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The Feast of the Assumption
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My dear People:

To write you on this feast of Our Lady's Assumption is to bear witness to our Christian joy in the totality of human redemption. We are living at a time in human history when men and women have lost sight of the inherent worth of the human being. And yet it is that worth that we seek at every level of our existence. To have lived through this century is to have witnessed the most incredible movements of human liberation that the world has ever seen. In all of them, even the most perverse, there has been a proclamation of dignity on the part of their adherents that reflects humanity's common search for meaning and self-respect. And that is good. That they have in some measure failed is less because they have looked towards a better world than because they have trusted in the human condition to find it. Man is not the measure of his own redemption. And because this is true, it is true as well that the human predicament will always elude our own efforts to provide a satisfactory solution. No social or political system, however wise, will supply the final answer. At their best, liberation movements in our time have provided a sense of purpose and solidarity for those who have identified themselves with them. At their worst, they have engendered a kind of slavery more awful than anything that preceded them.

For myself, I like to think of the Feast of the Assumption as a declaration of human freedom. What I mean is that the basic human dilemma is the tragedy of sin, and the separation of the human condition from God. No political or social system has ever addressed itself to this. Just to accept it, just to be willing to face it, places us in a different frame of reference than most of the people around us. When man lost the friendship of God, man was

removed from his only true source of human liberation and redemption. We find that redemption in Jesus Christ. The source of our liberation is the figure of the Son of God lifted among us on the cross. The way to human freedom is along a road that only God could travel. And so in our human likeness God was born. In that same likeness he walked among us, calling men and women to himself. As God and Man he submitted to a human death that horrifies us still in terms of brutality and shame. And in our human nature he rose victoriously from the dead, and in our likeness he returned to heaven. In the end, human liberation is the freedom to behold the vision of God. Jesus Christ has made us free. And on the Feast of the Assumption we celebrate that freedom in the person of our Lady, who is seen by the Church as the first among the redeemed. On the day of our Lord's Annunciation, Mary became the first Christian. And on the day of her Assumption, the Mother of Jesus knew the perfection and freedom of the vision of God. She is our forerunner in heaven, our example par excellence of the liberation and freedom of the sons of God.

And in writing you on this feast I am anticipating as well the great events surrounding our celebration of the Oxford Movement Sesquicentennial Anniversary this October. Everything else is pointing us in its direction. Final information about the occasion appears later in this issue of *AVE*. Let me simply remind you of the events of Saturday, October 22nd, most of which will take place at St. Mary's. We are reserving no seats, we are anticipating a record number of visitors, and I can only urge you most strongly to be here early. The Mass itself should be glorious, with the Presiding Bishop as Chief Celebrant, and other bishops, including our own Ordinary, concelebrating with him. One of them, the Bishop of Fond du Lac, will be with us the following morning, October 23rd, to celebrate and preach. And how appropriate that will be. This church building was consecrated by the Bishop of New York in 1895, and a few days earlier, on the Feast of Our Lady's Conception, the parish was visited by the Second Bishop of Fond du Lac, Charles Chapman Grafton.

There is in this letter one other matter about which I wish to

write, and it is a matter that will bring us both sadness and joy. Sadness, because we are about to lose a dear friend, and joy because we know he is responding to God's direction in his life, and because he will without doubt visit us from time to time. This past spring Father John Scott gave up his work with the Sisters of the Community of the Holy Spirit. And, after much prayer, he and Barbara have decided that they should return to their home state of Maine, and that he should respond to whatever work God calls him to in the Diocese of Maine. Naturally this has not been an easy decision. Father writes that "leaving is not easy, and all my heart says stay". How we wish that he would! But how we also understand that God brings us all to new adventures in this life, and all of them always in his service.

I believe in many ways that I am simply inadequate to the task of saying what the ministry of this fine priest has meant to St. Mary's during the past decade. He has been a dear friend and counsellor to two of its rectors, and he has been a pastor and spiritual companion to more people in this place that I can possibly number. Certainly his going from us will cause a void in the hearts of the many people here who have loved and cherished this priest. For my own part, I take courage in the continued friendship of a man who inspires me to a deeper fulfilling of my own priestly calling, and I am thankful that he will come among us in the future, as time permits, to share his ministry with us.

Father Scott and Barbara will be in residence here at St. Mary's during most of the month of September, and I hope that many of you will have a chance to visit with them then. I hope also, and they have consented to remain here for it, that we may bid them a proper farewell during that time. Our plan is that Father will celebrate Solemn Mass and preach to us on the last Sunday of September, the 25th. I rather imagine that we will want to celebrate again, once Mass is over, in our inimitable style in St. Joseph's Hall. That will place things in their proper sequence, and will be a marvelous way in which to wish God's blessings on a holy and good priest, and on his lovely and gracious wife. Do plan to be here here.

God bless you all.

With my love in Christ,

Eggar F. Wells

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 favours 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.

THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF ST. MARY'S



Sunday, October 2nd

**PROCESSION
&
SOLEMN MASS**
11:00 a.m.

Preacher
Father Wells

Evening Prayer & Benediction,
4:00 p.m.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Thou to the mercy-seat do gather
To do our duty unto Thee **OUR FATHER**
To whom all praise, all honor should be given
For Thou art the great God **WHO ART IN HEAVEN**
Thou by Thy Wisdom rulest the world's whole frame
For ever, therefore **HALLOWED BE THY NAME.**
Let nevermore delays divide us from
Thy glorious grace, but let **THY KINGDOM COME;**
Be Thy commands opposed by none
But Thy good pleasure and **THY WILL BE DONE,**
And let our promptness to obey be even
The very same **ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.**
Then for our souls, O Lord, we also pray
Thou would'st be pleased to **GIVE US THIS DAY**
The food of life, wherewith our souls are fed,
Sufficient raiment and **OUR DAILY BREAD.**
With every needful thing do Thou relieve us
And of Thy mercy, pity **AND FORGIVE US.**
And forasmuch, O Lord, as we believe
Then Thou wilt pardon us **AS WE FORGIVE**
Let Thy love teach wherewith Thou dost acquaint us
To pardon all **THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.**
And though sometimes Thou findest we forgot
That love in Thee...yet help **AND LEAD US NOT**
Through soul's or body's want to desperation
Nor let earth's gain drive us **INTO TEMPTATION:**
Let not the soul of any true believer
Fail in the time of trial, **BUT DELIVER**
Yea, hide from them the malice of the devil
And both in life and death keep **US FROM EVIL.**
Thus pray we, Lord, for this of Thee for whom
This may be well **FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM**
This world is of Thy rule...its wondrous story
To Thee belongs **THE POWER AND THE GLORY.**
And all Thy wondrous works have ended never
But will remain **FOR EVER AND EVER.**
Thus we poor creatures would confess again
And thus we say eternally **AMEN.**

The following sermon was preached by David L. Taylor, Seminarian of this parish, in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd of the General Theological Seminary on October 28, 1982 (the Feast of SS Simon and Jude). David was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Moore at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine on May 28, 1983.

“FOR I WILL PROCLAIM THE NAME OF THE LORD.”

Deuteronomy 32:3

Last July, in the hottest week of the summer, a few days after I had received the Dean’s kind and terrifying invitation to preach today on the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, I began a month’s work as a sexton at the Church of the Transfiguration. It was very hot, but, like most beginners, I was eager to please and so I rather enjoyed throwing myself into the cleaning and polishing and sweeping and straightening of the little chapel that was open to the public during the week. And if all else fails, I learned that I am not half bad as a sexton. After a few days I was getting a little obsessive about the job, trying to keep the place so spotless that I found it almost a little annoying that so many people came in to pray — they sort of spoiled the neatness of the place — and some people would leave kleenex and bits of paper and odd little things behind that I would instantly swoop down upon and whisk away.

And there was one especially annoying person — and I never found out who it was — who kept leaving a little sheet of paper in the same spot day after day. Of course I swooped and whisked it away each time, but about the fourth or fifth day I finally had a more careful look at the thing. I had glanced at it the first time and had quickly dismissed it as another of the many cranky little notes that one is likely to find in city churches. But finally I read it. And I decided to keep it for **you**. And here it is: A PRAYER TO ST. JUDE — A POWERFUL NOVENA

“May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, loved, honored, glorified, and praised throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. St. Jude, Helper of the Helpless, pray for us. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the sick, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the miracles, pray for us.

(Say this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days. Leave a copy of this in a church each day. On the 8th day your prayer will be granted. This novena has not been known to fail, if you have faith. God bless you.)”

Well, I was hoping you would laugh at it, because I would like to make you feel as guilty as I did when I first dismissed the thing as a manipulative little exercise — “On the 8th day your prayer will be granted.” Indeed. Such wonderful superstition. How easy it is to feel superior to this sort of thing, to this sentimental piety.

But somehow I couldn’t get the thing out of my mind. I kept the paper so that I could talk to you about its idolatry, its presumption. But I am not so sure now. Perhaps it is a powerful novena. And after all, St. Jude was a friend of our Lord, a member of the household of God, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. Why shouldn’t I ask him to pray for me? I ask some of you from time to time. And the prayer is centered, after all, in honor and praise and love for our Lord; and notice that the prayer is to be granted on the 8th day, presumably leaving the 9th day for a prayer of thanksgiving — the 8th day prayer having been granted. And it is a prayer for the helpless — and that is surely all of us — and it is to be left again and again to help others, surely thus in some slight way attempting to respond to our Lord’s command that we love one another. For what could be more loving than to help someone to call upon the name of the Lord, even in this slightly devious way?

I can think of worse things to leave or to proclaim in a church. The other day I talked to an old friend of mine who lives up in New England. She’s a therapist who’s been an agnostic Episcopalian for years. But recently she has started to sing in the choir of the local Episcopal Church. And she told me with real perplexity and distress in her voice that so far all the sermons had been about transactional analysis! “David,” she said, “he didn’t even mention God.” I found this strangely embarrassing.

No doubt she exaggerated. Let us hope so. But perhaps she didn’t. And if she did not, then surely this is worse than any little bit of paper presenting a prayer to St. Jude of dubious theological merit.

Let me tell you what I wish she had heard. I wish she had

heard how fascinated the Rector was by transactional analysis, but that somehow he had come to recognize that his own obsessive interest in it bordered on idolatry, that he now had something much more urgent to say — which was to proclaim the name of the Lord.

For what, after all, is our business here? How or why is this community any different from any other community of reasonably intelligent and well-meaning people who would like to see justice and peace and love in the world? How are we different from all other people who have a wonderful plan to reform the planet? The truth is that we are not, unless we recognize that first of all we are gathered here to proclaim the Lordship of Christ. Perhaps our greatest difference is that we know that of ourselves we have nothing to offer at all. And that what we do know is that like Jude the helper of the helpless, and Simon the Zealot, we have been chosen out of the world, sent out into the world, not first to proclaim our own favorite causes — however worthy and important and urgent they may be — but first to proclaim the sovereignty of God, to tell the story of salvation as it has been given to us and as we have experienced it.

We are chosen to tell the story of our creation — that we are creatures of God, not accidents — that we are created in the image of God, that the freedom given to us, while filling us with longings and desires for perfection and significance, is also the freedom which we hopelessly abuse. That we are helpless, contingent, dependent, self-seeking, and sinful creatures — fleeing whenever possible, it would seem, from the God who wills our perfection, from the God who is the very source and destiny of our lives. We are called to tell of our hopeless situation from which God has chosen to redeem us despite all our efforts to resist and avoid him. We are called to tell of his love for us, his creative and redemptive love, of his wonderful healing forgiveness.

We are called to tell that we—you—who “once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ”, that God’s love is established in the cross and resurrection of his son Jesus Christ. We are called to tell of God’s promises to us, that we are being perfected, made whole, that his purpose for us is our true and eternal freedom as his friends, no longer alienated, but fellow

citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. In short, our mission and our message is to be ourselves — to be the people of God.

We are the people whose first concern is to seek to obey the first and great commandment, that we love God with all our souls and with all our minds. For we know that were it not that God first loves us, we could not begin to obey the second and like commandment of our Lord’s summary — that we love our neighbors as ourselves. In today’s Gospel Jesus commands us to love one another. How could we begin to do this — how could we even dare to approach the terrifying otherness of others if we had to rely only on ourselves? As the Church, as those gathered in the name of the Lord, we can only hope to obey the second commandment because by God’s grace we seek to obey the commander himself — that commander who taught us in his own body that to lose our lives for his sake is to find them, who taught us that the way of life and of peace is the way of the cross.

I have never been more proud to be a part of this seminary than on those three dreadful occasions when we gathered here suddenly and oddly summoned by the chapel bell at the wrong time of the day for any service — when we gathered to pray for three very different victims of the world’s violence — three men, two presidents and a pope, who had been shot by assassins. We were summoned to do the one thing that we can be sure that we are called to do — to call upon the Lord in prayer. I believe that we knew who we were on those three days.

And there is reason for rejoicing in this. For with Simon and Jude, with the Mother of our Lord, with all the apostles and saints, with all the men and women of the past and the present and the future who proclaim the name of the Lord, we are gathered here once again. We are gathered to celebrate the most amazing and wonderful event of all — that the God whose name we call upon has made us his dwelling place once again. We can rejoice with all the company of the faithful that once again in his implacable love for us, he comes to us again — to dwell with us in our love for one another in Christ, to dwell with us in his Holy Word and in the most holy and life-giving Sacrament of his Body and Blood.



*The Most Reverend John Maury Allin
23rd Primate of The Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.*

OXFORD



MOVEMENT

**SESQUICENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION**

Saturday, October 22nd

CONCELEBRATED PONTIFICAL MASS

12:00 Noon

Chief Celebrant

THE MOST REV'D JOHN MAURY ALLIN, PRIMATE
The Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.

Preacher

The Rt. Rev'd & Rt. Hon. Graham D. Leonard
Lord Bishop of London

*The Mass will begin with an Outdoor Procession of Religious, Seminarians, Deacons,
Priests & Bishops. Proper Attire: Cassock & Surplice*

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

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City of New York

Know ye by these presents that I

Edward I. Koch

Mayor of the City of New York
do hereby present this


Certificate of Appreciation

to

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH

In recognition of your efforts to shelter
and care for homeless people in New York
City, in cooperation with The Partnership
For The Homeless.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Seal of the
City of New York to be affixed this
eighteenth day of April, 1983.



Ed Koch

This certificate was awarded to St. Mary's by Mayor Koch for our involvement in sheltering the city's homeless. Father Sloane and Mr. Jon Ching accepted the award on behalf of the parish at a reception hosted by the Mayor at Gracie Mansion.



OXFORD MOVEMENT CELEBRATION

150th Anniversary

October 21 — 23 1983

SOLEMN EVENSONG AND ADDRESS
"The History of the Oxford Movement"

Friday, October 21

Participating Churches:

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION 1 East 29th Street, New York City Speaker: The Rev'd Henry Chadwick	6:00 pm
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH 9818 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY Speaker: The Rev'd Richard Martin	8:00 pm
CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, NY Speaker: The Rt. Rev'd & Rt. Hon. Graham D. Leonard, Lord Bishop of London	8:00 pm
CHRIST CHURCH 17 Sagamore Road, Bronxville, NY Speaker: Brother John Charles, SSF	8:15 pm
THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY Speaker: The Rev'd Canon John Macquarrie	8:00 pm
SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH 60 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT Speaker: The Rt. Rev'd William Stevens	8:00 pm
GRACE CHURCH 950 Broad Street, Newark, NJ Speaker: The Rt. Rev'd Wilbur E. Hogg	8:00 pm

Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 pm

FESTAL EVENSONG
 Saint Thomas Church, 1 West 53rd Street, New York City

Preacher
 The Most Rev'd John Maury Allin

Saturday, Oct. 22

CONFERENCE

Church of Saint Mary the Virgin
 145 West 46th Street, New York City

8:00 am	Registration begins
9:15 am	Morning Prayer
9:30 am	<i>THE THEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS</i> The Rev'd Canon John Macquarrie <i>Response: The Rev'd Henry Chadwick</i>
10:45 am	<i>THE SOCIAL AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS</i> The Rev'd Richard Halloway <i>Response: The Rev'd Richard Martin</i>
12 Noon	CONCELEBRATED PONTIFICAL MASS Chief Celebrant: The Presiding Bishop Preacher: The Lord Bishop of London
2:00 pm	Lunch
3:00 pm	<i>THE OXFORD MOVEMENT AND AMERICA</i> The Rev'd Dr. J. Robert Wright <i>Response: Brother John Charles, SSF</i>
4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
5:00 pm	Reception at Saint Thomas Church

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete form & mail to: Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 145 West 46th St., N.Y.C. 10036

NAME: _____ PARISH: _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

For Group Registration please fill in below and list the names on a separate sheet.

NAME OF PARISH/ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

NO. OF PERSONS _____ LAY _____ CLERICAL _____

I will / I will not vest and take part in the Outdoor Procession on Saturday, October 22.

Please indicate (x) your title: Religious Seminarian Deacon Priest Proper Attire: Cassock and Surplice

I will be attending the Reception at St. Thomas Church following the Conference; I would like to make _____ reservation(s) @\$6.00 per person, enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made payable to ST. THOMAS CHURCH.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.


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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.

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A series of lunchtime concerts

Every Wednesday, 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm

(Resuming in October)

under the direction of
Mr. Quentin Lane, Music Director



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New York City

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WELCOMING THE STRANGER

During the past few months the Church of St. Mary the Virgin has been operating a Shelter for the Homeless program on our premises. This is the program of help sponsored by Mayor Koch during the past year as a means of providing emergency overnight shelter for persons in New York City who have found themselves homeless because of loss of jobs and other related matters. For the most part, such shelters provide help only for men, and St. Mary's is now one of a small group of places in the city that by contrast are providing shelter for women and children. They are being housed on a short-term basis in a dormitory arrangement that has been set up in the library of our Mission House. Volunteers from the parish serve as hosts under Jon Ching's direction; two persons per night taking turns, sleeping outside of the dormitory itself. Counselors are provided by an agency known as Women In Need for our guests while they are here. A daytime center is also being operated by this group in St. Joseph's Hall at various times each week, and it provides both shelter and food for persons who are directed to it.

From the point of view of our own clergy and people, this enterprise has two main thrusts. The obvious one has to do with the needs of those who are sent to us, and we are attempting to respond to them as well as we are able, and insofar as our needs allow. Less apparent, but far more important in our own considerations, is the need of our own people to reach out to others in the name of Christ. The work of our Mission House volunteers is a fulfilling of that need. As with everything else, we Christians bring a dimension of caring to our concern that is often lacking in other far more efficient means of ministering to the world. We are less interested in numbers than in persons, and if, in our present ministry, we are able to touch the hearts of even a few people in our concern, it will all have been worthwhile. Men and women are created in the image of God. In our world today Christians have the task of honoring that image where others have forgotten it.

The Rev. Edgar F. Wells

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

1	Th.	St. Giles, Abbot in Provence, c. 708
2	F.	The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942
3	Sa.	<i>of Our Lady</i>
4	Su.	THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
5	M.	<i>Feria</i>
6	Tu.	<i>Requiem</i>
7	W.	<i>Feria</i>
8	Th.	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9	F.	<i>Feria</i>
10	Sa.	<i>of Our Lady</i>
11	Su.	THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
12	M.	John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830
13	Tu.	Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, 258
14	W.	HOLY CROSS DAY
15	Th.	Our Lady of Sorrows
16	F.	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, c. 430
17	Sa.	<i>of Our Lady</i>
18	Su.	THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
19	M.	Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
20	Tu.	John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871
21	W.	SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (<i>EMBER DAY</i>)
22	Th.	<i>Requiem</i>
23	F.	<i>EMBER DAY</i>
24	Sa.	<i>EMBER DAY</i>
25	Su.	THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
26	M.	Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
27	Tu.	Vincent de Paul, Priest, 1660
28	W.	<i>Requiem</i>
29	Th.	SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
30	F.	Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

1	Sa.	Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530
2	Su.	THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH <i>Procession & Solemn Mass 11:00 am</i>
3	M.	<i>Feria</i>
4	Tu.	Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226
5	W.	<i>Requiem</i>
6	Th.	William Tyndale, Priest, 1536
7	F.	<i>Feria</i>
8	Sa.	<i>of Our Lady</i>
9	Su.	THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10	M.	Paulinus, First Archbishop of York, 644
11	Tu.	<i>Feria</i>
12	W.	Wilfrid, Archbishop of York, 709
13	Th.	Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066
14	F.	<i>Requiem</i>
15	Sa.	Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereshevsky, Bishop of Shanghai, 1906
16	Su.	THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
17	M.	Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, and Martyr, c. 115
18	Tu.	SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
19	W.	Henry Martyn, Priest & Missionary to India and Persia, 1812
20	Th.	<i>Requiem</i>
21	F.	<i>OXFORD MOVEMENT SESQUICENTENNIAL</i>
22	Sa.	<i>OXFORD MOVEMENT SESQUICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm</i> <i>Concelebrated Pontifical Mass, 12 noon</i>
23	Su.	THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>(Sesquicentennial Celebration)</i>
24	M.	SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM, BROTHER OF OUR LORD AND MARTYR, c. 62
25	Tu.	<i>Feria</i>
26	W.	Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899
27	Th.	<i>Requiem</i>
28	F.	SAINT SIMON & SAINT JUDE, APOSTLES
29	Sa.	James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885
30	Su.	THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
31	M.	<i>Feria</i>

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS	
Sept. 4 — PENTECOST XV:	A Thank Offering
Sept. 11 — PENTECOST XVI:	
Sept. 18 — PENTECOST XVII:	
Sept. 25 — PENTECOST XVIII:	
Oct. 2 — PENTECOST XIX:	Rufus McIntosh
Oct. 9 — PENTECOST XX:	Edgar Wison, Hallie Wilson
Oct. 16 — PENTECOST XXI:	Wallace & Florence Brackett
Oct. 23 — PENTECOST XXII:	The Departed Members of the McGrane Family.
Oct. 31 — PENTECOST XXIII:	

MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE AND MAY LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM

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PREACHERS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Sept. 4 — PENTECOST XV:	Father Wells
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Oct. 22 — CONCELEBRATED PONTIFICAL MASS (12 Noon):	The Rt. Rev'd & Rt. Hon. Graham Douglas Leonard, Lord Bishop of London
Oct. 23 — PENTECOST XXII:	The Rt. Rev'd William Louis Stevens, Bishop of Fond Du Lac
Oct. 31 — PENTECOST XXIII:	Father Wells

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