My dear People:

What a winter it has been! The highlights of events at St. Mary's during the past several months reflect so much of what is creative and enduring about our life here. And much of what is exciting involves the renewal of our musical program within the parish. The music of Vierne on our Feast of Title, December 8th! Our Midnight Mass at Christmas, as glorious as any celebration of that feast that I can remember! Our Mass of Epiphany, with the exciting music of Jackson Hill's *Missa Brevis* being sung here the first time, and our farewell party for Father Sloane being attended by such an enthusiastic group of devoted well wishers! And then Candlemas, with its quiet reminder that Jesus is indeed the light of the gentiles! And finally Lent itself, through which we are now journeying towards another magnificent Holy Week and Easter in our liturgical cycle! All of this has been so glorious here this winter, and by it we are reminded that the focus of our life at St. Mary's is the worship of Almighty God, a worship rendered in this place in a manner that knows no comparison.

And in all that has taken place, our one note of sadness has been the departure of our Associate Rector, Father Andrew Sloane, at the end of January. The sadness of course is our own, for Father had been with us for over seven years, and during that time he shared the ministry of this parish with me completely, and in an atmosphere of total mutual trust. Believe it or not, that is rare, even in the Church, and I am thankful beyond measure for Father's time with us, and for the gifts that he exercised in his ministry here. But what is of sadness to us is a cause of joy elsewhere. Father Sloane is now Rector of Grace Church, Sheboygan, in the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and has gone from us to become the spiritual leader of one of the finest parishes in the upper Midwest. I know that you will pray for him there, and for his people, and that you will give thanks with me for his time among us.
And of course I am writing you this letter in the midst of the season of Lent, and our preoccupation at this time is with the passion and death of Our Lord. By that strange paradox that characterizes so much in the Christian life we believe that the suffering of Jesus in this world is the supreme measure of God’s love and concern for his creation. Jesus on the Cross is God himself claiming each one of us for a destiny with him. Lent then is the good news, strange as it may seem, of the extent to which God would go to redeem and restore the world. This is a truth that we must never forget. A friend of mine said to me not long ago, “Do you suppose that God would ever treat us the way we have treated ourselves?” Think about that for a minute, if you will. Where there has been lack of forgiveness in your life, or bitterness, or anger, did it come from God? Where there is impatience with ourselves, or a sense of our own inadequacy or lack of worth, did it come from God? The lesson of course is that in many instances we are the cause again and again of the frustrations and moments of impatience that characterize our lives. God would never do these things to us! We have done them to ourselves. During Lent we look at the wreckage around us, realizing that it is of our own making. More importantly, in Lent we look at the Cross, and there on Calvary we see what God has done to us - indeed done for us - and we realize anew that ours is preeminently a religion of hope. May that hope be yours as you follow Jesus to his Cross this Holy Week! May it lead you to new life as you rise with him on Easter Day!

Affectionately,

Edgar F. Wells

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March 5
Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Sandra Miller, flauto traverso
James Richman, harpsichord

French and German music for the Baroque flute including a sonata by J. S. Bach.

Sandra Miller, one of the outstanding Baroque flutists of her generation, has earned renown as soloist, chamber musician and orchestral player. Among her many performing awards are a solo recitals grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, first place in the Bodky Competition for early music and a New York recital debut sponsored by Concert Artists Guild. Miss Miller has toured the United States, Europe and Canada with Concert Royal of which she is a founding member and Associate Director. In addition to solo recitals, Miss Miller has appeared as a guest baroque flute soloist with the Early Music's Grande Bande, Aston Magna, and the Waverly Consort.

James Richman is active as a conductor, keyboard soloist, and continuo player. He won the Bodky Competition in this country and was also a prize-winner in the Paris Harpsichord Competition and the First International Fortepiano Competition. Mr. Richman is the Artistic Director of Concert Royal. He has also been a featured performer with many leading early music groups in the United States and recently was a recipient of the United States-France Exchange Fellowship in Opera-Musical Theater from the National Endowment for the Arts.
Lent is our season of extra devotions and spiritual renewal. It can bring us to that Confession we have so long postponed. For some it is also an opportunity for drawing apart, and for making that retreat that can refocus and renew one's spiritual life. The following sermon was preached on Refreshment Sunday last Year (Lent IV) by Father Wells, following his annual retreat at Cowley Monastery in Cambridge.

It turned out to be one of the most significant weeks in my entire life. I was in Cambridge. I was on retreat. And I think I just assumed that the five days of silence would be very much like similar periods of quiet that I have known over the years. A chance to be removed from the usual routine. A few days without the phone ringing, a few days without other people's problems. A time of quiet and, most important of all perhaps, the opportunity for lots of sleep. And, indeed, my retreat conductor encourages me either to sleep in and miss Matins at 6 AM each day, or to go to bed early and miss Compline at 9 PM. And so I chose to miss Matins. But what I was not prepared for, and what turned into one of the most creative and restoring five days of my life, was the way in which during that retreat I simply let myself be led through a series of experiences and inner searchings to a realization that had not been mine for many, many months: that the guiding hand and power of God are there in my own life, and that I could even be given a sense of the unfolding of my own particular Christian pilgrimage. If you have ever experienced God's presence in this way you will know what I mean. It is nothing that we can manufacture; nothing that we can contrive. It is purely and simply a gift from God. It becomes possible for us to the degree that we are passive before him, to the extent to which we relinquish control over the concerns and preoccupations of our lives, so that when we have finally realized our own weakness it becomes possible for God to reveal himself in our lives. "My grace is sufficient for you," were God's words to the apostle Paul, "my strength is perfected in your weakness."

It was therefore with some thankfulness that I came home to this parish last weekend, immersing myself again in our life here, and finding myself among people with whom I have been at home for the past nine years. For those of you who know about retreats it will come as no surprise when I say that the real world, the world that counts, finds its location both in the places where we spend the greater part of our lives and also in those moments when we remove ourselves elsewhere to gather strength, to consider where we have been and where we are now, and to find the faith and trust to allow God to lead us into whatever the future holds. Because whether I am in my parish or in a retreat house, whether you are at work or at home, or in this place on a Sunday morning, it is always ourselves that we take with us wherever we happen to be. The world is no less real for you here than is the world outside these doors, and it was just as real for me in Cambridge as it is here on 46th Street. It is in this real world that our lives are connected to the lives of other people, whether we are on retreat or at our jobs. It is in this real world that we have to face ourselves, whether in the moments of quiet or in the busy-ness of everyday life. It is not in our dreams but in the world as it is, in the world of reality, that we become aware finally of God's presence in our lives, of his longing for us, of his unfailing love.

And so I was happy to come home again last weekend. And in this part of my real world, in this parish and in this city where I spend the greater amount of my time, I found this week that I had brought with me the strength to immerse myself once again in this part of my life. It is not a strength that I could ever have contrived for myself. What I discovered anew just over a week ago was the whole generosity of God, and I experienced it in terms of emotions that have to do with real life, and that in my case have to do with the life that I live day by day in this place.

And so life began again for me in this daily routine as this past week took its course. And the first thing that occurred was on Monday morning when I discovered that a dear friend of mine had died over the weekend. He was a person with whom I had walked in a spiritual fellowship over many months' time. We had watched each other grow, we had shared our own sufferings and our spiritual struggle, and when he became ill I had taken him to the hospital, and had done what I could to see to his comfort. He died believing in the God in whose Name he had been baptized, and knowing that God had become for him a God of mercy and love. I am sorrowing for my friend this morning, and I am joyful because I know that God has welcomed him home.
And the second occurrence this week was the discovery that a young woman whom I love very dearly had survived the loss of a child during pregnancy, and had in fact avoided any serious complications in this regard whatsoever, and will undoubtedly again be able to bear a child, and to carry it within her through its normal term. To be in this young woman’s presence is to be aware of a beauty that can only be a gift of God, and just knowing her is to realize God’s goodness and love in a wonderfully refreshing manner.

And so the week has unfolded. The last occurrence I would mention to you, and one which brings the reality of our lives into immediate contact with today’s propers, was the news that a young man to whom our clergy have ministered was once again in the hospital with the dread disease, AIDS, and that in the course of this hospitalization he has finally become blind. We have known him for a long time, his father is a priest with whom I had some association before coming to St. Mary’s, and he is a young man who has had a deep love for this parish. The young man is blind this morning, he will never again see the beauty of a Solemn Mass in this church, and he will never again set eyes in his life on the family and friends he loves. If you are like me you want to cry out, “Dear God, why? Why such suffering? Why does this have to occur?”

Today’s gospel is one of the longest scriptural accounts that we will encounter this year. It is the story of a man who was born blind, who unlike the man I just described had never seen at all, and in whose healing our Lord committed the unpardonable crime of performing a miracle on the sabbath day. To the Pharisees this was the absolute limit. From their point of view this man, Jesus, was a sinner like the rest of us. Even in doing good he profaned the sabbath. In today’s gospel the Pharisees are filled with the intention of destroying a man whom other people had begun to think of as a prophet of God. The blindness of their disbelief, the anger produced by their own hatred of Jesus, and therefore the absolute darkness of their own lives, are presented to us in sharp contrast to the man who had been blind from his birth. And the simplicity of his faith enraged them. “One thing I know,” he said as they questioned him, “that though I was blind, now I see.” It was all he had to say, and in saying it he had said everything. The Pharisees could not understand it. They were unwilling to face the implications of what it meant. And the real world in which you and I live does not understand it either. St. John tells us that the Pharisees of our Lord’s time cast the blind man out. The experience of that blind man in today’s gospel is a foretaste of what those men would do to Jesus himself. And it is being done today. It is being done all around us. And it is being done again and again and again.

I do not know where many of you have been in your Christian pilgrimage this Lent. We have arrived at that point in the season where clerical minds like my own begin to catalogue their parishioners one by one. “I have seen so and so rather frequently at daily Mass this Lent” I will say to myself.” And at Stations and Benediction also. But whatever has happened to Joe Z.? He seems entirely to have disappeared. And what about Mary Jane L. who used to come to Retreats and Quiet Days whenever they were scheduled, and who took to Masses and classes the way a duck takes to water? She is nowhere to be seen.” And, back to the world of reality, I was told on Monday that there had been a crisis over a squash souffle that someone was producing for our parish dinner this afternoon, but the details of it are murky, and I am unclear as to whether the people involved in that enterprise are among the missing in this year’s Lenten devotions. And so it goes, on and on and on. You can see at any rate what happens to the clerical mind as Mid-Lent Sunday arrives on the scene. Its effects on spirituality are felt far more keenly by those of us in clerical collars than by any of you in the pews.

No, I really do not know where many of you are in your Christian pilgrimage this Lent. I do know that appearances are deceiving. Under our chasubles it is sometimes hard for you to realize that we clergy face our own spiritual struggles as our Christian lives unfold. Perhaps you make the mistake of thinking that we are holier than we really are. Not so. The Christian priesthood is not all wearing beautiful vestments and swinging thuribles before the altar of God. Just as, whoever you are, it is not always apparent to the clerical eye where your Christian pilgrimage is leading you.

And so appearances are deceiving. I know that, and so do you. But what I know also, and what I am finding confirmed for myself more and more, is that the Christian life, if it is to mean anything, is a life that only can be ours as the result of an inner and spiritual
April 11
Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

ORGAN CONCERT

KYLER BROWN, Music Director and Organist, Church of St. Mary the Virgin

Introduction and Passacaglia
Hymn Tunes
Antipodes I (1972)
Cortège et Litanie
Grand Choeur Dialogue
Tierce en Taille
Trois Pièces
Choral varie sur le theme du "Veni Creator"

Max Reger
George Shearing
Gary White
Marcel Dupré
Eugen Gigout
Jean-François Dandrieu
Gabriel Pierné
Maurice Durufle

Kyler Brown is the recently appointed Music Director and Organist at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin. He is a member of the faculties of Resurrection School, Rye, New York and the New York School of Liturgical Music, New York City. Mr. Brown holds degrees from the State University of New York and the New England Conservatory, Boston. He has studied organ with Richard Heschke and Yuko Hayashi.

struggle. The conflict is waged with the help of the Church's sacraments and prayer. And for us it is within the parish community that the Christian life begins. It is here that we find the strength to continue. But the world out there, the world of your daily life and the world of mine is just as much a part of that conflict as is this church building in which we find ourselves this morning, and as is the larger Christian community into which we were baptized. You are no less you out there than you are as you kneel in this building before the altar of God. Christianity is not an escape from the real world of struggle and responsibility. The Christian life is a gift from God to help each one of us make sense of a world in which, left to our own devices, we are going to perish. After all, the focus of our Lenten devotions is the image of the cross. A lot of people want to have their Christianity without any struggle at all. They want Easter without Good Friday. They want a feast without a fast. They want a good meal but they are unwilling to pay for it and the lesson of Lent is very simply the lesson of the Christian life. We all pay our dues one way or another. There are no free rides where the Christian gospel is concerned.

And so the Christian life is going to cost us something if we really mean to live it. Often at this point in Lent we have a sense of failure where our spiritual life is concerned. We feel that we cannot keep up the struggle. We are not blind from birth, as was the man in today's gospel, nor have we been rendered sightless by a hideous disease, as has a young man in this parish community. Nonetheless our vision is dimmed. We cannot distinguish the wood from the trees. And it is at this juncture that we need to be reminded that the success of our spiritual journey is not dependent upon ourselves. We need to remember once again who it was who bore the cross. We need to tell ourselves afresh that he did not bear it in vain. Perhaps, like me, you have a sense of failure where your own spiritual journey is concerned. If you do, think of it as a gift from God himself. The very experience of desolation, the realization at this point in Lent that we are helpless where our own growth in holiness is concerned, all of this should be proof for each of us that God is accomplishing his work within us. It does not depend on us. It does depend on him. And he is working in us, and he is working in us now. The man blind from birth did not know how it all had come about. What he did know was that he could see. So it is with God's grace in us. Do not ask how it got there. Only accept it, and simply believe.
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21 F. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury and Doctor, 1109
   No Abstinence
22 Sa. Of Our Lady

23 Su. THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
24 M. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
25 Tu. SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST
26 W. 
27 Th. 
28 F. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr No Abstinence
29 Sa. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor, 1380

30 Su. THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Music for March & April

March 5 (Lent IV) 11 am
   Missa Brevis
   Simon Preston (b. 1938)
March 12 (Lent V) 11 am
   Missa "Jesu nostra Redemptio"
   Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)
March 19 (Palm Sunday) 11 am
   Mass
   Roger Sessions (b.1896)
March 22 (Tenebrae) 7 pm
   Responsories
   Marco Antonio Ingegneri (c. 1547-1592)
March 23 (Maundy Thursday) 6 pm
   Plainsong Mass
   Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)
March 24 (Good Friday) 12 Noon - 3 pm
   Reproaches
   Tomas Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)
March 25 (Easter Vigil) 10 pm
   Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena
   Healey Willan (1880-1968)
March 26 (Easter Day) 11 am
   St. Cecilia Mass (with full orchestra)
   Charles Gounod (1818-1893)
   Evensong & Benediction (with full choir) 4 pm
   Magnificat (Nunc Dimittis)
   Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
   Cantique de Jean Racine
   Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
   O Salutaris Hostia
   Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
   Tantum Ergo
   Fauré
   April 2 (Easter II-Low Sunday) 11 am
   Lux et origo
   Plainsong
   April 4 (The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary) Tuesday 6 pm
   Missa Brevis in D Major
   Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)
   Alma Redemptoris
   da Palestrina
   Virga Jesse floruit
   Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)
   April 9 (Easter III) 11 am
   Darke in F. Major
   Harold Darke (1888-1977)
April 16 (Easter IV) 11 am
Missa Brevis 4 vocum
Giovanni Francesco Anerio (1567-1630)

April 23 (Easter V) 11 am
Missa brevis in D
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

April 30 (Easter VI) 11 am
Mass for Three Voices
William Byrd (1543-1623)

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 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 (718) 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 Dean 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 (718) 858-5797.
THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Tuesday, April 4 (Tsfrd)

Procession and Solemn Mass, 6 PM
Sermon: The Rev'd Lloyd E. Prator
Rector - St. John's in the Village
New York City

Missa Brevis in D Major
Everett Titcomb

HOLY WEEK AT SAINT MARY'S
WITH BROTHER JOHN CHARLES, SSF

Mar. 24 (Good Friday) 12 Noon - Three Sermons
The Cross and God
The Cross and The Church
The Cross and Christ

Mar. 25 (Holy Saturday) 10 PM - Easter Vigil
Baptism, Confirmation, Reception & Mass
At Midnight
Sermon Light and Darkness
Sermon Life and Death

Mar. 26 (Easter Day) 11 AM - Pontificating
And Preaching: "This is the Day
Which the Lord Hath Made."

EASTER 1989

Holy Saturday, March 25, 10:00 pm

SOLEMN VIGIL, AND VISITATION BY
THE RT. REV'D JOHN CHARLES, SSF
SOMETIME BISHOP OF POLYNESIA

and

FIRST MASS OF EASTER
Sermon: Br. John Charles, SSF
Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena
— Healey Willan

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (Easter Day)

Low Masses 9, 10 am & 5 pm

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS, 11:00 am
Sermon: Br. John Charles, SSF

St. Cecilia Mass — Charles Gounod
(with full orchestra)

Solemn Evensong, Procession & Benediction, 4:00 pm
Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis — Orlando Gibbons
O Salutaris Hostia — Marcel Dupré
Tantum Ergo — Gabriel Fauré
(with full choir)
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MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE AND MAY PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM
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