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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's,—

We Catholic Christians are so busy in proclaiming what the Church is that we not infrequently forget what she is for. She is of course the Mystical Body of Christ and her life is empowered by the Holy Spirit. All baptized persons are members of the Church. By virtue of their baptism they have become branches of the Vine, Jesus Christ. Because He lives they live since His life flows into their life. In receiving His life they can jubilantly say with blessed Paul "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

Now the work of the Church for which she exists consists in making strong the union between Christians and Christ, begun in Holy Baptism. Their union with Christ's truth becomes strong as their minds are filled with the joy of His Gospel. Their union with Christ's will becomes strong as their wills are denuded of self and brought into loving subjection to His holy will. The life of their souls becomes healthy as the sin-stains on their souls are washed with Christ's Precious Blood in His gift of pardon and as their souls are filled with His life when they receive for their nourishment Christ's Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. The spiritual life of Christians is strong insofar as it is a life of prayer and worship and discipline and lovingkindness. All this and more too is that for which the Church exists.

Now the Church does not exist just for you and me. She exists for all of God's children. There are among your acquaintances and possibly in your own household some who know not what the Church holds in trust for them. To you and to me Christ the Good Shepherd is saying "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold. Them also I must bring and there shall be one flock and one shepherd." He has appointed each one of us to be His agent in bringing sheep into His fold, the Holy Catholic Church.

The Bishop of the Diocese of New York has appointed the evening of the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March the thirty-first, for the

administration of the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation here at St Mary's. This announcement should stir every loyal member of the Mystical Body of Christ to pray and to work in order to bring others to the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation that by the power of the Holy Spirit they may make use of the Church's Sacraments for the strengthening of their union with Christ. Before the Bishop comes, much instruction is given in preparation for a full Christian life. Most of this instruction is given individually by your priests and the Sisters of the Holy Nativity, but there will be the following group instructions offered in the place of the sermon at the six Sunday evening services preceding Holy Confirmation. The schedule is:

- February 17 — The Incarnation and the Church
- February 24 — The Church Beyond the Veil
- March 3 — The Church a Power Plant
- March 10 — The Church a Hospital
- March 17 — The Church and Her Altars
- March 24 — The Church and Her Precepts

Plan now to invite to accompany you to these instructions such of your family or acquaintances as do not practise the Christian Faith or such as have never entered into the joy of practising the fullness of that Faith. Pray and work hard to this end.

Affectionately yours,

Greg Taber

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SAFEGUARDS OF SPIRITUAL HEALTH

Humor

IN writing about humor one rushes in where angels fear to tread. However, we are being forever reminded of the *saving sense of humor*.

Now to possess this sense of humor has little to do with laughter although hearty laughing may accompany humor. You see laughter is not always connected with that which is humorous. A person may laugh when he is tickled but there is nothing humorous in the physical act of tickling. Another may laugh over a miraculous escape from a terrible accident, but there is nothing humorous about an accident. An undertaker may laugh over nailing up a casket enclos-

ing a body, but there is nothing humorous about a dead body. The clerk in your corner store may laugh over your remark intended to be funny yet in reality dull. His eye for future business will force even a hearty laugh when there is no humor in your remark.

You have undoubtedly been at social gatherings, especially wedding receptions, when someone who would burst into society bursts into cackling laughter over very inane remarks. There is no humor in the picture. Surely you have heard laughter over the misfortunes and even physical disabilities of pitiful characters when humor is out of the question. And there is always "the loud laugh that bespeaketh the empty mind," — empty of humor.

What then is the saving sense of humor? It is the ability to take all experiences playfully. It is having fun in living. However, there are relatively few people with this saving sense of humor. Why is this? May it not be because relatively few people live by certainties? One of the reasons why children go through life playfully and in having so much fun is that they live by certainties and not by doubts. They are certain that God loves them and that their parents, even bad ones, love them as well. They are certain that many good things lie ahead, even though they must imagine these good things and conjure them up out of nothing. However, adults somehow or other get to the stage in which they believe that to be considered grown up and sophisticated it is necessary to live by doubts and not by certainties. These doubts are the products of their own minds and so they get to love them and to hug them to themselves and they become very vocal concerning them. They air their doubts.

Can we not then see that the Catholic Christian if he is genuine must have a sense of humor? The true Catholic lives by certainties and he can therefore take all incipient doubts playfully. He is certain of the love and the wisdom and the compassion of God because he is a follower of the Incarnate Lord who brought this love and wisdom and compassion from heaven to earth and extends them all to His true followers through His Church. This is why St Teresa of Avila could suggest as a litany petition "From silly devotions, good Lord deliver us." She knew the certainty of God and she could treat playfully inconsequential devotions. This too is why Hilaire Belloc in his essay "On Laughter" could write "Genuine laughter is the physical effect produced in the rational being by what suddenly strikes his immortal soul as being damned funny." He knew the certainty of the soul and he could conceive of treating playfully anything of less importance. Yes, all of God's children richly gifted

with the sense of the invisible can playfully treat with those things which are the visible.

Are you solemn about being a Christian or are you having fun? Are you solemnly multiplying pious practices, — adding constantly to the list of saints whose prayers you ask, increasing the number of your medals by joining every guild that springs into being over night (you will rattle when you run) and adding prayers on prayers until your soul as well as your body is in a state of collapse? Yes, you need to return to the certainty that God will love to hear your simple, humble cry “Lord, help me” and so to treat playfully other devotional practices as you find time for them and have fun in performing them. They are all right except when they are approached solemnly and with frenzied and not quiet effort.

St Francis de Sales was a choice shepherd to God’s sheep because he was gifted with a sense of humor. He was genuinely playful. You will possibly remember that after one of his sermons in Paris a group of ladies approached him with the idea of expressing appreciation of the sermon by asking questions. One asked one thing, another another, and soon all were talking at once. Blessed Francis by this time could not hear anything and so he raised his voice above the din and said “I will answer all your questions if you will first answer one for me. When everyone talks and nobody listens, what is to be done?” You can imagine that total silence was then the order of the day. St Francis said what he had to say playfully for he was certain that spiritual growth can take place only in a setting of calm.

Oh, may we have fun in being Christians! May we be so certain of the big things of life, namely, our God and His saving grace and our future glory promised to us if we keep in the way of salvation that we can treat playfully with the little things in daily living. Then we shall be able to laugh at ourselves for being so solemnly concerned about the trivialities of life. We shall laugh at ourselves for hankering after what we cannot attain. We shall laugh at ourselves for allowing external objects summed up in what we call worldliness to control us when we know that Almighty God offers us the power to be masters of our own souls. We shall laugh at ourselves for trying to possess the lives of others when we know that God alone has that privilege. We shall laugh at ourselves for depending on things out of our control when we know that God alone operates His universe and in His way. We shall laugh at ourselves for play-

ing the role of Atlas when we know that only God Himself sustains His universe. All of such laughter springs from a sense of humor, — a *saving* sense of humor which will save us from ourselves when we become our own worst enemies.

When next you look in a mirror and possibly behold a solemn visage, go and sit down and take time out for a hearty laugh. Then get up and take another look and yet another and sit down comfortably and laugh some more. Then say “What a silly fool I am to think that I am a saviour when I know for a certainty that Jesus is my and everyone else’s Saviour.” You will then illustrate by your own action what is meant by a saving sense of humor. It will save you from yourself. It will safe-guard your spiritual health!



THE CATHOLIC MOUSE

Candles shine in February
 At Candlemass for Blessed Mary
 And her little Son.
 Altar candle, tall and white,
 Small and sturdy vigil light,
 Birthday cake with candles bright
 Bring indoors by day and night
 The shining of the sun.
 Days are short and days are long;
 Candles are a note of song
 In the dusk. So I at night
 Praise God for candle light.
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OUR LORD (5)

IN our last article we spoke of Docetism and its dangers to a true doctrine of Christ because of its denial to Him of true humanity. Now I want to tell you a little about some of the people who accepted this teaching that Jesus only seemed to be a man, and only seemed to suffer and die. These people were known as Gnostics, the Knowers. They were given this name, not because they were learned in theology, but because they claimed to have secret inside knowledge about divine things. And some of the things they claimed to know were very odd indeed. They were among those I spoke of last time who believed that all true and good being was spiritual and that anything material is by virtue of that fact, evil.

How then to explain even the existence of the material world if original and true being is spiritual and spirit is by nature good? To account for this they invented a whole hierarchy of spiritual beings or gods of descending degrees of excellence. Some of the lower orders were not very bright and no better than they should be, and one of them made the mistake of creating our world. (Unfortunately we haven't space to give a full account of their system or discuss its inconsistencies.) This creator-being thought he was the only god and they identify him with the God of the Old Testament, an angry and merciless judge — so they say. To rectify this horrible mistake, one of the higher beings, known as Christ or Jesus, appeared in the world, looking like a man, and delivered to a select few the secret knowledge that would enable them to escape the bondage of material bodies and get back into the heaven of true being from which they had fallen. Note that they did not identify these elect with the Apostles, nor the secret teaching with the doctrine of the Gospels. In so far as they used the Gospels at all, they severally edited and expurgated them to exclude anything contrary to their own ideas. So, they deny absolutely that our Lord was human, and for them He is not even the highest divinity. It is interesting to note that there are groups existing today, certain secret fraternal orders and other groups like the Rosicrucians and even Christian Scientists who hold some of these doctrines.

Then on the other hand there was a group who had no such outlandish ideas about a divine hierarchy, or the evil of matter, but who rather reared that Christian teaching was endangering the unity of God. They had no grasp of the doctrine of the Trinity which safeguards God's oneness but thought that God must be one Person

as well as one Being and reasoned like this: "If the Father is God, and Jesus is God but is not the Father, then there would be two gods. This we cannot allow." So they developed the idea that Jesus was conceived and born and grew up in the same way as any other human being but that when He was ready to begin His ministry and teaching, there was joined to Him the Logos, the Mind or impersonal spirit of God, to tell Him what to say. (Some held that this took place at His Baptism, others, at His Transfiguration.) They believed that this was much the same thing that had happened to Moses and the Prophets only our Lord was supposed to have a much larger measure of this inspiration than anyone else had ever had. They were willing to say that Christ was the Son of God, but only by adoption and not in reality.

We have in these two groups what is essentially a pagan and a Jewish approach to our problem in the earliest days. The pagans quite willing to accept any number of divine beings but reluctant to admit the joining of divinity with an earthly man. And the Jews having no difficulty about the real humanity of Jesus but reluctant to admit that there could be more than one divine Person or that God could come so close to men as actually to enter into personal union with a man. I hardly need to point out that many people today who accept some aspects of Christian teaching — notably the Unitarians, but there are many others as well — hold this latter view of Jesus as being a super-prophet but not really God Almighty. The trouble with both of these views is that while they allow our Lord plenty of scope as a religious teacher; they have no concept of Him as a Saviour and Redeemer. And what the world needed and needs is Salvation and not just education. Salvation by education has been tried again and again and always is found wanting. We can be saved, not by education, but only by a perfect Sacrifice, by the Precious Blood of the Lamb of God.

— E. B.



PARISH NOTES

THE Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candlemas Day, falls this year on Saturday, February the second. The full Solemnity of Candlemas will be celebrated at eleven in the morning which includes the Blessing and Distribution of Candles, Procession of Lights and High Mass with a brief sermon by Father Taber. Low Masses will be celebrated at 7, 8 and 9:30. Since it is a Saturday very many should be able to have the joy of being present at the Solemnity at eleven.



ON Tuesday, February the twelfth, the Annual Acolytes' Festival will be held. This consists of a Solemn Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, Procession of the Host and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A five-minute Charge to the acolytes will be given before the Introit of the Mass by Father Weden, Rector of Grace Church, White Plains. To this Festival are invited acolytes with their priests from many parishes in and near New York. Following upon the great outpouring of devotion to Jesus in His Most Holy Sacrament our visitors are then entertained at a buffet luncheon in St Joseph's Hall. Only priests and acolytes can be invited to the luncheon which is so crowded that even they must struggle for existence. All, however, are invited to the High Mass at eleven. The ladies of Saint Mary's graciously prepare and serve the luncheon.



ADVANCE notice is given of the Lent Retreat for Men and Women on Saturday, March the twenty-third, to be conducted by Father Casserley, Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the General Theological Seminary.



THE Day Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets in St Joseph's Hall on Friday morning, February the fifteenth, at ten-forty-five when Mrs John W. Hazard, Vice Chairman of the Supply Department, will give a talk. A Corporate Communion at the nine-thirty Mass in the Lady Chapel will precede this meeting. All women of the congregation are invited to be present.

The Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets Tuesday evening, February the nineteenth, at seven-fifteen in St Joseph's Hall when Mrs Landes Lewitin, United Thank Offering Chairman for the

Evening Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in the District of Manhattan, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Lewitin will show slides in connection with her topic which will stress the importance of the United Thank Offering. It is hoped that as many as possible of the women of the parish, especially the younger women, will be present to welcome Mrs. Lewitin who is herself a business woman. Preceding the meeting there will be a Dutch Treat dinner at six at Child's, Broadway at 46th Street, to which all are cordially invited.



SECOND EDEN

Source of our life, from Whom in dawn primeval
Man sprang perfected, imaged like to Thee,
In sinew strong, in dignity of reason,
Girt with all grace, in will uncurbed and free:
Milleniums have rolled since we Thy creatures,
Rejoicing in such splendor, turned away,
Choosing the night to tread the ways of error,
Spurning the Light which gilds the paths of day.
Enfeebled now by labor, sin and sorrow,
In us, Replenisher, Thy gifts renew,
That in Thy Son incorp'rate, through Thy Spirit,
Full measure we regain and stature true.



— J. T.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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."

December 1 — Philip Frederick Pfaff

MARRIAGE

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

December 27 — Thaddeus Joseph Brys and Susan Chapman Poore

RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER

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

October 15 — Ruth Hedlund Griffith

December 11 — William Balfour Phelan

December 21 — Helen Streeter Woodward

BURIALS

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

December 12 — George Wallace

December 31 — Julia Early



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

February 2 — The Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ursula Dumont Arnold.

February 3 — The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany. Charles Graham.

February 10 — The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Charles Kirkpatrick Edgar.

February 12 — The Acolytes' Festival. Mrs Archibald Russell.



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

Sunday, February 3, 9:00. The Guild of St Mary of the Cross. The Woman's Auxiliary (Evening Branch).

Wednesday, February 6, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.

Sunday, February 10, 9:00. The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic.

Friday, February 15, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary (Day Branch).

Sunday, February 24, 9:00. The Church School. The Order of St Vincent.

The Guild of St Stephen.



KALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

1. F. St Ignatius, B.M. Com. St Bridget, V. *Abstinence.*
2. Sa. THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Ceremonies of Candlemas, 11 A. M.
- ✠ 3. Su. EPIPHANY IV. Com. St Blase, B.M.
4. M. St Andrew Corsini, B.C. Com. St Gilbert of Sempringham, Ab.
5. Tu. St Agatha, V.M.
6. W. St Titus, B.C. Com. St Dorothy, V.M.
7. Th. St Romuald, Ab.
8. F. St John of Matha, C. *Abstinence.*
9. Sa. St Cyril of Alexandria, B.C.D. Com. St Apollonia, V.M.
- ✠ 10. Su. EPIPHANY V. Com. St Scholastica, V.
11. M. The Vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
12. Tu. The Holy Founders of the Servites, CC. Com. St Benedict Biscop, Ab. At 11, Solemn Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, Procession and Benediction (Acolytes' Festival).
13. W. St Kentigern, B.C.
14. Th. St Valentine, P.M.
15. F. SS Faustinus and Jovita, MM. Com. Holy Martyrs of Japan. *Abstinence.*
16. Sa. Of our Lady. Requiem 9:30.
- ✠ 17. Su. SEPTUAGESIMA.
18. M. St Simeon, B.M: Requiem 7.
19. Tu. Feria.
20. W. Holy Martyrs and Missionaries of Africa.
21. Th. Feria.
22. F. St Peter's Chair at Antioch. Com. St Paul, Ap., St Joseph of Aramathea, C. *Abstinence.*
23. Sa. St Peter Damian, B.C.D.
- ✠ 24. Su. SEXAGESIMA.
25. M. ST MATTHIAS, AP.
26. Tu. Feria. Requiem 8.
27. W. St Gabriel, C.
28. Th. Feria.

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



MUSIC FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 3 — EPIPHANY IV

Mass, Missa In simplicitate Langlais
Motet: Exultate Deo Poulenc

Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis Tallis and Giles
Motet: Ave Maria Rachmaninov
O salutaris Tallis
Motet: Adoramus te Mozart
Tantum ergo Faist

FEBRUARY 10 — EPIPHANY V

Mass, Missa Gotica Gebhard
Motet: Jesu dulcis memoria Händl

Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis Tomkins
Motet: Cantate Domino Schütz
O salutaris Goodman
Motet: O bone Jesu Ingegneri
Tantum ergo Goodman

FEBRUARY 12 — FESTIVAL FOR ACOLYTES (Tuesday)

Mass, Mass in D Rehm
Motets: Surge illuminare Palestrina
Deus noster refugium Bernier
Tantum ergo Schroeder

FEBRUARY 17 — SEPTUAGESIMA

Mass, Messe breve Ropartz
Motet: O salutaris Tallis

Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis Hunt
Motet: Ave Verum Dumont
O salutaris Nicholson
Motet: Adoramus te Ruffo
Tantum ergo Nicholson

FEBRUARY 24 — SEXAGESIMA

Mass, Missa Simplex Strategier
Motet: Ego sum panis vivus Byrd

Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis Byrd
Motet: Caro mea Caldara
O salutaris Peeters
Motet: Adoramus te Rosselli
Tantum ergo Peeters



THE FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S

A group of Anglican Catholics here and abroad, who love Saint Mary's but who for geographical reasons cannot be communicant members of the parish, make up the Friends of Saint Mary's.

Would you like to become a Friend of Saint Mary's? The only requirements are, first, prayer for God's blessing on Saint Mary's and, second, an annual thank offering at the Patronal Feast, December the eighth. If you have said "It is a source of encouragement to me to know that Saint Mary's is always there," here is your chance to encourage that which encourages you. Write Father Taber today and receive your membership card.



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)."

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Low Mass	7:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	7:40 a.m.
Evening Service and Benediction, and address	8:00 p.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.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily	7, 8, and 9:30 a.m.
Also on greater Holy Days as announced	11:00 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 4:30
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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

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

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