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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's,—

The Founder and first Rector of our beloved parish, Father Brown of blessed memory, chose Our Lady as the Patron Saint of the parish and the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Patronal Festival of the parish. Indeed, the first St Mary's on Forty-fifth Street was opened and dedicated on her parochial Patronal Feast, December the eighth, 1870, and the present church building in which it is our privilege to worship was opened with a High Mass on the Patronal Feast just twenty-five years later, December the eighth, 1895. The corner stone of our present church was laid on the Patronal Festival, December the eighth, 1894, just one year previous.

What a family day the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is for us members of St Mary's as it comes around year by year! This year the Patronal Festival, December the eighth, falls on Wednesday. That morning at seven a High Mass with communions will be celebrated, followed by Low Masses at 8, 9:30 and 12:10,— all at the High Altar. As many of the parish family as possibly can should gather together at the High Mass to praise God for our untold blessings and privileges as communicants of the Church of St Mary the Virgin. Indeed, none should be absent.

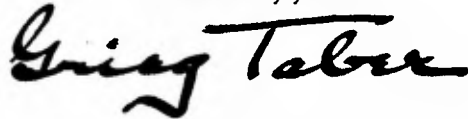
The patronal feast of any parish may be kept with an Octave and therefore on the Sunday within the Octave, December the twelfth, we shall again gather together as a family at the High Mass at eleven to thank God for His care of us as a family. At this Mass Bishop DeWolfe of Long Island will preside and preach and, again, none should be absent.

No one will be absent who values his God-given graces and privileges and duties as a member of St Mary's part of the flock of

Christ. You see our parish is a very sacred entity in the life of each one of us. It is a little section of the City of God, the Church Militant on earth, and the City of God here on earth is an outlying suburb, so to speak, of the true Heavenly City toward which we are journeying. Our journey as parishioners of St Mary's is ever a glorious adventure, and, if we remain faithful, it will lead us on into the glory of the true Church which is to be built up in heaven.

Will you join me at the High Mass of our Patronal Festival in giving humble and grateful thanks to Almighty God for the patronage and prayers of Our Lady, for the splendor of the dedicated lives of the members of St Mary's who have gone through the Gate of Death, for the obliteration of the ravages of sin in the lives of so many of St Mary's children, for the beauty of the worship of our Sanctuary which is a foreshadowing of the glory of the worship in the Eternal City, the heavenly Jerusalem? Remember December the eighth and the seven days following are special holy days for ALL of the members of the St Mary's family. Remember, and find yourselves before the altar in our treasured Sanctuary.

Affectionately yours




CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

FATHER TABER

December 22: 12-1
 December 23: 11-1; 2-3
 December 24: 11-1; 2-3; 7-8

FATHER BOSSHARD

December 22: 4-5
 December 23: 12-1; 4-5
 December 24: 12-1; 4-5; 10-11

FATHER SCHUMAN

December 22: 7-8
 December 23: 3-4; 7-8
 December 24: 3-4; 11-11:45

SERVICES

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

Church School Festival 4 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Lady Chapel) 6 p.m.
 Midnight Mass and Holy Communion Midnight

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

Low Mass 7, 8, 9, 10 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 7:40 a.m.
 High Mass and Sermon 11 a.m.
 Evening Prayer 6 p.m.



The Church School Christmas Festival, Friday afternoon at four, takes the form of Carols, Procession to the Crèche and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a Christmas Party in St Joseph's Hall.

Cards of admission to the Midnight Mass are mailed to each communicant of St Mary's and will also be given on application at the Church Office to others who would worship the Newborn King at the Christmas altar.



JOYFUL SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

In Worship

WHAT joy there is in worship! If we really worship, we are filled with joy simply because when we worship we get out of ourselves and give God His due, His worth, and He is due the best and worth the best and we are radiantly happy when we are giving our very best instead of clinging to and hoarding it. When we worship we are not first concerned about the formation of character in ourselves nor are we first concerned about disciplinary exercises nor are we even primarily seeking the means of our own sanctification. No, as worshippers our primary function is to praise and glorify God and to return in some small measure the love that He showers upon us even in our unworthiness. Our joy breaks forth into "we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory."

Now after we have fulfilled the primary function of worship, and only after we have done so, can we have the joy of receiving from God the power for living as He would have us live. And what joy there is in this power which comes from Him who is all powerful!

There is the joy of the God-given power to become members one

of another. You see in our common worship we are a praying community. Indeed, the whole Mystical Body of Christ, the entire Church, prays with us. This living union one with another engenders the sanctity of each one of us as individuals for we become part of the "Communion of Saints." With joy we can exclaim with the Psalmist "Behold, how good and pleasant a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." As we worship together we realize that there is very little room for our individual prayers because our prayer is in common. Indeed, the minute we yield to the temptation to isolate ourselves and become "something special" in our worship, we recognize that we are immature and even mutilated individuals. As a result of such honest recognition we then refuse to shut ourselves up in the fortress of our own egotism — me and God — and we are happy in being and acting just as members of a great congregation. God has given us the power to become members one of another and in this power is joy beyond description.

There is also joy in the God-given power to grow in reverence. What is reverence? It is the real discovery of our true relationship with Him who is above and who speaks from above — our God and our All. When we grow in reverence we happily become capable of genuine enthusiasm in our religion. After all, lack of reverence springs from pride when we think of ourselves as greater than everything and everyone not ourselves and then everything and everyone, including God, are reduced to dead level. However, as we really worship we grow in the spirit of reverence for we are placing the highest value upon God and upon genuine adoration of Him. We are not permitted any feeling of self-complacency since we address our Heavenly Father through Him in whom He is so well pleased, namely, His divine Son Jesus Christ. We plead the Holy Mass in union with Jesus as He re-pleads His Sacrifice on the Cross before the Father and we customarily end our poor prayers with "through Jesus Christ our Lord." We know our proper relationship with God the Father and we are reverent and we experience the joy that accompanies true reverence as self-love is left in the discard.

Then too there is joy in the God-given power to become spiritually awake. In our own worship we learn to lift up our hearts. We learn also the answer to the question "Who art Thou and who am I?" Indeed, in our worship together we are drawn away from the grip of our personal interests and worries, whether trivial or great, into union with God, the All-Important. We are withdrawn

too from that deadening process of daily becoming dull in life's humdrum order. We are carried out of the darkness of the world into the light that streams from heaven. Indeed, time itself is made holy for us as each day of the full Catholic Kalendar includes the commemoration of some act of the all-holy God or of the life of one of His family who has reflected some of His holiness. The round of Christian worship is truly a joyful round.

Our Incarnate Lord has laid down many principles for the happiness of His followers. One of these is "Give and it shall be given unto you." Thus, in our own worship we give to God praise and adoration and we receive the grace and power to become one in Christ and to grow in reverence and to become awake spiritually. Can any joy be greater?



WHAT ABOUT GOD? (3)

WE shall have a good deal more to say about the infinity of God as we go along enumerating and describing His attributes. But let us leave it aside for a moment and take up the next term of our definition, His self-sufficiency. This term, self-sufficient, means exactly what it says in the most complete and perfect way. We often say that a man or woman is self-sufficient and it's usually an uncomplimentary remark meaning that he has as little as possible to do with his fellow beings. He is probably unfriendly and selfish and snobbish, or else he is afraid of other people, and this makes him act that way. But at the same time we know that nobody is really self-sufficient. In the first place, everybody had a beginning. And in the second place, somebody else was responsible for that beginning and for bringing him up and caring for him until he was grown. And in the third place, nobody, not even a Robinson Crusoe, is able to live and to love and to attain heaven without depending in some degree upon other people and other things, and most of all upon God.

But none of this is true about God. He really *is* self-sufficient. God is not dependent in any way on anything or anybody apart from Himself for His existence, His being, His life, knowledge, love, etc., or any other quality, power or attribute that may be ascribed to Him. He is not dependent on the angels, or on the world; above all He is not dependent on us or on any relationship with us or them for anything that He is or does. This is not to say that He may not or does not have a relationship with us or with

any other being external to Himself, that is, with His creatures. But it *is* to say that He does not *need* such relationships and does not in any way depend on them. He would still be all that He is if nothing external to Himself ever existed.

He is the ground or basis of His own being. And since that Being is infinite, He must be the cause of all other beings. Would it be right, then, to say that He is His own cause, the cause of His own being? No, it wouldn't. Because that would be to say that before He existed, He decided to make Himself, which is nonsense. Nonsense on two counts: for in the first place, since He is infinite, there is no "before" He existed; and in the second place, it would be saying that He existed and didn't exist at the same time — which is just as foolish as it sounds. No, He is not caused by anything, not even by Himself. He just is.

Though God is not His own cause, He *is* the cause of everything else that exists. If finite things exist, they owe it to Him. Now this is not immediately evident to us because we don't see God in the process of causing things. As a matter of fact, though He can, God seldom makes things directly. He uses tools and materials as all workmen do. When you see a handsome carved chair, you may say, "John Jones, the cabinet-maker, made that," but at the same time you know perfectly well that Jones didn't break the wood over his knee to shape the seat and the legs, but used a saw and a plane; and he didn't do the carving with his teeth, but used a chisel. Still less did he create the wood, or the iron from which the screws are made. But here is the difference, that while God uses tools and materials, He did create them too as well as the finished product. Everything in this world, including John Jones and you and me, was created or brought into being by something else; and that something else was created by something further; and so on back until you come to the point where the only answer that can be given is that this thing was created directly by God. So that ultimately the whole system of tools and materials and creative activity is dependent on God. God alone is self-sufficient and depends on nobody and nothing else. This is the reason why He is sometimes called the First Cause, or the Uncaused Cause, for everything else that exists ultimately depends for its very existence as well as its form upon God.

And here is the point at which we look ahead to the next term of our definition. Having considered this system of creative activity about you, can you possibly imagine its being brought into exist-

tence by an impersonal automaton, a blind and unreasoning force? I doubt very much that you can.

—E. B.



PARISH NOTES

THE Advent Retreat for Men and Women will be held on Saturday, December the eleventh, with the Bishop of Long Island, the Right Reverend James Pernette DeWolfe, D.D., as conductor. The Retreat Mass will be celebrated at the High Altar at eight, followed by breakfast. Meditations will be given at 10:15, 11:30 and 2:15, with luncheon at 12:45. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will close the Retreat at three. Here is an opportunity to go apart with Jesus for a day of quiet reflection and spiritual joy. Kindly notify before December the eighth the Sister-in-Charge-of-the-Retreat, St Mary's Mission House, 133 West 46th Street, (PLaza 7-6464), of your intention to attend, that adequate provision may be made for breakfast and luncheon.



THOSE of you who are practically minded will rejoice over the new Kentile floor recently laid in St Mary's kitchen. It is the gift of the Guild of St Mary of the Cross. We are most grateful for the generosity of the members of this Guild. Our kitchen has always been an appreciated spot, but now it is positively an attractive place, what with the resplendent new floor and the redecoration of the kitchen during the past summer. Come and see for yourself. You may be put to work!



CHRISTIANS should send religious cards to their friends at Christmas. You will find a splendid assortment of such cards on sale by the Sisters of the Holy Nativity in the Mission House, 133 West 46th Street. What is more, your patronage will help the Sisters in their work.



THE Advent United Thank Offering of the women of the Church will be presented at the ten o'clock Mass at the Cathedral of St John the Divine on Tuesday, December the seventh. Offerings from the women of the congregation should be sent to the Parish Custodian, Mrs. Charles Edgar, 535 East 14th Street, New York

City 9, or given to her after the High Mass on Sunday, December the fifth. (The members of the Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary are asked to send their offerings to Miss Adelaide D. Simpson, 520 West 114th Street, New York City 25, or hand them to her after the High Mass on December the fifth.)

All women of the parish are invited to attend the Mass at the Cathedral after which there will be a box luncheon in the Undercroft. In the afternoon a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held.



THE Guild of St Mary of the Cross holds its annual Sale and Ham Dinner on Wednesday, December the first. The Sale opens at three. Tea is served at four and dinner is served at six at one dollar and twenty-five cents per plate. There will be baked goods, groceries, fancy and useful articles on sale until eight-thirty in the evening. Your patronage is hopefully solicited. The proceeds are to be devoted to missionary and parochial projects.



THE Day Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets on Friday morning, December the seventeenth, in St Joseph's Hall at ten-forty-five for a business meeting and a Toy Shower at which time Father Mason of the Church of St Edward the Martyr will be the speaker. There will be a Corporate Communion that morning at the nine-thirty Mass in the Lady Chapel.

The Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets in St Joseph's Hall Tuesday evening, December the twenty-first, at seven-thirty, following a Group Dinner at Child's, Broadway and 46th Street, at six. The Corporate Communion will have been held at the nine o'clock Mass on Sunday, December the fifth.

The women of the congregation are most cordially invited and urged to attend both these meetings.



ORDO Kalendars for 1955 may be purchased at fifty cents through the Church Office or the St Francis de Sales Shop. These Kalendars are adorned with an excellent picture of the Sisters' Chapel in the Mission House. Every Catholic home should run on the Ordo Kalendar.



GIFTS continue to come to St Mary's. We are most grateful in receiving a rochet trimmed with very beautiful lace and a man-

telletta for use in pontifical functions. These are much needed and they are given by a faithful worshipper in loving memory of George La Pla Smith, priest. A devoted parishioner has presented us with an Italian chalice and paten of unique and exceptionally beautiful design and craftsmanship. This gift is a thank offering just for what St Mary's has been, is and hopes to be.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

October 3 — Susan Blaine Lambert
 October 10 — Michael William Barry
 October 31 — Alison Cotesworth Goodman

CONFIRMATION

By the RIGHT REVEREND HORACE W. B. DONEGAN, D.D.

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye were sealed until the day of redemption."

October 2 — William M. Packard

MARRIAGE

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

October 30 — Raymond Emerick Leggett and Elsie Bertha White

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

October 11 — Elizabeth McKim
 October 22 — Katherine Soper
 October 22 — Nancy Purdum
 October 23 — Joseph Henry Schuman
 October 23 — Anna Marie Schuman



THE Altar flowers for the month of December are given in memory of the following:

December 8 — The Patronal Festival. Departed Trustees.
 December 12 — The Third Sunday in Advent. Clara Pike.
 December 25 — Christmas Day. Thomas McKee Brown, Priest, Founder and Rector.
 December 26 — The First Sunday after Christmas. George Coldham.

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

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

Sunday, December 5, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross. The Woman's Auxiliary (Evening Branch).

Sunday, December 12, 9:00, The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic.

Friday, December 17, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary (Day Branch).

Sunday, December 26, 9:00, The Church School. The Order of St Vincent. The Guild of St Stephen.



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KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

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| 1. W. | Feria. |
| 2. Th. | St Bibiana, V.M. Com. Feria. |
| 3. F. | St Francis Xavier, C. Com. Feria, St Birinus, B.C. <i>Abstinence.</i> |
| 4. Sa. | St Peter Chrysologus, B.C.D. Com. St Barbara, V.M., Feria. |
| ✕ 5. Su. | ADVENT II. Com. St Sabas, Ab. |
| 6. M. | St Nicholas, B.C. Com. Feria. |
| 7. Tu. | St Ambrose, B.C.D. Com. Feria, Vigil. |
| ✕ 8. W. | THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Com. Feria. |
| 9. Th. | Of the Octave. Com. Feria. |
| 10. F. | Of the Octave. Com. Feria, St Melchiades, B.M. <i>Abstinence.</i> |
| 11. Sa. | St Damasus, B.C. Com. Octave, Feria. |
| ✕ 12. Su. | ADVENT III (Gaudete). Com. Octave. |
| 13. M. | St Lucy, V.M. Com. Octave, Feria. |
| 14. Tu. | Of the Octave. Com. Feria. |
| 15. W. | EMBER WEDNESDAY. Com. Octave Day. <i>Fast and Abstinence.</i> |
| 16. Th. | St Eusebius, B.M. Com. Feria. Requiem, 8. |
| 17. F. | EMBER FRIDAY. Com. Raising of St Lazarus, B.C. <i>Fast and Abstinence.</i> |
| 18. Sa. | EMBER SATURDAY. <i>Fast and Abstinence.</i> |
| ✕ 19. Su. | ADVENT IV. |
| 20. M. | Vigil of St Thomas, Ap. Com. Feria. |
| 21. Tu. | ST THOMAS, AP. Com. Feria. |
| 22. W. | Feria. Requiem, 9:30. |
| 23. Th. | Feria. |
| 24. F. | Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord. <i>Fast and Abstinence.</i> |
| ✕ 25. Sa. | THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. High Mass (First Mass of the Nativity) 12 midnight. Com. St Anastasia in 2nd Mass. High Mass with Sermon, 11. |
| ✕ 26. Su. | ST STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR AND DEACON. Com. Octave. |
| 27. M. | ST JOHN, AP., EV. Com. Octave. |
| 28. Tu. | THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MM. Com. Octave. |
| 29. W. | St Thomas of Canterbury, B.M. Com. Octave. |
| 30. Th. | Of the Sunday in the Octave. Com. Octave. |
| 31. F. | St Sylvester I, B.C. Com. Octave. |

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

MUSIC FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 5 — ADVENT II

<i>Mass</i> , Missa Ascendo ad Patrem	Palestrina
Motet, Ecce Dominus veniet	Handl
<i>Evening</i>	
Litany in Procession	Gregorian
Motet, Caro mea	Caldara
O salutaris hostia	Schroeder
Motet, Adoramus te	Mozart
Tantum ergo	Bruckner

DECEMBER 12 — CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

<i>Mass</i> , Messe en E minor	Bruckner
Motet, Beata es virgo Maria	Gabrieli
<i>Evening</i>	
Litany in Procession	Gregorian
Motet, Rorate caeli	Palestrina
O salutaris hostia	Desderi
Motet, Ave verum	Mozart
Tantum ergo (No. 1)	Kodaly

DECEMBER 19 — ADVENT IV

<i>Mass</i> , Missa brevis	Lotti
Motet, O admirabilis commercium	Handl
<i>Evening</i>	
Litany in Procession	Gregorian
Motet, Pange lingua	Kodaly
O salutaris hostia	Noyon
Motet, Adoramus te	Palestrina
Tantum ergo (No. VI)	Reger

DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS (MIDNIGHT MASS)

<i>Mass</i> , Missa brevis in D	Mozart
Carols	

DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY (THIRD MASS)

<i>Mass</i> , Missa In simplicitate	Langlais
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DECEMBER 26 — SAINT STEPHEN

<i>Mass</i> , Missa Sancti Josephi	Peeters
Motet, Pange lingua	Kodaly
<i>Evening</i>	
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis	Whitlock
Carols	
O salutaris hostia	de la Rue
Motet, O Bone Jesu	Bai
Tantum ergo (Opus. 11, No. V)	Kromolicki

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, and 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.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Intercessions	
Wednesdays	12:10-12:40 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 (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 the 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
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 BOSSHARD: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m.

FATHER SCHUMAN: 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 arrangements 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.

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 of 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.—Day Branch, third Fridays, Corporate Communion 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 10:45 a.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*, Evening Branch, third Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. Corporate Communion first Sundays, 9 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 Schuman, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF HELP.—For forwarding the social service work of the Church. Meetings as announced from time to time. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

ORDER OF ST VINCENT.—For Altar Servers. Meetings, as announced. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Bosshard, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN.—For young people, ages twenty to thirty-five. Meetings, first Thursdays at 8 p.m. and third Sundays at six p.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Schuman, *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. Meetings
second Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Schuman, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ALL SOULS.—St Mary's Ward. Stations of the Cross,
third Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Bosshard, *Chaplain*.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

FELLOWSHIP OF ST JOHN.—Object: Prayer and work for the
Society of St John the Evangelist. Corporate Communion,
December 27th and May 6th. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

ASSOCIATES OF THE SISTERHOOD OF THE HOLY NATIVITY.—Object:
Prayer and work for the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity.
Meetings, as announced. Corporate Communion, first Mondays,
8 a.m., in the Sisters' Chapel in the Mission House.

THE PARISH LIBRARY

WILLIAM EDWARD JONES MEMORIAL LENDING LIBRARY.—In
the Sisters' Mission House there is available a collection of
books in theology, apologetics, ecclesiastical history, religious
biography and devotional literature. Books may be borrowed
for home-reading. Hours: Week-days, 4 to 6 p.m. Sundays,
immediately after High Mass and before Evensong.

REMEMBER ST MARY'S IN YOUR WILL

The following is the form of bequest:

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath to THE SOCIETY OF
THE FREE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN,
a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State
of New York, and having its principal office at 145 West 46th
Street, New York City, (here stating
the nature or amount of the gift)."

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THE RECTORY

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