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THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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SERVICES

SUNDAY

Morning Prayer	
Masses	.9:00, 10:00 am, and 5:00 pm
Adult Education	
Solemn Mass with Sermon	
Evensong and Benediction	4:00 pm
WEEKDAYS	
Morning Prayer	
Noonday Office	
Daily Masses	12:15 and 6:15 pm
Evening Prayer	6:00 pm
Holy Hour*	

*On four Thursdays each year Other services during the week and on festivals as announced on the preceding Sunday

COUNSELING

A priest is available daily, 12-1 pm

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	5-6 pm (Father Wells)
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The Feast of the Holy Name 1 January 1983

My dear People:

I find myself writing to you in the midst of our Christmas celebration and on the first day of the secular New Year. What a happy coincidence that our Church now dedicates this day to the proclamation of our Lord's Holy Name, certainly a fact whose import is missed by the world beyond our doors. We sing in one of our hymns, "To the Name of our salvation, laud and honor let us pray." I think we Episcopalians have stumbled into a most appropriate way of reminding ourselves, and any others who may listen to us, of the true source of all human gladness. Jesus at His birth, Jesus as He receives a human name — the Name indeed that is above every name: if only the world would listen, it would hear us say that Christ alone is Lord, and that He is our New Year's treasure. Our Roman Catholic friends now call today the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Perhaps they and we might combine our celebrations, for surely to remember the gift of our Lord's Holy Name is to recall as well the mystery of the Virgin Birth. Whatever else we may say of our Lady, we honor her first in her role at the Incarnation, and to the Church she is first and foremost the Mother of God. How much better this term is rendered in the Orthodox East! To the Greeks she is the Theotokos, and to the Russians she is the Bogorodnitsa, and if the English expression "God-bearer" does not flow easily in our devotions, it nonetheless conveys the essence of Mary's central role in the Christian drama

of salvation. In this role we honor her especially during Christmastide, even as today we celebrate the Name chosen by God for her divine Son.

And of course I want to say a few things to you about what lies ahead at St. Mary's during the next month. The great celebration during January is of course the Feast of the Epiphany, on January 6th, and once again this year our preacher at Solemn Mass that night will be Father Leslie Lang. If we are not careful, he will become a fixture in our pulpit on that day, and perhaps that would not be a bad thing. In terms of the Catholic Movement in the Diocese of New York he is one of those who led it and gave it strength in the years during and after the episcopate of William Thomas Manning, and here at St. Mary's we receive him as a beloved and honored friend. Our procession and Solemn Mass on the Epiphany will surely be magnificent, and we look forward to seeing the many friends who will join us then. At the end of the month there occurs the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and, if that observance seems to have lessened in interest during recent years, we hope that the presence in our pulpit of the Rt. Rev'd Monsignor George Murphy on the 30th of January will rectify this situation. Monsignor Murphy, Pastor of the Church of the Holy Trinity on the West Side, is an old friend of St. Mary's, and during the past four years has become a good friend of mine.

And four years is the length of time I will have been with you this month. Shall I ever forget the morning of the 17th of January, 1979, when my train arrived at Grand Central after a thirty-six hour trip from Chicago?! The normal Chicago-New York run is twenty-four hours in length, but on the weekend of my departure the Midwest had suffered its worst snow storm in years, and the only vehicle to leave Chicago that Sunday night by land or by air was the train on which I found myself. I shall never forget my relief on arriving in New York at 1:00 AM to find Father Randy Frew, a former seminarian at St. Mary's, in the terminal waiting for me. The intervening years since then have been years of marked change for me personally, and certainly for this parish family. So much has happened, and through it all the hand of God has guided and sustained us. I believe deeply that He is guiding us still.

A matter of considerable importance, and I hope of deep interest, is the extent to which at this time our parishioners and friends have responded to our parish appeal last fall for a marked increase in financial giving to St. Mary's during the present calendar year. As of this writing, completed by necessity some weeks before the actual date of printing, we do not yet have a complete picture of our parish response. I hope in our February AVE to provide for you a complete list of pledges for this year under the separate categories of Friends and Parishioners. Naturally names will not be included, but you will be able to glean some understanding of the kind of response made by people all across this country to our present need. Many gifts have already arrived, and most of them have been applied to financial obligations that were still outstanding in 1982. There have been several new pledges from people who were either new in the parish last fall or had only lately come to a realization of our need for their support. Even at this juncture, however, two things are absolutely clear. The first is that the financial salvation of this parish will come about in the end largely because of an increased sense of responsibility on the part of people who actually worship in this building. And what we are increasingly aware of is the fact that a substantially sacrificial response is still a bit in the future. The second point, which I have tried to state before, is that there are no wealthy contributors hovering on the horizon just waiting to bail us out. Our experience with the human condition shows that the individual contributor with resources like these almost inevitably supplies his own agenda on whose acceptance his financial giving will rest. The wealthy are no less prone to manipulation and sinfulness than the rest of humanity.

What all this means is that I cannot, as I write this, provide more than a general impression of our present ability to cope with our financial responsibilities. We are progressing, but have we progressed far enough? I would, however, recall to you the promise made by Jack Cortner, our Parish Treasurer, in both his written financial report and in his address to the parish at Solemn

Mass last fall, to the effect that we are no longer going to invade our capital in order to pay our current expenses. I support Jack one hundred percent in this determination, and I am prepared to do everything in my power to fulfill this promise. Last year we pulled back in every area that we could. The clergy no longer have a housekeeper in the rectory, we now have one sexton instead of two, and this has meant that the church is now open briefly from 7:00 until 9:00 AM every weekday, and is then closed until 11:00 AM when the sexton of the day comes on duty, and the church is re-opened until 7:00 PM. Only the generosity of our retired head sexton, who still lives in the Mission House, enables the church to be open for that hour and a half each morning. He is not paid for this work. Beyond this, the purchase of a Minolta copying machine by the parish last fall has significantly decreased the cost of printing our Sunday and holy day bulletins, and our various communications to groups and individual persons within the parish. Lastly, our choir is being maintained on most Sundays at between seven and nine singers, as against a previous number of sixteen, with the obvious exception of great feasts, and despite their small numbers this group of men and women has been developing into a sensitive and gifted vehicle for the maintaining of our musical tradition. A further economizing is effected by keeping the church at between 55° and 60° on weekdays during the winter, though we have decided in fact to raise the heat to 70° on Sundays and feast days. There is no point in punishing our parishioners and guests on important days, and we would very soon cease to attract any visitors at all if our Sunday and holy day regimen were to be cut back in this area.

What further economizing can be done? An obvious and dreaded solution is to do away with the one sexton's position that is presently provided for in our budget, and this of course would mean that the church would have to be kept locked. Until now this has been an unthinkable course of action from our point of view. Nonetheless, were it necessary, this too would have to come to pass, and what I must simply say in this letter to you is that absolutely everything that must be done will be done in order for us to become financially whole. In the meantime I ask your prayers and the sacrificing of your tithe in order that our Catholic witness may be maintained in this place.

This has been a long letter, but possibly necessarily so. God bless you always.

With my love in Christ.

Edgas F. Wells

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

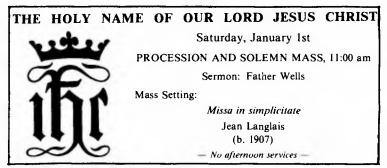
It was with a great deal of pleasure that we welcomed Christopher Harden Babcock to Saint Mary's on Advent I. He has come to be our Associate Organist.

Mr. Babcock received a Bachelor of Music degree in Church Music from Boston Univesity where he was a student of George Faxon. He received a Licentiate in Music degree (L.T.C.L.) from Trinity College of Music in London, England, during which time he was a student of Peter Hurford at Saint Alban's Cathedral.

Mr. Babcock has served as Organist and Choirmaster at Saint Paul's Church in Paterson, New Jersey, and as Organist and Choir Director at Saint Jacoby Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, New York. He was assistant organist at the Church of Saint Jean Baptiste in Manhattan from 1981 until his coming to Saint Mary's.

MUSIC IN JANUARY

Jan.	-	Missa in simplicitate	– Jean Langlais (b. 1907)
Jan.	2 —	Mass for four voices	— William Byrd (1542-1623)
Jan.	6 —	Missa brevis Sancti Jo	pannis de Deo ("Kleine Orgelmesse")
		-	Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
Jan.	9 —	Missa brevis in E	— Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Jan.	16 —	Mass in e minor	(Short Service)
			— Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
Jan.	23 —	Mass in G	— Francis Jackson (b. 1917)
Jan.	30 —	Cum jubilo	Plainsong



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FRIEND'S PRAYER

O ETERNAL GOD, whose glory is in all the 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.

AN APPEAL FROM OXFORD TO AMERICAN ANGLICANS -



ST. MARY MAGDALEN, OXFORD RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Jesus College, Oxford OXI 3DW.

From Sir Idris Foster MA, F.S.A., Honorary Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford. 20th November 1982

Dear Father Wells:

I am writing to you as Chairman of the Restoration and Development Trust for St. Mary Magdalen's Church in Oxford. The Trust was founded in 1979, and we have, very largely through the devoted efforts of the present congregation and also with grants from other trusts and special sources, completed about half the work which is essential.

There are three grounds on which I venture to write to you. First, St Mary Magdalen's, standing on the very centre of Oxford, is an integral part of its life as well as being a prominent feature in one of the most famous views of this beautiful city. Oxford is loved by many thousands of people from all over the world, and we feel responsible for this important building, dating from the twelth century.

Second, to Anglicans, Oxford is an essential part of their inheritance, and as we prepare to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Oxford Movement, we feel that St Mary Magdalen's, standing firmly in the tradition which received so notable an impetus from the Movement of 1833, deserves the support of all who share that tradition. For many years it has ministered word and sacrament to both city and university, and to the many visitors who flock to this city.

Third, we have been assured by our American friends (we are constantly grateful that, especially during the summer months, our congregation is enriched by a very large trans-Atlantic element) that there are many in the United States who would like to have a share in this work. We believe that this is so, and, at the moment this assurance is a great comfort because the work is held up for lack of funds.

Any help you can offer us will be most gratefully welcomed. In my heart I feel that I should apologise for sending you what really amounts to yet another appeal for money, but I am confident that the rather special cause of St Mary Magdalen's Church will earn and deserve your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of Trustees

Idris Foster

N.B. The Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen's, Fr. Charles Smith, will preach here at St. Mary's on February 27th.



PARISH NEWS

Lay Readers: For some months now we have had members of the congregation reading the Old Testament Lesson at the Solemn Mass and the two lessons at Evensong on Sundays. There is a group of some twenty people who have become involved in what is very much a "ministry". If you would like to be trained for this ministry, or if you would like to officiate at Evening Praver at 6:00 pm during the week, please do speak to one of the clergy. Parish Lunches: This new feature of life at St. Mary's on a Sunday morning has been a great success and the response very encouraging. Some fifty or sixty people have been served delicious lunches after the Solemn Mass every other week, and it has given many an opportunity to put some names to faces and to get to know one another better. The clergy have appreciated the chance to spend more time with parishioners on Sunday mornings and to talk with them a little more than the coffee hour normally permits. Lunches in January will be held on January 9th and 23rd. On January 9th, the lunch will be followed by a fashion show sponsored by Aurura Van Heyningen.

The Smash Group was formed in the summer of last year to begin work on the restoration of St. Joseph's Hall - "St. Mary's Action on St. Joseph's Hall". The enthusiastic members of this group have not stopped their work despite the completion of work on the Hall. They have expanded their sphere of influence during the winter with the provision of a new office for the curate in the same building as the other offices. Others have started the cleaning of the magnificent statues of the apostles in the nave of the church. The sextons have undertaken the cleaning and oiling of all the woodwork in the church, including the beautifully carved wooden panelling in the Lady Chapel, and work has begun on the marble in the St. Joseph's Chapel. Martin Wechselblatt the church sexton, has diligently oiled the wood on the front doors of the church and polished all the brasswork. The overall effect of these activities has been a brighter and cleaner church and the raising of the spirits of many regular worshippers and visitors. There is

always much to be done in the way of maintenance and improvement of the fabric, and the sexton simply cannot do it all. The SMASH group has been very active and enthusiastic under the leadership of Dallas Purdy, and there is always room for more volunteers.

The Bookstore has acquired a lot of new stock. For gifts, devotional aids and books there is now a wide choice available, so do stop in there after Solemn Mass on a Sunday to look at the growing and varied supply.

Ultreya meets once a month on the second Tuesday following the 6:15 pm Mass. "Ultreya" is a Spanish word which means "Onward" and will be familiar to those who have been involved in Cursillo. These monthly meetings are open to anyone and are certainly not confined to those who are 'Cursillistas'. The format provides the opportunity for people to share something of their spiritual lives: the ups and downs of their prayer life, their current reading material, their experience of Christian ministry. The essence of Christianity is its functioning not only as individuals but also as members of the Body of Christ, a community of believers. The Ultreya enables us to grow as individuals through prayer and through the sharing and support of others, and to develop as a community for the edification of the Body of Christ in this place. Please join us in St. Joseph's Hall this month, on Tuesday January 11th.



THE MISSION HOUSE

A Ministry of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

Fleeing their homeland, refugees come to our shores with nothing but hope for a new start. To serve their needs, the Mission House has begun a ministry to provide initial housing and orientation for them. Many refugees come from rural areas, so their cultural shock can be overwhelming. The Mission House offers these newcomers a place to make the transition from their native culture to our intense urban society.

PREPARING FOR A NEW LIFE

Our goal is to enable newcomers to adjust to their new life and to become selfreliant. A comprehensive orientation program to New York City and life in America is offered by volunteers at the Mission House. Basic survival information is presented in the context of English language practice sessions with topics that range from using subway and street maps to becoming familiar with municipal services. These sessions fulfill two important needs: the opportunity to learn English and to feel more at ease in our culture. When the families are on their own, they will be able to face the continuing challenges of living in this country with a sense of confidence which the orientation program will help them develop.

THROUGH A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Successful resettlement requires more than providing a job and an apartment. Since many of the refugees come from extended family communities, a sharing environment where new friendships can develop will help to soothe the anxiety of coping with an alien culture. The Mission House assists both refugees and sponsors by providing a supportive community and housing for the families upon their arrival. The orientation takes two to three weeks and the newcomers can return to complete the program if their stay is shorter.

AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP

Since the Mission House will be the refugees' first home in America, they are always welcome to visit. Ongoing classes on practical subjects such as good nutrition through low-cost meals and services such as filling out income tax and other legal forms will be offered. In addition, recreational activities and social events celebrating special cultural days will be held.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need people who enjoy meeting newcomers and learning about their cultures. You can help by introducing them to our culture and by sharing the New York we love. Since our program is provided by volunteers, we need you to make it possible. The struggle to create a new life is one of those special times where one can see beyond cultural barriers and glimpse our common humanity. Discover the joy of opening your heart to a stranger and help them feel at home in their new land.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Ching at (212) 921-9743

LAY MINISTRIES AT ST. MARY'S SAINT MARY'S GUILD

Sacred vessels and vestments are cared for by men and women working together on assigned weekends each month, and at other specified times. Of special importance is the restoration of older vestments in the parish. To volunteer, please contact one of the clergy.

THE CURSILLO COMMUNITY

A group of men and women dedicated to the building of Christian community within our parish life. Members meet weekly at various convenient times for the purpose of sharing their experience of the Christian life in small groups, and come together monthly as a larger body for common worship, adoration, and the sharing of Christian fellowship. In the strictest sense this is not a parish organization but a movement of spiritual depth, grounded in the principles and teaching of Catholic Renewal in our own day. All parishioners are welcome.

SAINT VINCENT'S GUILD

Acolytes' Guild for men serving at Sunday and weekday services. Those interested should speak to the clergy. Guild members occasionally serve as Readers as well.

* SAINT RAPHAEL'S GUILD

Ushers at parish services: Sunday mornings and evenings, and on Feast days. Interested persons, men and women, should contact Emil Denworth at 263-6385.

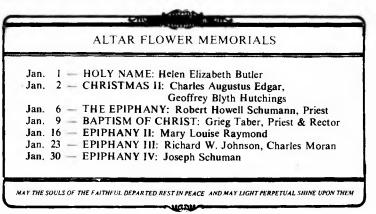
SAINT MARTIN'S GUILD

Tours of the church are conducted after Sunday Solemn Mass, and Guild members are trained for this special ministry. If interested, please phone Philip Parker at 582-0807.

* **BROTHER LAWRENCE GUILD**

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Hosts and Hostesses in charge of refreshments after Solemn Mass on Sundays and feast days, and at special parish meals. Interested persons should phone George Blackshire at 858-5797.



ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS may be given by anyone who desires to do so, and at any time except the seasons of Advent (save for Advent III) and Lent (save for Lent IV). It is permissible to give flowers on the same Sunday or weekday when other commemorations are being made. Should you care to share in this work, please phone our parish secretary on any weekday between 9 am and 4 pm.: (212) 869-5830.

PREACHERS IN JANUARY

Jan.	1	HOLY NAME:	Father Wells
Jan.	2. —	CHRISTMAS II	Father Sloane
Jan.	6. —	THE EPIPHANY:	The Rev'd Leslie J.A. Lang
Jan.	9. —	BAPTISM OF OUR LO	RD: Father Wells
Jan.	16. —	EPIPHANY II:	Father Sloane
Jan.	23. —	EPIPHANY III:	Father Wells
Jan.	30. —	EPIPHANY IV: The	Rt. Rev'd Msgr. George J. Murphy

REMEMBER SAINT MARY'S IN YOUR WILL

BEQUESTS may be made in the following form:

"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 Forty-sixth Street, New York City, [here state the nature or amount of the gift]".

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1.	Sa.	THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Solemn Mass with Procession, 11:00 am. No afternoon services
3. 4.	Su. M. Tu. W.	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
6. 7.	Th. F. Sa.	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Solemn Mass with Procession, 6:00 pm. Requiem Of Our Lady
10. 11.		THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (1st Sun, after Epiphany) Comm. William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury & Martyr Requiem
14. 15.	Th. F. Sa.	Saint Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367 Comm. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1968
17. 18. 19. 20. 21.	Su. M. Tu. W. Th. F.	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY St. Anthony, Abbot in Egypt, 356 THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE St. Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095 St. Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250 St. Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304
23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.	Sa. Su. M. Tu. W. Th. F-	St. Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Requiem THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE Saints Timothy and Titus, Companions of St. Paul St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar, 1274
30.	Sa. Su. M.	THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Dear Fathers,

I would like to meet with you sometime during the next few months.

I. ____ In my home.

2. ____ In your office.

3.____ Over a drink or a bite out.

4._____ I suggest that we

Sincerely yours,

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