom” will be given by Father Dawley, Professor of Ecclesiastical History at the General Theological Seminary, on February 16, 23 and March 1. We can heartily recommend these lecture courses to our readers.

ADVANCE notice is given that the Bishop of New York has set the evening of the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March the seventh, 1948 as the time for the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation at St Mary’s. Instructions and preparations for this Sacrament will begin on February the first. The Rector will be glad to hear of any who wish to be prepared for Holy Confirmation.

THE final lecture of the series on “Historical Anglicanism”, sponsored by the Catholic Laymen’s Club of New York, will be given at St Mary’s on Monday evening, January the fifth, following benediction at eight-fifteen. The subject of this lecture will be Anglicanism Today and it will be by Father Dawley, Professor of Ecclesiastical History at the General Theological Seminary. Following the lecture a social hour will be enjoyed in St Joseph’s Hall. The members of St Mary’s congregation (both men and women) are cordially invited to attend.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

“As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.”
November 9 — Elise Lacey Given (Infant)
November 20 — Madeleine Wallen

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“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.”
November 9 — Dorothy Wilhemina Bowman
November 18 — Nellie R. Small
November 24 — Margaret Bodington
November 24 — Joseph Graham Bernard
November 24 — Holmes Bennett Dayhoff
November 28 — Mrs Helen Marjorie Sault Gould

THE altar flowers for the month of January are given in memory of the following:
January 11 — The First Sunday after the Epiphany. (Open)
January 18 — The Second Sunday after the Epiphany. George Robinson Harding.

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 4, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.
Wednesday, January 7, 9:30, St Mary’s Guild.
Friday, January 9, 9:30, The Woman’s Auxiliary.
Sunday, January 11, 9:00, The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic.
Sunday, January 25, 9:00, The Church School.
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**KALENDAR FOR JANUARY**

1. Th. CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD.
2. F. Octave Day of St Stephen, Protomartyr.
4. Su. II CHRISTMAS. Com. Octave Day of Holy Innocents, MM.
6. Tu. THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.
7. W. Of the Octave.
8. Th. Of the Octave. Com. St Lucian, Pr. M.
10. Sa. Of the Octave.

11. Su. THE HOLY FAMILY. Com. Epiphany I, Octave, and St Hyginus, B.M.
14. W. St Hilary, B.C.D. Com. St Felix, Pr.M.
18. Su. II EPIPHANY. Com. St Peter's Chair at Rome, and St Prisca, V.M.
20. Tu. SS Fabian, B., & Sebastian, MM. Requiem Mass, 8.
21. W. St Agnes, V.M.
22. Th. SS Vincent & Anastasius, MM.
24. Sa. St Timothy, B.M.
25. Su. SEPTUAGESIMA.
27. Tu. St John Chrysostom, B.C.D.
28. W. St Peter Nolasco, C. Com. Second feast of St Agnes, V.M.
31. Sa. St John Bosco, C.

*Days indicated by ✧ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass.*
MUSIC FOR JANUARY

4 JAN. — CHRISTMAS II

Missa Misericordias Domini ............................................ Rheinberger
Motet: Tota pulchra es, Maria ........................................ Bruckner

Evensong
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis ........................................ Holmes
Motet: Tui sunt caeli ..................................................... Hilber
O salutaris ........................................................................ Schroeder
Motet: Jesu dulcis memoria .............................................. I
Tantum ergo ....................................................................... Schroeder

11 JAN. — HOLY FAMILY

Missa Sancti Josephi ........................................................ Peeters
Motet: O sacrum convivium .............................................. Aichinger

Evensong
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis ........................................ Tallis and Giles
Motet: O salutaris .............................................................. Tallis
O salutaris ......................................................................... Rehm
Motet: O quam suavis ...................................................... VI
Tantum ergo ....................................................................... Kromolicki

18 JAN. — EPIPHANY II

Missa Sanctae Clarae Assisiensis ........................................ Refice
Motet: Ave Maria ............................................................... Rachmaninoff

Evensong
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis ........................................ Whitlock
Motet: Ave Maria ............................................................... Victoria
O salutaris ......................................................................... Whyte
Motet: Caro mea ............................................................... VII
Tantum ergo ....................................................................... Boellmann

25 JAN. — SEPTUAGESIMA

Mass in D ................................................................. Henschel
Motet: Sicut cervus ........................................................... Palestrina

Evensong
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis ........................................ Byrd
Motet: A Prayer to Mary ................................................. Brahms
O salutaris ......................................................................... Victoria
Motet: 0 sacrum convivium .............................................. V
Tantum ergo ....................................................................... Victoria

SERVICES

Sundays
Low Mass ................................................................. 7:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer ........................................................ 7:40 a.m.
Low Mass ................................................................. 8:00 a.m.
Sung Mass (St Francis’ Altar) ........................................ 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 ............................................................... 9:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer (with Litany, Fridays) ...................... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays) ............... 6:00 p.m.
Special Devotions, Fridays (St Francis’ Altar) .......... 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 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 Jacoby: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m.

Father Kreutler: Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3 to 4 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, 10:45 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, 10:45 a.m. Father Taber, Chaplain.

GUILD OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS.—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 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. Meetings, fourth Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Kreutler, 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. Corporate Communion, Second Sundays, 9 a.m. Meetings (Lady Chapel) second Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Kreutler, Chaplain.

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

SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE KING.—For young people who will keep a Catholic Rule of Life. Meetings and corporate communications as announced. Father Jacoby, 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, immediately after High Mass and before Evensong.

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