

A preaching mission at The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin A MISSION OF CATHOLIC RENEWAL MARCH, 1980



The Right Reverend Albert Hillestad Bishop of Springfield, Illinois Missioner

Sunday, March 9, 11 a.m.: Solemn Mass, Bishop Hillestad, Preacher

6 p.m.: Preaching Service, Bishop Hillestad

Monday, March 10, 6 p.m.: Preaching Service, Bishop Hillestad

Tuesday, March 11, 6 p.m.: Solemn Mass of Recommitment, Bishop

Hillestad Celebrant and Preacher

Refreshments following each service in Saint Joseph's Hall

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My dear People:

This is the night, when thou broughtest our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Thus, in the singing of the EXULTET on Holy Saturday night, does the Church proclaim the victory of Jesus Christ over sin, Satan, and death. The Church's Easter joy is indeed nothing less than Christ's resurrection from the dead, a new birth in which each one of us began to share at the moment of our Baptisms, and in which we will find our final consolation and bliss when Jesus returns in glory. It is towards the celebration of another Easter that we are moving during this season of Lent. It is towards an eternal Easter that we are moving through the course of our daily existence, since the end and purpose of the Christian life is meant to be an eternity with God.

Our life on this earth is thus a rehearsal for all that lies ahead: for a hell of loneliness and separation from God and our fellows, if that is our choice; or for an eternity with God and his saints, if we persist in our Christian calling. Surely the present participation of this parish family in its Lenten devotions is a tangible sign of our choice in this place. Through years of practice we know where these devotions will take us: to Calvary and its terrible burden, and then through sorrow and death to our new life in Christ. And so it will be Easter once again.

Since this letter is being written some time before the paschal feast, and since at the time of writing we are still anticipating several significant Lenten events, I am unable here to comment on what is probably the most important witness of this Lenten season, our PARISH MISSION OF CATHOLIC RENEWAL. It has been many years since an event of this kind has occurred at St. Mary's. As those attending the Mission will discover, we are blessed indeed in our Missioner, the Bishop of Springfield. For the past several months our daily Masses have been offered on behalf of the Mission, and we only hope and pray that the response of people from within and beyond the parish will more than justify our expectations. I have every reason to believe that this will be the case. At the heart of all renewal there is that response in faith by which each one of us accepts the claims of Jesus Christ in his own life. And because we are Catholic Christians, and because our understanding of the nature of the Church is essentially corporate rather than individualistic, we each respond to Christ in terms of our total participation in the full life of the community of faith. Here at St. Mary's we are being called this Lent to a witness of Catholic renewal. Renewal begins with each of us, and takes place on behalf of the whole Body of Christ. "Lord, convert thy Church, beginning with me." Details of our Mission appear elsewhere in this issue of AVE.

And of course there are other Lenten activities as well. Our Lenten Day of Recollection falls this year on Saturday, March 22nd, and Sister Mary Angela, CSM, is the Conductor of that Quiet Day. Fathers Catir and Warren, and their people from the Church of the Transfiguration, are with us for Stations of the Cross and

Benediction on Friday evenings, and laity from both parishes are taking part in the reading of some chancel plays in St. Joseph's Hall after these services. The plays were written by the Rev'd Leo Malania, who has been Coordinator of Prayer Book Revision for the Episcopal Church since 1968. Father Malania has given us explicit permission to use these materials this Lent.

One other aspect of our Lenten program deserves mention here. For some years an adult class has been meeting in St. Joseph's Hall after 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday mornings for the purpose of sharing in some aspect of Christian Education. During this fall and winter we have been studying the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. During Lent, however, we are having a series of five classes on The Passion of Our Lord as found in Holy Scripture. The Conductor of these discussions is Father John A. Schultz, the Assistant Secretary of General Convention, whose office is at the Episcopal Church Center here in New York. Father Schultz was for many years rector of Trinity Church, Ambler, Pennsylvania, and for a period of time served as Editor of the old American Church News. He has celebrated Mass here frequently in recent years. He has traveled widely, especially in Israel, where he has done research on early Judaeo-Christianity. His Lenten classes are being given in the following order:

February 24	Purposes of the Passion
March 2	Preparation for the Passion
March 9	Places of the Passion (illustrated)
March 16	People of the Passion
March 23	The Passion

With all of these activities one is prone perhaps to think that Saint Mary's is becoming frenetic in its pursuit of being busy. Father Ousley's Class in Church History, our continuing class in Dante, and the new Adult Inquirers' Class which began last month, only add to this sense of constant activity. But the truth is that we desire very deeply to become holy, and our main excuse for all that is going on is that we want St. Mary's to fulfill the true function of a Christian community: we want in this place to bring people to God. The Daily Office and Divine Liturgy speak most powerfully to our real reason for being here. It is by means of the Church's worship that we

express most vividly our relationship with our God. Weekday Mass attendance during Lent is certainly evidence of this truth here at Saint Mary's.

And now, directly ahead of us, lie Holy Week and Easter. This letter began as a kind of Easter Greeting to you all. I know that Holy Week will once again be an unforgettable experience for our parish family. The Liturgy of the Palms on the Sunday of the Passion; the Singing of the Passion itself, from Saint Luke's gospel on that day, and from St. John on Good Friday; Tenebrae on Wednesday of Holy Week, and the Mandatum and Watch on Maundy Thursday; the Preaching of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday; and finally the sheer joy of the Great Vigil of Holy Saturday night, to be celebrated this year by our new Suffragan, Bishop Walter Dennis; all of this will bring us to the event which surpasses all other celebrations of the Christian year: the feast of Jesus' resurrection. By a Lent well kept, by confessions carefully prepared for, and by our love of Christ and of one another, may the victory so soon to be proclaimed be both his and ours.

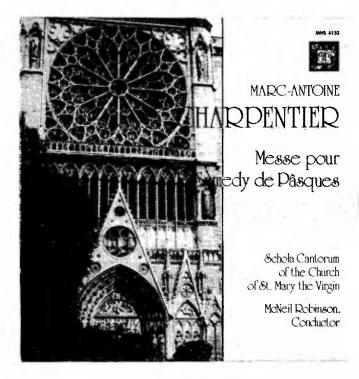
This has been a longer letter than usual but it carries with it my own affection, and my prayers for your Easter joy.

EDGAR F. WELLS



Prayer for Saint Mary's Mission

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep; Bless, we beseech thee, the effort soon to be made to convert souls unto thee; Open the ears of the wanderers, that they may hear the words which belong to their salvation; And grant that those whom thou dost raise to newness of life, may through thy grace persevere to the end: of thy mercy, O our God, who are blessed, and livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. Amen.



NEW RECORD RELEASE

MARC-ANTOINE CHARPENTIER, Messe pour le Samedy Pasques

Messe de Toulouse (Anon., ca. 1325)

Messe de Tournai (Anon., ca. 1325)

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Schola Cantorum of the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin under the direction of McNeil Robinson.

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THE ECONOMICS OF MONEY -- AN ASPECT OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP --

In this March issue of AVE, I want to acquaint both our parishioners and friends with some important information regarding the financial situation here at Saint Mary's. As you may know, Capital Funds in this parish total approximately \$200,000, and each year some of these funds — both the interest from our investments and some of the capital itself — are used to make up the deficit which in any given year is assumed by the parish. In the year 1979, members of this parish and our Friends pledged a total of approximately \$40,000. to the operating expenses of this parish. The actual receipts for the year totalled \$156,772.27, as against disbursements of \$218,230.33. A deficit of almost \$61,500. was therefore made up by interest and capital transfers from our Capital Funds. It should be immediately apparent to all of us that, were this kind of situation to continue much longer, the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin would have to close its doors.

For my own part, I am convinced that Saint Mary's is not going to close up shop. It is not going to close because those of us who love this place are going to come to grips with the hard realities which now must be faced. As in the case of other parishes, many of them with far greater endowments than Saint Mary's can boast, the assumptions of earlier generations are no longer applicable. The days of noblesse oblige are behind us. The economic survival of this parish, and of others like it, essentially depends not on legacies but on the sacrificial giving of a revitalized Christian community. Yes, some people will still make room for their parish churches in their wills. Such gifts will always be gratefully accepted. The day by day operation of a parish church, however, and its witness in its community, will be made possible by the conviction of those who love it. And in the case of Saint Mary's, we shall be saved because of you. You may be a parishioner, you may be a Friend. But you care.

During this past fall a newly appointed Stewardship Committee assumed responsibility for the first extensive Every Member Canvass to be attempted in our parish in recent years. The results of that Canvass have given us a pledged income of \$67,000. for 1980, an

anticipated increase of \$21,000. over last year's actual giving. In addition, and based on increased income from other sources already received during the past twelve months, we are projecting a total estimated income of \$175,000. for the year 1980. All in all, we anticipate a deficit of just under \$22,000. in this new year. With this in mind, our Budget Committee has created a streamlined budget for 1980, and this budget was accepted in January by the Board of Trustees of our parish. I am printing it below, along with 1979's budget for purposes of comparison.

	1979	1980
Salaries	\$93,000	\$87,600 **
Social Security	5,400	4,200
All Insurance Premiums	18,000	17,000
Steam, Electricity, & Gas	40,000	35,000
Office Expenses	2,500	2,000
Rectory Services	4,320	4,320
Telephone	4,000	4,000
Sacristy Supplies	2,500	2,000
Music & Organ Maintenance	2,000	1,500
Accounting & Auditing	5,500	4,000
Printing	2,000	2,000
AVE	5,000	2,700
Clergy Pension Premiums	6,000	6,000
Diocesan Assessment	-	8,000 *
Postage	2,400	2,000
Repairs & Improvements	15,000	5,000
Cleaning & Maintenance	4,000	4,000
Advertising	5,000	3,000
Tracts	800	-
Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,200	1,200
Legal	1,500	1,000
Water Tax	200	200
	\$220,320	\$196,720

The matter of our Diocesan Assessment deserves some explanation. In 1979, after appearing before the diocesan Adjustment Board, we

were in fact given an Assessment of \$5,000, and paid it from non-budgeted gifts to the church. In 1980 the Diocese has asked us for an Assessment of approximately \$16,000, and once again we are requesting a hearing before the Adjustment Board with regard to this matter. Our hope is that we may be allowed our own budgeted figure of \$8,000*. Two matters deserve explanation under Salaries. All salaries remain the same, except for our choir and the clergy. In the case of the choir we have reduced our budget to \$17,500. In the case of the clergy, the Board of Trustees increased the rector's and curate's salary** so that each would meet the minimum salaries now required by the Diocese of New York. Both Father Ousley and I, however, have rejected this increase during the year 1980. We have done this for three reasons: (1) we wish to identify ourselves with the discipline in spending being imposed on the entire parish at this time; (2) we are satisfied with our present salaries, which are effectively augmented by the Rectory Services provided by the parish; (3) although we recognize the need for, and justice of, decent and adequate clergy compensation, we believe at the present time, among the clergy as a whole, that there is an over-emphasis on this matter which results from a professional rather than vocational understanding of the Sacred Priesthood. The Board of Trustees has accepted our action on this matter, which reduces the total budgeted expenditures for 1980 to \$195,220. All of this represents a beginning where a new sense of fiscal responsibility is concerned in our parish. But it is only a beginning. Our anticipated income, though up, must go up still higher. Our cutbacks will have to continue until hopefully we learn to live within our actual income. Most importantly, we must endeavor to end our conversions of capital income for the purpose of meeting our deficits. My hope in the near future, based on the tangible evidence that pledging has increased, and that we are becoming responsible in our spending, is that we may seek an actual increase in our capital holdings, both as a means of further ensuring our property against some major calamity, and as a source of higher interest income to help with our budgeted expenditures.

All of the above is the result of others' competence, not my own. I hope it will help in your better understanding of this aspect of our life here. God bless you all.

EDGAR F. WELLS

PARISH NOTES

An overnight retreat was held for the members of Saint Vincent's Guild for acolytes in February at the Holy Cross Monastery in West Park. It was a time of prayer and reflection on the spiritual and corporate dimensions of the service of the altar.

Mr. J. Henson Markham has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Mr. Markham is Executive Vice President and Director of Publications for the Theodore Presser Music Company of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

The Rev'd Robert Duffy, formerly an Assistant at Saint Mary's, will return to preach on the Feast of the Annunciation. He is presently Rector of Saint Mary's Church, East Providence, Rhode Island.

On the Last Sunday after Epiphany, a choir from Saint Hilda's & Saint Hugh's School, Filii et Filiae, visited Saint Mary's to sing for Evensong and Benediction. Their conductor, Sister Regina, CHS, played the 5:30 recital that evening on the harp.

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Mr. Robert N. Roth, Scarsdale, New York

Friends will be remembered at the altar on the patronal feast, and on the first Friday of every month. Be with us in spirit!

FRIENDS' PRAYER

O ETERNAL GOD, whose glory is in all world: Look upon that house of prayer for which we now pray, and accept our thanks for the tabernacle of thy presence in the midst of the city. To priests and people seeking to serve thee there, give that faith which built it and such favour as may keep it strong. Let friends join to tell, and all who pass by rejoice to see, that in that place thou wilt give peace, through him who is our peace, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

March 16 — Mid-Lent Sunday, William Frederick Schrage March 25 — Feast of the Annunciation BVM, Emma V. Headley

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER

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

January 7 - Charles Ames
January 13 - Arthur Matthew Wolsoncroft III

BAPTISMS

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

January 13 - Kathleen Anh Jones

HOLY WEEK (March 30 - April 6, 1980)

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, OR PALM SUNDAY Morning Prayer
Evensong and Benediction
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
Morning Prayer
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Evening Prayer
GOOD FRIDAY
Morning Prayer
Sermon 12:00 noor Solemn Liturgy with Sermon 12:30 p.m Sermon, ending at 3:00 p.m
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m Way of the Cross 6:15 p.m
HOLY SATURDAY
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m Solemn Vigil 10:00 p.m
EASTER DAY
First Solemn Mass
Mass
Mass
CONFESSIONS IN HOLY WEEK
MONDAY 12-1, Fr. Wells 5-6, Fr. Ousley TUESDAY 12-1, Fr. Wattley 5-6, Fr. Wells WEDNESDAY 12-1, Fr. Ousley 5-6, Fr. Scott THURSDAY 12-1, Fr. Wells 5-6, Fr. Ousley FRIDAY 3-4, Fr. Wells 3-4, Fr. Scott 4-5, Fr. Ousley 5-6, Fr. Wells SATURDAY 12-2, Fr. Ousley 2-4, Fr. Ousley
4-6, Fr. Wells 9-10, Fr. Scott

MUSIC FOR MARCH

MARCH 2 — LENT II Missa de Beata Virgine Josquin des Pres (1445-1521) 5:30 p.m. Abraham Richards, Organist
MARCH 9 — LENT III Missa Brevis William Walton (b. 1902) 5:30 p.m. John Apple, Organist
MARCH 16 – LENT IV Misse Solennelle
MARCH 23 – LENT V Missa Brevis Adrian Batten (?-1637) 5:30 p.m. Donald George, Organist
MARCH 30 — THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PASSION SUNDAY Missa in die tribulationis

McNeil Robinson will be playing recitals this month at Saint Paul's Church by the Sea in Jacksonville, Florida on March 7; at Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston on March 10; and at Woolsey Hall at Yale University, New Haven, on March 23.

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CALENDAR FOR MARCH

		CALLINDAR I OR MARCH
1.	Sa.	Ember Day
2.	Su.	LENT II
	M.	Lenten Weekday (St. Aelred, Abott of Rievaulx, 1167)
	Tu.	Lenten Weekday
	W.	Lenten Weekday
	Th.	Lenten Weekday
	F.	Lenten Weekday (St. Perpetua & her companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202) Way of the Cross & Benediction, 7 p.m.
8.	Sa.	Lenten Weekday
9	Su.	LENT III
	M.	Lenten Weekday
	Tu.	Lenten Weekday
	W.	Lenten Weekday (St. Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604)
	Th.	Lenten Weekday
_	F.	Lenten Weekday
		Way of the Cross & Benediction, 7 p.m.
15.	Sa.	Lenten Weekday
16.	Su.	LENT IV (Refreshment Sunday)
17.	M.	Lenten Weekday (St. Patrick, Bishop & Missionary of Ireland, 461)
18.	Tu.	Lenten Weekday (St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386)
19.	W.	SAINT JOSEPH
	Th.	Lenten Weekday (St. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687)
21.	F.	Lenten Weekday (St. Benedict, Abott of Nursia, c. 550) Way of the Cross & Benediction, 7 p.m.
22.	Sa.	Lenten Weekday (B1. James DeKoven, Priest, 1879)
		Lenten Quiet Day, 10 a.m.
23.	Su.	LENT V
	M.	Lenten Weekday (St. Gabriel, Archangel)
	Tu.	THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO
		THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (LADY DAY)
		Fast dispensed
		Evening Prayer, 5.30; Solemn Mass & Procession, 6 p.m.
	W.	Lenten Weekday
	Th.	Lenten Weekday
28.	F.	Lenten Weekday
		Way of the Cross & Benediction, 7 p.m.
29.	Sa.	Lenten Weekday (John Keble, Priest, 1866)

30. Su. THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

31. M. MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

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BOOKS MAY BE BOUGHT at the shop next to the parish hall after Sunday Solemn Mass. There are also crucifixes, rosaries, medals, and other aids to devotion. Orders may be placed by mail.

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Music at Saint Mary's, James L. Palsgroves's historical review with music lists today: 50 cents (mailing 25 cents)

Worship in Spirit and Truth, papers at the 1970 liturgical conference on the Proposed Prayer Book: \$2.95 (mailing 60 cents)

A Walk Around Saint Mary's, self-guided tour of the church and chapels, with plan: 25 cents (mailing 15 cents)

Picture postcards: interior and exterior in color: 15 cents each

Some copies of the 1980 Ordo Calendar with the days in liturgical color, and with a picture of the Lady Shrine and High Altar are still available: \$2.00 (mailing 50 cents)

Alessandro Scarlatti's *Messa di Sancta Cecilia*, recorded by the Schola Cantorum of the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin under the direction of McNeil Robinson:

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SUNDAYS
Morning Prayer
Mass
Family Mass & Church School
Solemn Mass with Sermon
Evensong and Benediction 6:00 p.m.
(preceded by an organ recital at 5:30 p.m.)
WEEKDAYS
Morning Prayer
Mass daily
*Except Saturdays
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
LENTEN FRIDAYS
Stations of the Cross & Benediction 7 p.m.
Other services during the week and on festivals
as announced on the preceding Sunday

CONFESSIONS

DAILY, 12:40 FRIDAY, 5-6 p.m. SATURDAY, 2-3 and 5-6 p.m. SUNDAY, 8:40 - 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CLASSES are held for study and discussion, Sunday at 9:50 and during the week. Presently there are classes meeting on Dante's *Divine Comedy*, and the Church Fathers, in addition to an Inquirers Class. All are welcome. Individual instruction can also be arranged with the clergy.

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