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Dear Parshioners of St Mary's,

We are happily embarked on the observances of the holy season of Lent. Primarily, of course, Lent is a season of fasting in partial imitation, at any rate, of the fast of forty days which our divine Redeemer kept. Lent is also a season of penitence in which the faithful share the sorrows which our blessed Lord experienced in the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, where with horror he viewed the panorama of the sins of the whole world.

We are urged, too, to think of Lent as a season of training in which the faithful seriously go into training for the job of being genuine Christians. Above all, let us then give the lie to the oft uttered statement "I haven't time" which is unfortunately heard in religious circles.

Too frequently when a priest who is bidding souls into a closer union with Jesus suggests a stepping-up of the spiritual life through increased devotions and deeds of kindness, the reply comes back "But you see, Father, I simply do not have the time for these things" with an added "I quite envy those of the parish family who can find time for a rich devotional life and a more generous self-giving." Now the priest should quite honestly and lovingly reply "But you see, my child, you do have the time. God has given you time for just these things. Indeed your whole temporal life is a series of days and months and years in which it is your privilege to prove your worth as a child of the living God and to engage in training for heaven."

Actually people have time to do the things they want to do. This Lent may we want to enter into closer union with Jesus above all else. When this desire is dominant, we shall find to our great satisfaction that we have plenty of time for its fulfillment, plenty of time for our attendance at Masses and our medi-

tations and our spiritual reading and our visits to the Blessed Sacrament and our visits to the sick, lonely and afflicted and our friendly correspondence through letter writing.

May we take the time while we have it, since one day for each of us time will be no more, and the training period for our future reward will be ended. What then shall that reward be?

Affectionately,

SHRINES OF SAINT MARY'S

Saint Joseph

E are blessed at Saint Mary's with an exceedingly devotional Shrine of Saint Joseph. The saint's statue in Saint Joseph's Chapel is of exquisite beauty. He is represented as holding in one arm the Infant Child Jesus and in his hand a budded staff.

The budded staff with which blessed Joseph is so often represented recalls a beautiful legend. It seems that when the Virgin Mary was but fourteen years old each of her lovers left his staff in the Temple over night, hoping for some sign as to which of them was to be favored by God. Joseph was one of these suitors and in the morning to his great joy he discovered that his staff was covered with leaves. He looked and behold a dove came out of it and flew up to heaven. He was thus the chosen of God to be the guardian and protector of the Blessed Virgin.

When the devout visit the Shrine of Saint Joseph they thank God for him who was spouse of the blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, and foster father of Jesus Christ and patron and protector of the Holy Catholic Church. As protector of the Child Jesus and the Boy Jesus during the early years of His earthly life blessed Joseph was quite naturally chosen to be the protector of Christ's mystical body, the Church Catholic. Because of his intimate relationship to Mary his spotless virgin-spouse and to Jesus his divine foster Child, his sanctity must have been second only to

that of Our Lady herself, a sanctity that manifested itself in charity and faith and obedience and patience.

Think of the charity of blessed Joseph. Actually his charity was sorely tested, for blessed Mary after the Incarnation of Jesus could not hide her situation from Saint Joseph or explain to him the mystery of it. However, his charity was so great that he could think no evil or judge anyone. In his embarrassment he was about to separate himself from her and "put her away privily" when an angel descended from heaven to reveal the mystery. Upon this revelation from on high the trouble in Joseph's soul was turned into respect and love.

Saint Joseph's faith too was exemplary. After all his foster Child appeared to be like other children, feeble and weak. How could the saint recognize in this Child the son of God? Without asking for miracles, as did the incredulous of his time, he by faith recognized God in his foster Child and in the Child's outward weakness he adored the supreme power which commands all things. What an incentive for us to recognize God by faith as we behold Him veiled beneath the bread and wine of the blessed Eucharist!

Like his faith, so blessed Joseph's obedience was strong. He had received many a command. "Go to Bethlehem" a heathen king had ordered. "Flee into Egypt" an angel had told him. "Return to the land of Israel" another message from heaven had ordered. Think of the arguments that Joseph could have justly advanced in opposition to these several commands. Yet he did not hesitate, but rather with simplicity and without questioning he obeyed promptly and courageously. Surely this can be a spur to our hesitant obedience.

Then, too, there was the patience of Saint Joseph. Until the birth of the divine Child, Joseph's life had doubtless been one of modest and calm happiness, but following on that birth his home was a stable and he was exiled into a strange land and he lost Jesus in Jerusalem and he lost Him again when death came to separate him from his foster Child, not to see Him again until after His resurrection. Oh, that we who live so often for pleasure could enjoy patient resignation amid the trials of this life!

Now in all that he did Saint Joseph remained a working man, supporting a wife and child by the labor of his hands, for he was a carpenter. He grew more holy each day as he performed this

manual labor, accepting a just price for his labor, working without complaint and teaching the boy Jesus his trade as a carpenter. Surely he never allowed any faulty or bad workmanship to leave his rough hands. Of a truth he could never have cheated his neighbor by making unjust profits on his labor for Holy Scripture tells us that "he was a just man". When Saint Joseph is not represented in art by a budded staff he is represented by a carpenter's square.

Naturally the faithful are drawn to the shrine of Saint Toseph. Indeed, the saint who watched with fatherly care over the interests of the Holy Family at Nazareth must love the homes of Christians throughout the world and must love the whole family of Christ, that is, every member of His mystical body, the Church. He must love each member of the Church Catholic to such an extent that he would be our father and protector and guide in the way of holiness. May we kneel again and again at his shrine and pour out our hearts in prayer, calling upon blessed Toseph to pray for us. May we pray in some such manner as, "Watchful guardian of the Incarnate Son of God, glorious Saint Joseph, how didst thou toil to nurture and to serve the Son of the Most High! By this thy sorrow and thy joy, obtain for us that, with hearts set free from every hurtful fear, we too may taste the quiet of a tranquil conscience, safely dwelling with Jesus and with Mary, and one day die within their loving arms. Amen"; "O Blessed Saint Ioseph! I consecrate myself to thy honour, and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thy example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the divine Heart of Jesus and the heart of Mary! And do thou, O blessed Joseph, pray for me, that I may experience the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen," and "O Most faithful guardian of Jesus and spouse of Mary, thou seest the anguish of my heart. I am disturbed and perplexed. Obtain for me the light of the Holy Ghost and all the helps I need to enable me at all times and in all things to fulfil the adorable will of God. I choose thee this day, in the presence of Jesus and Mary, as my angel of good counsel, to direct me in all my necessities. Guide me, I entreat thee, by the many bitter sorrows which rent thy tender heart during the course of thy mortal pilgrimage. Amen."

FROM OUR PARISH MISSIONARY

The Reverend Wayland S. Mandel, Warden of Saint Andrew's Theological Seminary, The Philippines.

THEN I was first appointed Parish Missionary from the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, I used to write for AVE from Sagada, a mission station high in the mountains of the Philippines. In 1947, as you know, the Seminary was moved to Manila, a city which in many respects is like a large American city. Since we have been living in Manila, I have missed the close association with the life of a provincial mission station with all its activity and local color. In early December I was able to return to Sagada for a visit and to enjoy once again the life one finds on a Christian and cultural frontier. I went to Sagada for the purpose of conducting a Retreat for the Filipino Sisters of Saint Mary the Virgin. I was also able to renew old friendships and to see the excellent progress being made in reconstruction.

First, I would like to say something about the Sisters. The Order was established not many years before the war under the guidance of the Sisters of Saint Mary. The Order has grown slowly, but steadily. At present there are only two professed Sisters who took their five-year vows while I was in Sagada. At the end of this period, if all goes well, and it is the will of God, these two Sisters will take their life vows. As Chaplain of the Community, I was able to assist in the service for the Admission of a Postulant. Before long, two other young Igorot women, who are serious inquirers, are hoping to try their vocations.

The Sisters of Saint Mary the Virgin in addition to their life of prayer, self-surrender and sacrifice are engaged in the work of caring for little children. At present they have some thirty or more orphans living in the new House of the Holy Child. It is a wonderful sight to see the Sisters living in such close quarters with the children, loving them and caring for them, and at the same time living an earnest and devoted life of prayer. There is absolutely nothing about the house which suggests an institution. It is more like the home of a large and unusually happy family. All the while the children are learning, by example and teaching, the Christian religion.

The influence of the Sisters goes far beyond the walls of their convent. The people of the surrounding communities have a deep

appreciation for the life which the Sisters are leading. When funds were cut off during the war years and the Sisters had to work hard in their garden to feed themselves and the children, the people responded generously with offerings in kind in a way far beyond what one would have expected from an impoverished people who have always found it difficult to give generously. I hope that the Sisters and the work they are doing will be remembered in your prayers.

The new mission Church of Saint Mary the Virgin is nearly completed. As you may recall, the church was destroyed by fire at the time of liberation. When reconstruction began, the old walls which were left standing, were lowered a little; the stone which was badly chipped and scarred was refaced, and the new church rose on the foundations of old Saint Mary's. The new church is larger and more beautiful than the old one. Although the area is approximately the same, additional space has been made by knocking down old pillars and interior buttresses. The roof is now supported by a series of magnificent arches which permit an unbroken view of the church from one end to the other. Everyone who has worshipped in the old church is most appreciative of the efforts of Mr Bergamini, the architect, in providing continuity of design between the old and the new.

Repairs and improvements are under way on Saint Theodore's Hospital. A new home for six nurses, has been completed, and the boys' dormitory of Saint Mary's School is under construction. It was a great joy to see buildings rising out of ruins.

This year we have twenty-three students at the Seminary. Contrary to my expectations we had a large entering class at the last opening. We are now faced with a shortage in space for an entering class next year. Only one student will graduate in April which means, as things stand now, that we will have room for only one new student. I am hoping that something will be done when the Bishop returns from the United States to make room for about twelve more students.

Our Christmas was as joyous as one could hope for. Everyone in the house (there are about fifty of us) drew a name from a hat and bought a small gift for the person whose name he drew. The Seminary was able to give each student a book and a calendar.

The gifts were opened around the tree on Christmas Eve. The favorite in the house seemed to be a six-month old baby girl, the daughter of an employee. She now has enough clothing to last a year or more unless she grows too fast. At a quarter before midnight everyone gathered in the chapel to sing carols for the joy of singing them and also to help limber up the voices for the music which was to follow. The Missa Marialis was beautifully done, almost as well as I have heard it done anywhere. Many of the people of the neighborhood were present, so that the chapel was full. We used the Solemn Mass set which was a gift from the Saint Mary's Guild. This set is even more beautiful at night than it is by day. Many knelt before the crèche at the end of the service. Despite the hour, no one seemed to want to go home.

Our chickens (originally we were going to have ducks) which were made possible by a generous gift from a member of the parish of Saint Mary the Virgin are now flourishing. The flock is still small, but it is increasing all the time. Already the chicks are giving us eggs. The only chickens which the students have eaten yet are those which have died a natural death. I am not accustomed to such procedure, but evidently it is done in a land of scarcity.

The students are now attired in choir in white cassocks. We have waited some time to be able to discard the odds and ends of black cassocks, which are now a pale green, and to afford new ones.

Just after Christmas the Seminary was able to provide a Retreat for forty laymen and women from a large parish of the Philippine Independent Church. Many of the retreatants were not able to leave their children at home, so they brought them along and took turns caring for them. The quiet was not always what one is accustomed to at such times, but under these conditions the Retreat could have been managed in no other way. The important thing is that it was profitable to the participants and very reverent in its own way.

As a final word I would like to say again how much the Seminary has benefited by the prayers and gifts of the parishioners of Saint Mary the Virgin. We are always grateful for our close association in this work

AS THE CENTURION STOOD BY

As the Centurion stood by he heard a cry of triumph, And in a blinding instant — knew! He raised adoring eyes to look upon that suffering, loving Face, Transfigured now in death's great peace, And then with wonder saw a smile Cover the tortured features of a dying thief.

O Rome that he had served, where had it led him!
Up a hill of shame with pomp of pride, to slay Almighty God.
For this most heinous sin where could there pardon be!
Then to his anguished soul came stabbing memory of astounding words—

Their graciousnes past understanding . . .

Forgive, forgive them, for they know not what they do . . .

And from a breaking heart arose the prayer —

Lord I believe, help Thou mine unbelief!

E. G. D.

PARISH NOTES

UR Annual Lent Retreat is being conducted this year by Father Taber on Saturday, March the eighteenth. The Retreat Mass will be celebrated at eight and the day will be brought to a close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at three. Meditations will be given at ten, eleven-thirty and two-thirty. This Retreat is for both men and women and all who plan to attend will kindly notify the Sister-in-Charge-of-the-Retreat, Saint Mary's Mission House, 133 West 46th Street (PLaza 7-6464), before March sixteenth, that adequate preparations may be made for breakfast and luncheon.

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THE March meeting of the Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in Saint Joseph's Hall at seven-thirty on the evening of March the sixth. The meeting will adjourn at eight when Father Maybury will conduct devotions and give a meditation.

The March meeting of the Morning Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in Saint Joseph's Hall on Friday, March

the tenth, at ten-forty-five, following a Corporate Communion at the nine-thirty Mass. At eleven there will be devotions before Saint Francis' Altar, with a meditation by Father Shoemaker, Rector of Calvary Church, New York City.

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PNCLOSED with this copy of AVE you will find an offering envelope for your gift for the "One World in Christ" campaign which is being conducted throughout the Episcopal Church under the direction of Bishop Sherrill, our Presiding Bishop. The great offering will be taken on Sunday, March the twelfth, and those who value the Church's mission throughout the world will make their offering a sacrificial one.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

MARRIAGES

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

January 14 — John Douglas Goode and Frances Lane Hunt January 19 — James Thomas Gordon and Marion Irene Austin

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

January 19 - Mrs Frances Randolph Hines

January 26 - Mark H. Bradley

January 27 - Charles Stewart Burgess, Jr.

January 31 - Mrs Georgia Thompson Schreiner

Mrs Mary Louise Palmer Richard Quinn Palmer, Jr.

BURIALS

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

January 14 — William C. Clark January 16 — Louise Gerhold THE altar flowers for the month of March are given in memory of the following:

March 25 — The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Marione Cushman Fiske

March 19 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent. Haley Fiske.

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

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THE Corporate Communions for the month of March are as follows:

Wednesday, March 1, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.

Sunday, March 5, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.

Friday, March 10, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.

Sunday, March 12, 9:00, The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic. Sunday, March 26, 9:00, The Church School, The Guild of St Vincent.

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KALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 1. W. EMBER WEDNESDAY. Com. St David, B.C. Fast and Abstinence.
- 2. Th. Greater Feria. Com. St Chad, B.C. Requiem, 7. Fast.
- 3. F. EMBER FRIDAY. Com. St Aelred, Ab. Fast and Abstinence.
- 4. Sa. EMBER SATURDAY. Com. St Casimir, C. and St Lucius I, B.M. Fast and Abstinence.
- 5. Su. LENT II.
 - 6. M. SS Perpetua and Felicity, MM. Com. Feria. Fast.
 - 7. Tu. St Thomas Aguinas, C.D. Com. Feria. Fast.
 - 8. W. St John of God, C. Com. Feria. Fast and Abstinence.
 - 9. Th. St Frances of Rome, W. Com. Feria. Fast.
 - 10. F. Greater Feria. Com. Forty Holy Martyrs, Fast and Abstinence.
- 11. Sa. Greater Feria. Requiem, 9:30. Fast.
- ₹12. Su. LENT III. Com. St Gregory the Great, B.C.D.
- 13. M. Greater Feria. Fast,
- 14. Tu. Greater Feria. Requiem, 8. Fast.
- 15. W. Greater Feria. Fast and Abstinence.
- 16. Th, Greater Feria. Fast.
- 17. F. St Patrick, B.C. Com. Feria. Fast and Abstinence.
- 18. Sa. St Cyril of Jerusalem, B.C.D. Com. Feria and St Edward, K.M. Fast.
- ₹19. Su. LENT IV.
 - 20. M. ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE B.V.M. Com. St Cuthbert and Feria. Fast.
 - 21. Tu. St Benedict, Ab. Com. Feria. Fast.
 - 22. W. Greater Feria. Requiem, 7. Fast and Abstinence.
 - 23. Th. Greater Feria. Fast.
 - 24. F. St Gabriel, Archangel. Com. Feria. Fast and Abstinence.
 - 25. Sa. ANNUNCIATION OF THE B.V.M. Com. Feria. Fast.
- ₩26. Su. LENT V. Com. The Penitent Thief, C.
 - 27. M. St John of Damascus, C. D. Com. Feria. Fast.
 - 28. Tu. Greater Feria. Com. St John Capistran, C. Fast.
 - 29. W. Greater Feria. Fast and Abstinence.
 - 30. Th. Greater Feria. Requiem, 9:30, Fast.
 - 31. F. COMPASSION OF OUR LADY, Com. Feria. Fast and Abstinence.

Days indicated by A are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass.

MUSIC FOR MARCH

Mass, Missa brevis	Palestrina			
Motet, Ave Maria				
Evening				
The Litany in Procession	Plainchant			
Motet, Animam meam				
O salutaris				
Motet, Adoramus te				
Tantum ergo	Breydart			
MARCH 12 — LENT III				
Mass, Messe en Sol	Poulenc			
Credo, I	Plainchant			
Motet, O salutaris				
Evening				
The Litany in Procession	Plainchant			
Motet, Caligaverunt oculi mei	Goodman			
O salutaris				
Motet, Panis angelicus	Titcomb			
Tantum ergo, No. 5	Bruckner			
MARCH 19 — MID LENT				
Mass, Neunte Messe	Faist			
Motet, O vos omnes	Victoria			
Evening				
The Litany in Procession	Plainchant			
Motet, Ave Maria	Verdonck			
O salutaris	Noyor			
Motet, O quam suavis	Titcom			
Tantum ergo	Gigaul			
MARCH 26— PASSION SUNDAY				
Mass, Vidi speciosam	Victoria			
Motet, The Veneration of the Cross	Rachmaninof			
Evening				
The Litany in Procession	Plainchan			
Motet, Tamquam ad latronem				
O salutaris				
Motet, O Domine Jesu Christe				
Tantum ergo, No. 6	Rruckna			

SERVICES IN LENT

Sundays							
Low Mass							7:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer							7:40 a.m.
Low Mass							8:00 a.m.
Sung Mass (St Francis' Al	tar)						9:00 a.m.
Low Mass (Lady Chapel)							10:00 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon .							11:00 a.m.
Litany in Procession with						e-	
diction							8:00 p.m.
Week Days*							
Mass, daily	7	, 8,	9:30) a.r	n. a	nd	12:10 p.m.
Morning Prayer (with Li							9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer (with Litar	ay, V	Vedr	nesda	ys)			6:00 p.m.
Station of the Cross (Frida	ys)						8:00 p.m.
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Other Services during	the	We	ek. a	nd o	n F	esti	vals.
as announced on				-	_		
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The Church is open daily f	rom	6:30	a.m	. till	9 p	.m.	
Adults or children can be							First Con-
fession, Baptism, Confirmatio				-			

The Parish Secretary's office is open at the following times:

Mondays to Fridays 9:15 to 1 and 2 to 5

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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 MAYBURY: 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.—Father Taber, Chaplain—Day Branch, second Fridays, Corporate Communion 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 10:45 a.m. Evening Branch, first Mondays, 8 p.m.

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 Maybury, 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, second Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., preceded by Vespers and Benediction. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Jacoby, Chaplain.

DEVOTIONAL GUILDS

- CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. St Mary's Ward. Holy Hour (St Francis' Altar) 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. Recitation of the Rosary (St Francis' Altar) second Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Maybury, Chaplain.
- Guild of All Souls. St Mary's Ward. Stations of the Cross, 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 communions as announced. Father Maybury, 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

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