

AVE



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN
New York City



OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Prepared to be carried in Procession
FEAST OF ASSUMPTION, 1987

AVE

A Bulletin of
THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN
New York City

VOL. LVI SEPTEMBER — OCTOBER, 1987 NO.5

St. Giles, Abbot
September 1, 1987

My Dear People:

As usual, and despite the appropriate date of September 1, this letter is being written perforce a good month earlier on, with the heat of summer very much a part of everything we do. At moments like this I wish I might have been Rector here in Dr. Barry's time: the story goes that a car came and fetched him at the beginning of every summer, took him to the Adirondacks, and returned him to 46th Street in the fall. Not a bad way of handling a New York summer, if I do say so myself. And of course this year has had its particular problems, with humidity equalling the heat, a great deal of resulting discomfort for many people in this city.

And yet St. Mary's remains the same. Weather aside, this summer has seen the destruction of many buildings in the west Midtown area of Manhattan, and a building boom is occurring here that is unparalleled in the history of this area of New York. And for those of you who visit St. Mary's only occasionally, you will find us before long sitting among new and largely impersonal business structures - a far cry from the sea of brownstone dwellings that surrounded these buildings when they were built almost one hundred years ago. And St. Mary's remains the same. Suffice it to say that our present Board of Trustees have been alert to the changes in our area, and have been involved during much of the past year in making our premises financially secure for the next one hundred years.

All of which reminds me of our Centennial Restoration Fund established earlier this year, whose aim very simply is the total restoration of our buildings and their contents by

1995, the one hundredth anniversary year of the construction of these buildings. Notice of this effort has been sent to you already, and our campaign is only beginning. It is headed by a distinguished retired priest of our diocese, Father Charles Whipple, who has been identified with our life for many years, and we will all be hearing much more from him in the months ahead. I am delighted to tell you that the Chief Patron of our effort is Michael Ramsey, the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury, and other sponsors are The Right Reverend Horace W.B. Donegan, 12th Bishop of New York; The Right Reverend James W. Montgomery, Bishop of Chicago; and our own diocesan bishop, The Right Reverend Paul Moore, Jr. Please keep this effort in your prayers, and please continue the gifts that will bring this work to its conclusion.

Let me just say how pleased I am that the Patrons of our Centennial Restoration Fund begin with a former Archbishop of Canterbury, and include a present Bishop of New York. I think we are all well aware at St. Mary's that this parish marches in many ways to a tune that is different from much that is emphasized in the Episcopal Church today. We do so because of theological understandings that we hold in good conscience, and because we are convinced that those understandings are respected in the Church to which we belong. We are not schismatics. And our loyalty to the Episcopal Church is every bit as strong as the opinions that set us apart from many of our fellow Episcopalians. The occurrence of schism is disastrous in any century, and continues to be so in our own. It is not a road that would lead St. Mary's to anything but misery. And so we persevere as we always have, conservative theologically and watchful over events as they unfold in the Church we love. I happen to believe that the Church is still under the protection of the Holy Spirit, and that it is still a viable part of the Mystical Body of Christ on earth. Lacking that belief, I would have to leave. Holding on to it, I have no choice but to stay. As Bishop Robert Terwilliger said in 1976: "we have nowhere to go." But more than that, I believe that the Church will survive, probably in ways that will surprise and astonish us.

Indeed, not only will it survive but it will be renewed! And St. Mary's, I believe, will be a part of that renewal.

Finally I want to say something briefly about our annual Parish Mission, to be held this year on October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. It has become an annual event of some significance in our life together. Its details appear elsewhere in this issue, but I want to take the opportunity here of saying how much you will gain by hearing Father Heidt while he is conducting our Mission here. Father and I have known each other for more than thirty years, we were once roommates during our time at Nashotah House, and, during the intervening years Father has distinguished himself first as a parish priest, then as a scholar and university chaplain, continuing as the editor of a promising newspaper of Catholic Renewal in England, and latterly once again as a parish priest at Cheltenham, in the Diocese of Gloucester. He can be best identified by all of you as the man who sent Father Ian Knowles to seminary, and on that basis alone I would feel confident in recommending him to you! Suffice it to say, Father Heidt is an extraordinary priest and we can look forward to a stimulating time while he is here.

With my love in Christ,

Eagar F. Wells

PREACHERS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

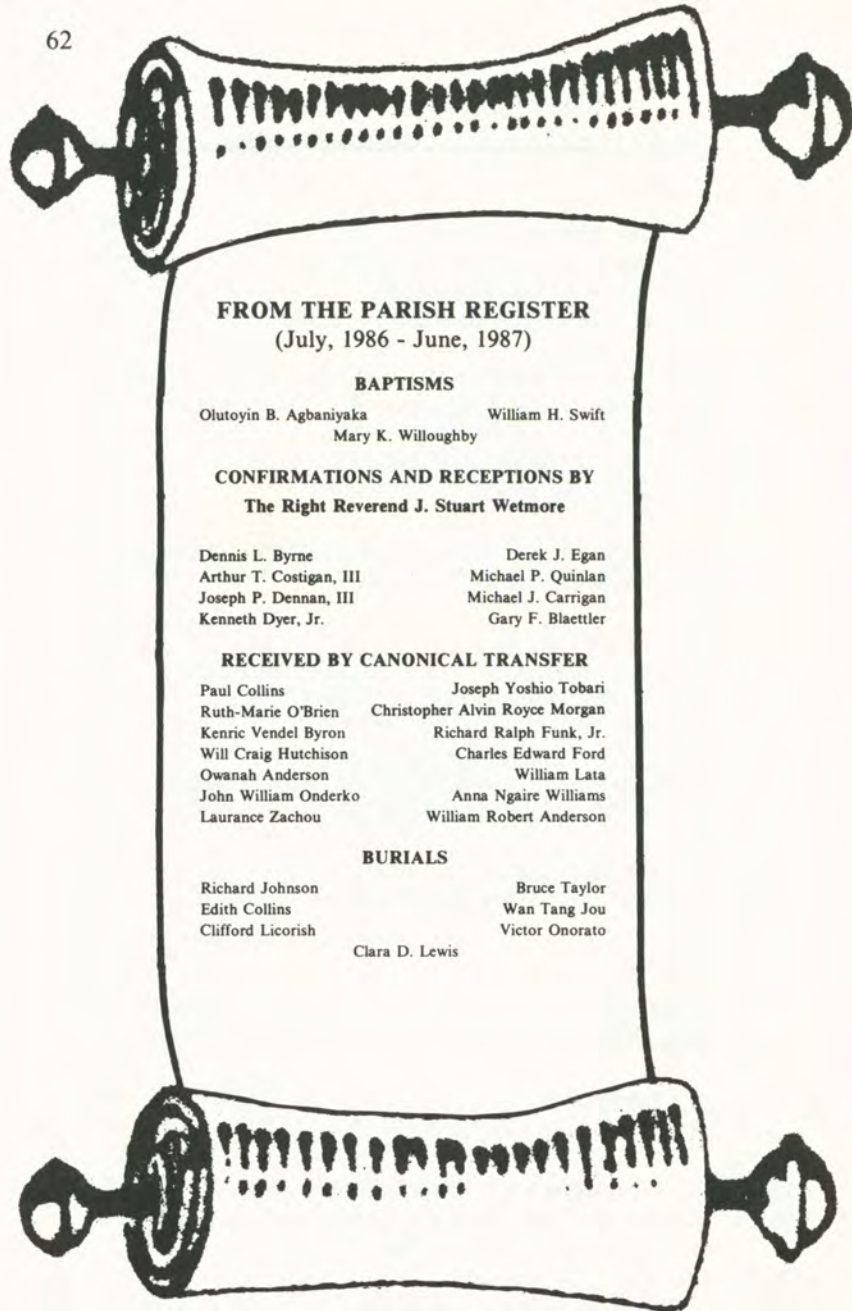
September 6	Father Sloane
September 13	Father Willoughby
September 20	Father Sloane
September 27	The Reverend Allan Jackson
October 3 - 5 PM	The Rev'd Dr. John H. Heidt
October 4	Father Heidt
October 11	Father Wells
October 18	The Rt. Rev'd John Klyberg
October 25	Father Wells

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 Tu. Giles, Abbot, c. 708
 2 W. Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942
 3 Th. *Requiem*
 4 F. *Abstinence*
 5 Sa. *Of Our Lady*
- 6 Su. PENTECOST XIII
 7 M. Labor Day (12:15 Mass only, Church open 12-1)
 8 Tu. NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 9 W. Constance & Companions, The Martyrs of Memphis, 1878
 10 Th.
 11 F. *Requiem Abstinence*
 12 Sa. John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830
- 13 Su. PENTECOST XIV
 14 M. HOLY CROSS DAY
 15 Tu. Our Lady of Sorrows
 16 W. *EMBER DAY*, com. Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430
 17 Th. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor, 1621
 18 F. *EMBER DAY*, com. Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882
 19 Sa. *EMBER DAY*, com. Theodore of Tarsus, Bishop, 690
- 20 Su. PENTECOST XV
 21 M. SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
 22 Tu.
 23 W. *Requiem*
 24 Th.
 25 F. Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392 *Abstinence*
 26 Sa. Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
- 27 Su. PENTECOST XVI
 28 M. Wenceslaus, King and Martyr, 929
 29 Tu. SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
 30 W. Jerome, Priest and Doctor, 420

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- 1 Th. Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530
 2 F. The Holy Guardian Angels *Abstinence*
 3 Sa. Theresa of the Child Jesus, 1897
Solemn Evensong and Benediction, 5 PM
- 4 Su. THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH
Procession & Solemn Mass, 11 AM
 5 M. *Requiem*
 6 Tu. Bruno, Priest and Religious, 1101
 7 W. Our Lady of the Rosary
 8 Th.
 9 F. Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln 1253 *Abstinence*
 10 Sa. Paulinus, Archbishop of York, 644
- 11 Su. PENTECOST XVIII
 12 M. Wilfrid, Archbishop of York, 709 (12:15 mass only)
 13 Tu. Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066
 14 W. *Requiem*
 15 Th. Teresa of Avila, Religious and Doctor, 1582
 16 F. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious, 1690 *Abstinence*
 17 Sa. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch and Martyr, c. 115
- 18 Su. PENTECOST XIX
 19 M. SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST (*transferred*)
 20 Tu.
 21 W. *Requiem*
 22 Th.
 23 F. SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM *Abstinence*
 24 Sa. *of Our Lady*
- 25 Su. PENTECOST XX
 26 M. Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899
 27 Tu.
 28 W. SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE
 29 Th. James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa,
 and Companions, Martyrs, 1885
 30 F. *Requiem Abstinence*
 31 Sa. *of Our Lady*



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

(July, 1986 - June, 1987)

BAPTISMS

Olutoyin B. Agbaniyaka William H. Swift
Mary K. Willoughby

CONFIRMATIONS AND RECEPTIONS BY

The Right Reverend J. Stuart Wetmore

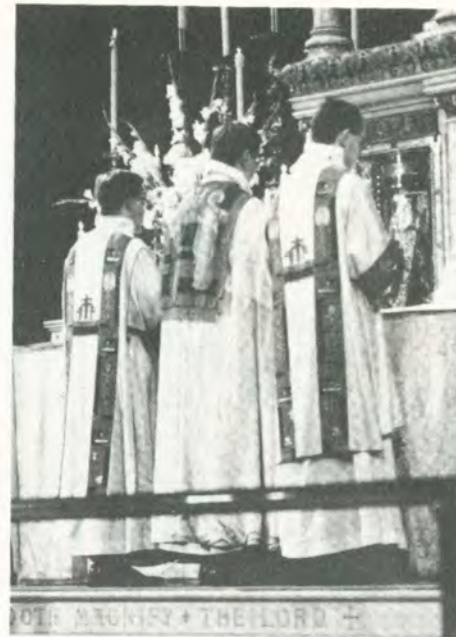
Dennis L. Byrne Derek J. Egan
Arthur T. Costigan, III Michael P. Quinlan
Joseph P. Dennon, III Michael J. Carrigan
Kenneth Dyer, Jr. Gary F. Blaettler

RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER

Paul Collins Joseph Yoshio Tobari
Ruth-Marie O'Brien Christopher Alvin Royce Morgan
Kenric Vendel Byron Richard Ralph Funk, Jr.
Will Craig Hutchison Charles Edward Ford
Owanah Anderson William Lata
John William Onderko Anna Ngairé Williams
Laurance Zachou William Robert Anderson

BURIALS

Richard Johnson Bruce Taylor
Edith Collins Wan Tang Jou
Clifford Licorish Victor Onorato
Clara D. Lewis



ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

Sep. 6 — PENTECOST XIII Louise Parlin Avery;
John Alexander Lewis

Oct. 25 — PENTECOST XX Hallie Wilson & Edgar Wilson

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

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS may be given by anyone who desires to do so, and at any time except the seasons of Advent 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.

THE FEAST OF DEDICATION OF ST. MARY'S



A MISSION OF CATHOLIC RENEWAL

October 2nd - 4th, 1987

"TOWARDS THE WORLD'S CONVERSION"

To be given by:

The Rev'd John Heidt, Vicar
Church of Saint Philip & Saint James
Up Hatherley, Cheltenham, England

Friday, October 2nd

6:15 pm — Low Mass; to be followed by a reception, a parish dinner, and a talk given by Fr. Heidt
"The Death of Secularism & the Return of Christendom"

Saturday, October 3rd

(Eve of the Feast of Dedication)

5:00 pm — Solemn Evensong and Benediction
Sermon by Fr. Heidt
The Radical nature of Dogma:
"It is the Mass that matters"

Sunday, October 4th

(The Feast of Dedication)

11:00 am — Procession and Solemn Mass
Sermon by Fr. Heidt
"Behold I make all things new": A New World and a New Society



The Reverend John Heidt is an American by birth and attended Yale University and Nashotah House before going to Oxford University where he earned the D. Phil degree. Father Heidt has been deeply involved in the work of Catholic Renewal in the Church of England, and indeed his own Parish Church of St. Philip and St. James, Up Hatherley, in the Diocese of Gloucester in England, is a fine example of extraordinary growth and deep renewal.

We shall follow again this year previous years' format of three days, beginning with a Low Mass and parish dinner on Friday, October 2nd at 6 pm as outline above.

PLEASE JOIN US for this exciting event, and please INVITE your family and friends to come with you.

DINNER RESERVATIONS are ESSENTIAL for Friday, October 2nd. Please make your reservation by MAILING A CHECK FOR \$8.00 per person made payable to the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, marked "Mission dinner" to the parish office.

Once again this summer a young English seminarian is spending six weeks at St. Mary's as part of his training for Ordination. His name is Matthew Harrison, and he has contributed the following article for this issue of AVE.

Many at St. Mary's will remember Fr. Peter Galloway and Fr. Ian Knowles, who, as English seminarians, came to visit previously during the summer to gain practical experience of work in a parish and who got a look at New York and the Episcopal Church into the bargain. Of course this summer placement forms only a part of training at seminary and it is the wider issue of the nature of training that I thought would be worthwhile talking about here. No doubt some of you wonder how, besides Mass practice and singing lessons, a seminary turns out priests.

Most theological colleges, as seminaries are called in England, would describe their task as covering three major areas: academic study, spiritual growth, and reflection on pastoral experience. Approaches as to how these three elements are brought together differ almost as widely as the Anglican Communion and in England there are a little over a dozen colleges offering various styles for various sensibilities. I chose to go to St. Stephen's House in Oxford, where Fr. Galloway did his training and where Fr. Willoughby III also spent some time. It is one of the distinctly catholic colleges and therefore has a definite idea of priesthood behind its training.

The academic side of life takes place in the shadow of Oxford University. For me this was definitely part of the attraction of going for with others I go into the University to do a degree in theology. Over the last few years there has been an increasing diversity in the background and ages of those coming forward for training which in particular has raised the average age of the students and brought more married candidates. So to suit varying ages, from twenty-two to sixty last year, and varying academic abilities, there are seven different academic programs that can be entered. There have been recent attacks on residential training as

too costly but the benefits of a two or three year spell spent in full time training are great on all counts. This is certainly so of academic courses where so much more can be done by full-time students in gaining a good grounding in biblical studies, doctrine, church history, liturgy, and ethics. The aim is to provide an academic resource which is there for a lifetime's ministry, as an essential and enriching component. It is not always seen as such, so we have sessions to reflect on and interrelate our academic training and our experience of God, though this is a slow and lifelong work for all.

Whilst academic courses take up the majority of time, the pastoral side is being increasingly stressed, as it affects ethics, pastoral theology, and pastoral psychology. We also have courses on communicating, preaching, and a leaver's course on the finer practical points such as how to hold the baby at baptisms - though not any more on what to say in the confessional! Practical pastoral work includes a placement in a parish, school, hospital, or community service during the week and there are also special weeks throughout the year spent on pastoral studies involving courses on issues such as AIDS, youth work or homelessness, and trips to stay in parishes. Seminarians go off through the year to take part in parish missions and several times a year the College is inundated with hundreds of children who come for days of activities and teaching. Then there are summer placements which, like all good school trips, have to be discussed and written about later.

The spiritual side of the training is, perhaps, the hardest to describe yet it is the meeting and melting point of the rest of the training, as academic study, pastoral experience, and community life are absorbed into the life of faith and the relationship with God. In this we have of course the structure of the Office and Mass each day, and a period of silent prayer together after morning prayer. Other services also happen by the week ranging from free prayer and folk mass to rosary and benediction! We are also encouraged to have a spiritual director. We do group duties together too, such as serving meals or working in the garden or sacristy.

So with these hours of prayer and study and meals together, we live a close community life and this is one of the most important features of the spiritual side of things. It is an aspect which most people find difficult at some time and in addition to the closeness of community life the students also live under a fair amount of discipline. Perhaps you can imagine something of what it is like, similar to living in a religious community. One did not choose to join with people one did not know were going to be there. So as with life in community everywhere, and as in parish life, there are disputes and differences, but behind and alongside that a great love, forged in community, that is very powerful and brings a great sense of fellowship in what is really a very uncertain time.

Although my experience is, of course, of St. Stephen's House I should think the pattern is true of most theological colleges in England at least. They do not turn out perfect priests and the expectation that they should is one of their greatest problems. Misdirected criticism leads to more and more courses being added in and so time is under great pressure. But no scheme would turn out perfect men and no scheme would turn out perfectly formed priests, who after all have actively to continue their training in their curacies, and continue their progress after that in continuing education and formation within their parish ministry.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO *AVE* are gratefully acknowledged:
 W. Steven Woodward, \$20.00; The Rev'd Steven R. Ford, \$10.00;
 The Rev'd Alfred T. K. Zadig, \$25.00; The Rev'd Stanley Klores,
 \$50.00; The Rev'd John H. Shumaker, \$10.00; The Vy. Rev'd
 Harold F. Lemoine, \$10.00; Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Wilson, \$50.00;
 Barbara Beam, \$20.00; Mr. Everett C. M. Martin, \$150.00.

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

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.

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.



SEAL OF WALSINGHAM ABBEY
Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, New York
set into the floor of the second bay of the
north aisle of the nave

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 principle office at 145 West Forty-sixth Street, New York City, [here state the nature or amount of the gift]".



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

139 West 46th Street • New York • New York • 10036-8591

The Reverend Edgar F. Wells, Rector The Reverend Andrew L. Sloane, Curate
The Reverend William Willoughby III

Parish founded 1868

Church built 1894

SERVICES

SUNDAY

Morning Prayer	8:40 am
Masses	9:00, 10:00 am, and 5:00 pm
Sunday School	9:45 am
Solemn Mass with Sermon	11:00 am

Evening Prayer	4:45 pm
----------------------	---------

WEEKDAYS

Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Noonday Office	12:00
Daily Masses (except Sat.)	12:15 and 6:15 pm
Saturday	12:15 pm
Evening Prayer (except Sat.)	6:00 pm
Saturday	5:30 pm

COUNSELING

A priest is available in the church daily, 12-1 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	11:30-12:00 noon (Father Wells)
	1-1:30 pm (Father Sloane)
Sunday	10:30-10:50 am (Father Wells)
	(Father Sloane)
Major holy days	5:30-5:50 pm (Father Wells)
	(Father Sloane)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Rev'd Edgar F. Wells, *President*
George H. Blackshire, *Vice President*
Leroy Sharer, *Secretary*
Ian R. McCart, *Treasurer*
Clinton F. Best
Gertrude S. Butler
Ronald L. Cox
Harold M. Fischer
Barbara L. Klett
Barbara Q. Myers

AVE is published bi-monthly by the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, 145 West 46th Street, New York City 10036-8591. Telephone (212) 869-5830. The Rev'd Edgar F. Wells, editor; The Rev'd Andrew L. Sloane, associate editor; Mr. Ronald L. Cox, layout. Your contribution of \$10.00 or more will be greatly appreciated, and will ensure future publication and distribution of *AVE*. All gifts made to *AVE*-Church of St. Mary the Virgin are tax-deductible.

DIRECTORY

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

139 West 46th Street • New York • New York • 10036-8591

The Church is open for prayer and meditation
Monday-Fridays: 7 a.m. - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturdays: 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

RECTORY

144 West 47th Street • New York • New York • 10036-8591
THE REVEREND EDGAR F. WELLS, Rector
THE REVEREND ANDREW L. SLOANE, Curate
(212) 869-5831

PARISH OFFICE

145 West 46th Street • New York • New York • 10036-8591

Office Hours from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday, except legal holidays
(212) 869-5830

MISSION HOUSE

133 West 46th Street • New York • New York • 10036-8591
Mr. Barry E.B. Swain, Director
(212) 869-5845

Mr. Ian R. McCart, *Treasurer* 869-5830
Mr. Quentin Lane, *Director of Music* 869-5830
Mr. Emil Denworth, *Head Usher* (718) 263-6385
Mr. George H. Blackshire, *Hospitality* (718) 858-5797
Mr. Philip D. Parker, *Tours* 582-0807
Miss Doreen Swan, *Bookshop* 431-3568
Mr. John Gallaher, *Funeral Director* 744-2500

The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin depends for its operation expenses on the sacrificial giving of its clergy, parishioners, and friends. Pledge envelopes may be obtained from the Parish Secretary by phoning (212) 869-5830. We need and are grateful for your support.

Produced by Mission Graphics
48 Henry Street • New York, N.Y. 10002 Tel.(212) 227-6715

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

145 West 46th Street • New York, N.Y. 10036-8591

After prayerful consideration of the needs of my church and of God's gifts to me, I pledge for 1987:

\$ _____ weekly: monthly: annually.

I want envelopes: do not want envelopes.

NAME: *(Please print)* _____

ADDRESS: _____
(no.) (street) (apt.)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I am a Parishioner of St. Mary's Friend of St. Mary's

Please check Within each appropriate box. This pledge may be changed by notifying the Treasurer.

Signature

Date

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please check the address label on the other side of this page. If your address is incorrect, or if you plan to move, please fill in the portion below and return it to us as soon as possible.

Name _____

New Address _____
(no.) (street) (apt.)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Former Address _____
(no.) (street) (apt.)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____