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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's,—

By God's mercy we have come to another season of Advent. The keynote sounded throughout this season might be said to be *preparation*,—preparation for the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When He first took His journey from heaven to earth and became Incarnate, the God-man, He was heralded by blessed John Baptist who cried out "Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make his paths straight." Now, since the Incarnate Lord came to be the Redeemer for all mankind, His way is indeed the way of salvation. We ourselves entered on that way when we were baptized and the path continues until we reach journey's end in heaven itself.

It is possible, though not probable, that any of us might leave the way of salvation. We are free to do so. All we need to do is to despair of God's grace and to give up hope in His promises and to determine to live as of ourselves and for ourselves in utter disregard of God's honor and glory. It is essential therefore that we prepare for our most holy Redeemer's coming to us that He may keep us with Him in the way of salvation. He comes to lift us back again onto that happy way in the Sacrament of Holy Penance when He places at our disposal the merits of His Passion in the forgiveness of sins, thereby restoring us to the highway from which we have deliberately slipped through our mortal sins. He comes to bring us home again when we have lost our way in the confusion and darkness of this world as He relights the path of salvation through fresh revelations from His Holy Gospel. He comes in each offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to give us Himself, His Body and His Blood, that we may be made strong enough to continue on the way of salvation through a necessary sacrifice of self and of self-love.

True, during the season of Advent, Holy Church reminds us of those great future realities,—death, judgment, heaven (by way of purgatory), or hell. None of us can avoid death or judgment but we may avoid hell and so be admitted to heaven which is the end

of the way of salvation. We may avoid hell, everlasting damnation, by preparing for death and judgment. The best way to prepare for judgment is to prepare for our next confession and the best way to prepare for death is to prepare for our next communion. If we as faithful Catholics constantly, and not only occasionally, prepare for our confessions and communions, then we shall prove ourselves worthy of the application of the merits of the Passion of our blessed Saviour to our own souls. Whether here, or hereafter in purgatory, we shall be getting ready for the bliss of heaven and for the joy at the Last Great Day of hearing Jesus our Judge say "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." All this because with a series of good confessions and good communions and good meditations on the good news of the Gospel of Christ we shall be strengthened to love God as well as our neighbors and ourselves for God's sake.

Affectionately yours

Ernie Taber



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, Saturday, December 24

Church School Festival 4 p.m.
Evening Prayer (Lady Chapel) 6 p.m.
Midnight Mass and Holy Communion Midnight

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

Low Mass 7, 8, 9, 10 a.m.
Morning Prayer 7:40 a.m.

Procession, High Mass and Sermon 11 a.m.
Evensong and Benediction 8 p.m.

The Church School Christmas Festival, Saturday 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.



BEFORE THE TABERNACLE

As Sons of God

ST AUGUSTINE once wrote "God became man in order to make men gods: the Lord of angels became man in order that man should eat the bread of angels." What did the great saint mean by that which on the surface might appear too extravagant a statement? Not that we finite mortals should ever be the infinite God but rather that we should be enabled to reflect more brightly the Deity in our own lives. Indeed each of us has a soul which in a limited and finite way is capable of sharing in the divine love of God. The faculties of the soul, namely, the understanding and the memory and the will, are capable of growth as the soul, God's image, is fed by His Divine life through sharing in that life.

What a privilege it is to take ourselves before the Tabernacle for the great and holy purpose of receiving grace or spiritual power to be made sharers in the divinity to which our own humanity is united through Him who dwells in the Tabernacle,—Jesus Christ. The Church gloriously expresses all this in her antiphon at Lauds on the Octave Day of Christmas "O wondrous interchange! the Creator of mankind taking upon him a living body, vouchsafed to be born of a pure Virgin: and by his Humanity, which was begotten in no earthly wise, hath made us partakers of his Divinity."

Yes, He whom we adore in the Blessed Sacrament is the Son, begotten from all eternity, the beloved Son to whom the Father communicates His divine life and the fullness of His being. From out the Tabernacle we can almost hear that beloved Son whisper to us as we kneel in lowly adoration "As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, the same also shall

live by Me." Indeed, when we receive Holy Communion we are so closely united to the divine Sonship of the Only Begotten of the Father that we become sons of that Father. We are adopted as His children through our union with His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ.

Now every celebration of the Holy Mass closes with that majestic and spiritually enlightening description of Jesus, Lord Incarnate, written by St John. What depth of meaning, what radiant hope in the words "He came unto his own and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." There you have it. Thanks be to God, at our rebirth at the font in Holy Baptism, we by being joined to the mystical body of Christ, His Holy Catholic Church, became sons of God and all this through the power of that union with Christ, the eternal Son of God. By the grace of that Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we were divinely begotten. By that grace we became the children of God,—His sons. In spite of our unworthiness the Father then willed that we should give Him the name *Father*. Properly speaking, an unbaptized person does not rightly call the First Person of the blessed Trinity *Father*. As St Paul has so pointedly written to the Galatian Christians "When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying 'Abba, Father.' Wherefore thou art no more a servant but a son: and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

Naturally we rejoice in that the humanity of Jesus which He took in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary serves as the effective instrument for communicating His divine life to us because His Sacred Humanity rendered God visible in the manger at Bethlehem, in His ministry in Palestine, in His death on the Cross. Thanks be to God, the Sacred and Glorified Humanity of Jesus still renders God visible in the spotless, white Host in the Tabernacle. Jesus was made flesh and dwelt among us and became Emmanuel,—God-with-us, and He still dwells among us in the Tabernacle as our Emmanuel. The altar is indeed another Bethlehem.

Oh, let us frequent the Tabernacle! There during silent adoration grace will flow into our souls, grace to continue to be sons of God, adopted children of our heavenly Father. Grace will be given

us to ask and speak and think as sons of God, not merely as sons of men. Grace will be given to be real Christians,—to love God and to keep His commandments, to grow in virtue and heavenly-mindedness. By this grace a genuine resemblance to God will be formed in our souls which will be revealed outwardly through works of holiness. Just as the source of the greatness of Jesus is His divine quality of Son of God, so the source of any greatness in us is our willingness by grace to live as the children of God, the Father's adopted sons in Christ. Indeed by grace which flows from the Tabernacle we may become more and more like unto God and as the Father said of His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased," so He may be pleased with us adopted sons when we live lives adorned with the grace of that beloved Son.

Pray that the grace of adoption may be increased in us every time we visit Jesus in the Tabernacle. Then truly we shall be called the children of God. Before the Tabernacle pray that Jesus will teach us by His grace and by our virtues to be like Him and in Him to be worthy children of our heavenly Father. Pray this often. Pray in faith, pray in hope, pray in love. Such prayer will always be answered.



PATRONAL FESTIVAL

THE Patronal Festival of St Mary's was happily chosen by our Founders to be the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Patronal Festival is *family day* for the parish when all of her members venerate our Patron Saint and as a family receive the Bread of Life in a parish Corporate Communion. This Corporate Communion will be at High Mass at seven Thursday morning, December the eighth. Every communicant of the parish should make a sacrificial effort to be present.

Then on the Sunday in the Octave, December the eleventh, all should plan to attend the High Mass and Procession at eleven to give humble thanks for Our Lady's prayers and the untold blessings that have come to us as a parish through her prayers and patronage. All who value the spiritual privileges and joys that are ours here at St Mary's will rejoice to be a part of this great service of thanksgiving.

Let no one absent himself from keeping the Patronal Festival. No one can take your place.



THE CATHOLIC MOUSE

Christmas Song for Children

Come, O come to the Manger.

This is God's family feast.

Nobody here is a stranger,

Children or bird or beast.

Come, O come to the Manger.

I'm bringing my sisters and cousins

And their children, dozens and dozens

Of little gray mice with pink noses,

Dressed in their holiday clo'ses;

A red ribbon here and a green tie there,

And mistletoe in every girl mouse's hair.

Look for us all at the Manger.

Come, O come to the Manger.

Sing carols gay and sweet

To the little Lord in the Manger,

Kneeling before His feet.

Come, O come to the Manger.

Ani mnC.



WHAT ABOUT GOD? (12)

WHAT God is in Himself is the most difficult question to answer when we are discussing the Christian teaching about God. Actually, it can only be answered by God Himself and so the first group of the characteristics of God, which are the ones that deal with this question, are derived from His revelation of Himself in our Lord and in scripture. They are presented and defined and clarified with the help of philosophy—more particularly that branch of philosophy known as metaphysics.

When we came to the second group, those that concern what God is as shown by His activity, we begin, of course, with His revelation and go on with philosophical speculation, but sometimes, and especially when we are talking about His Providence, we can add something from our own observation and experience.

Now that we come to the third group of attributes, those that

show what God is in His relation to His creatures, we can add a good deal more from our own experience since we are creatures and can have a very close relationship to God if we will. Relationships between free beings which are not accidental but are brought about or maintained by the activity of their free wills are properly called moral relationships and so these characteristics of God are sometimes called His Moral Attributes.

Because of what we have already said about the perfection of the Divine Being in every way, we can practically take it for granted that God contains within that Being the basis of all moral principles and the ultimate degree of moral perfection. We need only remind ourselves that there are certain virtues which belong exclusively to creatures and are not to be found in the divine essence. For example: the virtues of humility and obedience do not belong to God; for there is no one whom He ought to obey, and there is no one who exceeds Him in glory and power.

The first and most basic if not the greatest of the moral attributes of God is His *Holiness*. Holiness is another one of those words that over the years has developed a very wide area of meaning, so that we sometimes use it to mean such things as purity, religiosity, spirituality or almost any mysterious quality in a person that we don't quite understand. But its principal and fundamental meaning (and this is especially true when we apply it to God) is "otherness." It expresses the difference that there is between the Creator and His creatures. It is the quality that makes God to be God and therefore different from all other beings. It is the perception of this holiness that makes us fall on our knees to worship Him in whom it exists. It is the realization of this quality in God that engenders the virtue of humility in us. We realize that He is Who He is and in comparison we are as nothing before Him.

The concept of the Holiness of God is possibly the greatest legacy of the ancient Jewish religion to Christianity. Certainly it is the most basic and obvious distinction between the Judaeo-Christian tradition and the religion of the pagan with a pantheon of roistering gods or the pantheist who identifies his own being with the divine essence. How different is our attitude toward God on the one hand from that of the ancient Greek toward Apollo, for instance; and on the other hand from that of Mrs. Eddy who regarded herself and her followers as being identical with God.

And then, though holiness belongs primarily to God, He conde-

scends to share it with us from time to time. Here again the ancient Hebrews led the way. "Translated into human terms, holiness becomes consecration, or separation from mundane things in order to draw near to God." This holiness permeated the whole life of the Chosen People and resided especially in the priesthood and in holy places and things dedicated to God. The ancient concept of holiness as the very strength of God was the forerunner, I think it is fair to say, of the Christian concept of grace. When holiness was lost the Hebrews became weak and helpless; they felt that God had deserted them.

And so let us not forget that the Christian life begins in holiness. For in baptism we are made holy, consecrated, set apart for God by being incorporated into His Mystical Body. This is what St Paul means by addressing baptized people in his letters as "saints" (holy ones). Henceforth we are on God's side against the Prince of this world.

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—E. B.

PARISH NOTES

THE Advent Retreat for Men and Women is being conducted this year on Saturday, December the tenth, the meditations being given by Father Taber. The schedule is Mass at eight; meditations at 10:15, 12:00 and 2:15, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as the closing devotion at three; breakfast following the Mass and luncheon being served at 12:45. Those who plan to avail themselves of a day of quiet reflection and therefore spiritual refreshment, kindly notify by December the seventh the Sister-in-Charge-of-the-Retreat, St Mary's Mission House, 133 West 46th Street, New York 36, N. Y. (PLaza 7-6464) that necessary reservations may be made for breakfast and luncheon.

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ON Wednesday, December the seventh, the Guild of St Mary of the Cross will hold its annual Bazaar in St Joseph's Hall from three until eight-thirty. Food, fancy articles, Christmas cards and religious articles will be on sale. Tea will be served at four and an excellent ham supper (one dollar and twenty-five cents) is promised for six-thirty. Your patronage is confidently looked for by the faithful women of this Guild who do so much toward helping the parish and charitable works outside the parish.

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ORDO Kalendars bearing a picture of the High Altar at St Mary's are on sale in the Church Office and in the St Francis de Sales Shop. The price is fifty cents, or sixty cents if mailed. Every home should have an Ordo Kalendar and the activities of every home should first include the willing observance of the Church's feasts and fasts.

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CHRISTMASTIDE is a season of happy giving. In plans for this joyful season let none of us forget that St Mary's needs a Christmas present from each of us in the form of a generous Christmas Offering and that Christmas is not Christmas unless there is giving to those who cannot or will not return the compliment.

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THE Day Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets in St Joseph's Hall on Friday morning, December the sixteenth, at ten-forty-five when Father Chandler of St Peter's Church will give a talk on the work of that church in the Chelsea District of New York City. There will be a Toy Shower for the benefit of the boys and girls of that district whose earthly joys are rigidly circumscribed. The Corporate Communion of the Auxiliary will be held that morning at the nine-thirty Mass.

The Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets in St Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening, December the thirteenth at seven-fifteen, when there will be a Toy Shower for the benefit of the children at St Luke's Hospital. All business and professional women of the parish are most cordially invited to attend this meeting. A Corporate Communion will have been held at the nine o'clock Mass on Sunday, December the fourth.

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THE Advent United Thank Offering of the women of the Church will be presented in the Cathedral of St John the Divine at a Corporate Communion on Tuesday, December the sixth, at the ten-thirty Mass. This will be the first presentation in the new Triennium. Contributions should be sent to the Parish Custodian, Mrs James R. English, 4 East 95th Street, New York 28, or given to her after the High Mass on Sunday, December the fourth.

The members of the Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will make their offerings through their U.T.O. Custodian, Miss Adelaide D. Simpson, 520 West 114th Street, New York 25.

All the women of the parish are invited to attend this service at the Cathedral after which there will be a box luncheon in the Undercroft. Immediately following the luncheon there will be a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in Synod Hall.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

October 9 — Robert Lee Doughton Colby

CONFIRMATIONS

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 1 — Shirlee Anne Boutcher
Katharine Calee
Aldine Baker MacCorkle
Robert Chesebrough MacCorkle
James Edgar Furnell

MARRIAGE

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

October 1 — Kenneth John Ziegler and Antoinette Mary Molese

RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER

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

October 3 — Jeanette C. Caldwell
October 5 — Robert Stanley Bailes
October 14 — Howard Snyder
October 14 — Alice Snyder
October 14 — Michael Howard Snyder

BURIAL

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

October 7 — Eleanor Harris Burgess



PRAYER

Come for a brief hour
Into the light of Heaven.

Every thought, every desire
Humbled, shriven
In the remote stillness of prayer
The soul is given
God's Joy, God's Will to adore.

Anon.



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

December 8 — The Patronal Festival. Departed Trustees.

December 11 — The Third Sunday in Advent. Clara Pike.

December 25 — Christmas Day. Thomas McKee Brown, Priest, Founder and first Rector.



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

Sunday, December 4, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross. The Woman's Auxiliary (Evening Branch).

Wednesday, December 7, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.

Sunday, December 11, 9:00, The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic.

Friday, December 16, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary (Day Branch).

Sunday, December 25, 9:00, The Church School, The Order of St Vincent, The Guild of St Stephen.



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KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

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

Mass — Mass in B flat Lotti
 Motet, *Rorate caeli desuper* Palestrina

Evening

The Litany in Procession Plainchant
 Motet, *Obsecro Domine* Handl
 O salutaris hostia Whyte
 Motet, *Adoramus te (No. 2)* Perti
 Tantum ergo (No. 2) Reger

DECEMBER 11 — SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CONCEPTION

Mass — Missa brevis Mozart
 Motet, *Beata es, virgo Maria* Gabrieli

Evening

The Litany in Procession Plainchant
 Motet, *Salvator mundi* Blow
 O salutaris hostia Farnaby
 Motet, *Adoramus te* Rosselli
 Tantum ergo (5 part) Victoria

DECEMBER 18 — ADVENT IV

Mass — Missa *Vidi speciosam* Victoria
 Motet, *Ecce Dominus veniet* Handl

Evening

The Litany in Procession Plainchant
 Motet, *Ego sum panis vivus* Byrd
 O salutaris hostia Kromolicki
 Motet, *Adoramus te* Ruffo
 Tantum ergo Bruckner

DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS (MIDNIGHT MASS)

Mass — Missa brevis Mozart
 Carols

DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass — Missa in hon. Sancti Josephi Peeters
 Motet, *Hodie nobis caelorum Rex* de Maleingreau

Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis Byrd
 Carols
 O salutaris hostia de la Rue
 Motet, *O bone Jesu* Ingegneri
 Tantum ergo (Op. 11, No. 5) 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
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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 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 as announced. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Schuman, *Chaplain*.

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