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## SERVICES

### SUNDAY

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Morning Prayer .....          | 8:40 am                     |
| Masses .....                  | 9:00, 10:00 am, and 5:00 pm |
| Sunday Adult Class .....      | 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 Mass (except Sat.) .....     | 12:15 and 6:15 pm |
| Saturday .....                     | 12:15 pm          |
| Evening Prayer (except Sat.) ..... | 6:00 pm           |
| Saturday .....                     | 5:30 pm           |

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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The Nativity of St. John Baptist  
24 June 1989

My Dear People:

I am beginning to feel my age as I write this letter. It was thirty-six years ago this month that, still a college student, I made my first trip to Canada, and on this very day I found myself in the city of Montreal, and discovered very quickly that it was a holiday in the Province of Quebec, not surprisingly because St. John Baptist is the patron saint of Canada. In 1953 Montreal was also celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the British throne, and even in that largely francophone city there were enough photos of the Queen and Prince Philip on display to provide considerable excitement for this young American. Somewhere in the Province of Quebec I know that I have relatives, a few of them French and more of them English, and from the distance of almost four decades it is pleasant now to recall my first trip "abroad" as coinciding with the feast of Canada's patron. We can be sure that St. John Baptist prays for our northern neighbors, and we can take comfort also in the knowledge that he prays for us.

And it occurs to me that St. John Baptist must be praying for St. Mary's with special fervor as this summer begins. There is so much to write about in this issue of *AVE*, so much that is positive and uplifting in our parish life, and I want to share as much of it as I can with you in the small space allotted to me here. In brief, I want to mention our worship, our stewardship of our finances, our music program, and our ministry of outreach within this community.

Let me begin with our parish worship. Nothing is more beautiful, we would all agree, than High Mass as it is offered in this parish church on Sundays and greater feast days. Though

our parish family is numerically small, our numbers are augmented week by week by visitors who either deliberately seek us out or just happen by. Their reward and ours is to share in a worship of dignity and beauty, to hear the gospel proclaimed, hopefully with power, and to know that the same Jesus who was born at Bethlehem continues to come among us in the mystery of the Eucharist, and nourishes us there with his true Body and Blood. During the months since Father Sloane's departure for the Diocese of Fond du Lac we have been ably served by the clergy who assist us here, and I know you share my appreciation for their work as Lent and Eastertide have unfolded. Never once have we flagged in maintaining standards of excellence where our worship has been concerned during this time. As of this writing we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of our new curate, The Rev'd Gary Lawler, who was ordered Deacon a week ago today at St. James Cathedral, Chicago, and who begins his work here on July 1st. The Rev'd Mr. Lawler is a graduate of Nashotah House, where during the past year he has been Senior Sacristan, and before that he was Master of Acolytes at our Cathedral in Chicago. In his early 40's, Mr. Lawler brings with him considerable work experience in the city of Chicago, as well as linguistic abilities that are the result of study at the Schiller Institute in Germany, and an immersion in Mandarin Chinese while on duty with U.S. military forces. Mr. Lawler, like Fr. Sloane before him, comes to us with high recommendations from persons who have watched and fostered his vocation.

And the second matter I want to mention in this letter has to do with our financial stewardship. In every way conceivably possible, our Trustees have attempted to live within a budget that reflects our sense of responsibility where present needs at St. Mary's are concerned. We have also attempted to plan for the future, and at the heart of our planning is our anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the erection of this building in 1995. We are presently in the process of ascertaining whether a capital funds campaign of considerable dimensions is possible for the parish during the period between now and this centennial celebration. The purpose of such a campaign would be to raise necessary funds for the beginning of serious restoration work where our buildings are concerned. Up to this point our appeal has

involved the purchase of stones in what we have called the Centennial Restoration Fund, and we are grateful indeed for the response that many people have made in answer to this appeal. Now, however, we must think in larger terms, and I hope very soon to be able to tell you what those terms involve.

A third matter concerns the state of our world famous Aeolian-Skinner Organ, Op. 891, whose deterioration during the past several years has caused us increasing anxiety. Built by G. Donald Harrison in 1933 while Raymond Nold was Music Director at St. Mary's, the instrument is known as an "American Classic" by knowledgeable people in the field of church music. This spring our Trustees made a commitment to restore this instrument over a period of six to seven years, and for the year 1989 have budgeted the sum of \$25,000 for this purpose. At the present time portions of our organ console and pipe-work have been removed to the workshops of the A. Thompson-Allen Organ Company in New Haven, Ct., for restoration, and for the last two months we have been without use of our pedalboard and Great Organ, four of whose stops have had to be re-leathered. We expect to have the 1989 portion of our restoration work completed by the end of this month. I cannot tell you how important this project is for St. Mary's. Music is at the heart of our life here. What I can only add is that the responsibility assumed by our Trustees this spring places us squarely behind a commitment to maintain musical excellence where our worship is concerned. We are grateful to our Music Director, Kyler Brown, for presenting a program of organ renovation that envisions particular steps over the next seven years, and one that is therefore of manageable proportions where our financial capabilities are concerned.

Let me mention a final matter here, that of our ministry of outreach in this community. Our attempts in this regard go back a long way indeed, beginning with the ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity in the early part of this century in those areas to the west of us that were then known collectively as Hell's Kitchen. In the 1960's the Franciscans came to St. Mary's, and with their help the parish began an important feeding program for the elderly which lasted until other facilities made their

appearance in the area, facilities which unlike our own were able to provide elevators for their guests. It is of course the Mission House that has been the scene of all this activity, and it began its life as the convent and residence of our Sisters during their time here. In recent years our efforts have centered, first and briefly, in the area of temporary housing for refugees from Vietnam and other countries who were being placed in the United States through the work of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Later, and for more than half of the last decade, the parish has operated a shelter for homeless women and children, using the help and expertise of a secular organization, Women In Need, who have also maintained a daily feeding program and counselling services on those premises. During the course of all this our own work has been initiated and maintained by two extraordinary young clergy, Fathers Clark Berge and Barry Swain. It was as a result of Father Berge's efforts here that St. Mary's became a Jubilee Parish in the Episcopal Church. More recently things have definitely wound down where the use of our Mission House is concerned. Part of it has been through sheer necessity: after years of heavy use the plumbing system in that building has developed serious flaws, to the extent that some flooding has occurred in our Mercy Chapel, causing water damage to the ceiling of that exceedingly beautiful room. Before the Mission House can again be used in an extensive way, massive repair work must occur in the plumbing system there, and its cost has been estimated in the area of from \$70,000 to \$100,000. With our own commitment not to invade the modest capital that has been acquired in recent years, the parish can ill afford a repair bill of this dimension. This month Women in Need will be vacating our Mission House. We are currently in conversation with a Church agency whose presence here might be very welcome indeed, and who are themselves interested in developing a facility in which a significant ministry might be begun for persons with AIDS, and if that ministry becomes a reality it could well be that federal and state funds would be available for initial repair work inside the Mission House. Frankly, in whatever ministry that is operating there, we count on the willingness of agencies that share the use of our building

to help on an equal basis with the financial costs of maintaining and heating that facility. Indeed, without such help the building itself becomes a financial burden for us. We have been very lucky indeed in this regard up until now.

I would only add my own gratitude to that of our people in expressing my thanks to Father William Crosby, who during the past year has been directing and, more importantly, attempting to anticipate the future of, our ministry there. Father Crosby is not only a priest but a psychotherapist, and also a man deeply interested in movements of spirituality within the contemporary Church. His hope is to establish a ministry that will utilize his various interests to the full, perhaps in this city and diocese, perhaps elsewhere. I would ask us all to keep him very much in our prayers.

This has been a long letter but its length has been necessary in order to convey various messages and bits of information that I feel you ought to have. Do remember our great midsummer festival here, THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY'S ASSUMPTION, and plan on being here for the Procession of our Image of Our Lady of Walsingham, and for our great Solemn Mass, on August 15th at 6 PM.

God bless you all!

Ever faithfully,

*Edgar F. Wells*

Edgar F. Wells

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"The passages of Scripture that bother me the most are the ones I understand."

— Mark Twain

## CALENDAR FOR JULY

- 1 Sa. *Of Our lady*
- 2 Su. THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
3 M. *Requiem*
- 4 Tu. INDEPENDENCE DAY *Mass at 12:15 PM only*
- 5 W. Anthony Zaccharia, Priest, 1539
- 6 Th. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
- 7 F. *Requiem Abstinence*
- 8 Sa. *Of Our lady*
- 9 Su. THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 10 M.
- 11 Tu. Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c.540
- 12 W. *Requiem*
- 13 Th. Henry, Emperor, 1324
- 14 F. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor, 1274 *Abstinence*
- 15 Sa. Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, 862
- 16 Su. THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 17 M. comm. William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836
- 18 Tu. *Requiem*
- 19 W.
- 20 Th. Margaret, Martyr at Antioch, 3rd c.
- 21 F. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor *Abstinence*
- 22 Sa. SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
- 23 Su. THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 24 M. Thomas a Kempis, Priest, 1471
- 25 Tu. SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
- 26 W. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 27 Th. comm. William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909
- 28 F. *Requiem Abstinence*
- 29 Sa. Martha and Mary of Bethany
- 30 Su. THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 31 M. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- 1 Tu. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor, 1787
- 2 W. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, 371
- 3 Th. *Requiem*
- 4 F. Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Priest, 1859 *Abstinence*
- 5 Sa. Dedication of St. Mary Major
- 6 Su. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
- 7 M. John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866
- 8 Tu. Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221
- 9 W. *Proper 13*
- 10 Th. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr of Rome, 258
- 11 F. Clare, Abbess of Assisi, 1253 *Abstinence*
- 12 Sa. *Of Our Lady*
- 13 Su. THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 14 M.
- 15 Tu. THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF SAINT MARY  
THE VIRGIN, MOTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
*6 PM, Procession of the Image of Our Lady of  
Walsingham & Solemn Mass*
- 16 W. Stephen of Hungary, King, 1038
- 17 Th. *Requiem*
- 18 F. comm. William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918 *Abstinence*
- 19 Sa. John Eudes, Priest, 1680
- 20 Su. THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 21 M. Pius X, Pope
- 22 Tu. Queenship of Mary
- 23 W. Rose of Lima, Virgin, 1617
- 24 Th. SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE
- 25 F. Louis, King of France, 1270 *Abstinence*
- 26 Sa. *Of Our Lady*
- 27 Su. THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 28 M. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo & Doctor, 430
- 29 Tu. Beheading of John the Baptist, Martyr
- 30 W. *Requiem*
- 31 Th. Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 651

*Our great summer feast of the Mother of God is the day of her Assumption, August 15th. The following sermon was preached on our Marian May Festival this spring by Father Barry Swain:*

Just a month ago, on the Feast of the Annunciation, I was sitting at High Mass, not in my own parish, but in the Church of the Annunciation, Marble Arch, London, one of the great Catholic parishes of the Church of England. The sermon began on that occasion with this amusing story, which I cannot resist re-telling. Many of you will remember Father John Milburn, for nearly forty years the Superior of the Society of Mary, and somewhat incidentally, Vicar of St. Paul's, Brighton in England. Father Milburn toured all over the Anglican Communion preaching the glories of Mary, occupying this venerable pulpit on several occasions. The story is told that after Fr. Milburn's death last October, he made his way to heaven and was brought face to face with St. Peter himself. Fr. Milburn said, "Your holiness, I am Fr. John Milburn." There was some confusion and consternation, and finally St. Peter admitted that his name was not on the entry list. He told Fr. Milburn that he would have to consult Our Lord himself. St. Peter told Our Lord, "There is a priest here who wants to come in, a Father Milburn". Our Lord said immediately, "Ooooh, let him in — my Mother has been nagging me about him for years."

I was also in two of the ancient Cathedrals on this trip, and was fascinated, as I always am, by the funerary monuments which line the walls. In Salisbury Cathedral particularly, it seems as though every spare inch of wall is taken up with a monument to deceased worthies of the city beginning with the builders of the Cathedral in the 13th century. Tudor figures, people of the Reformation period, the Victorian era, down to the numerous war dead of our own century. Many have the recumbent effigies so popular in the Middle Ages. They all have inscriptions, of course, some just with names, but most with descriptions, judgments, really on the lives they had led. It made me think of what people might say of me one day, of my parishioners, or of other priests and people I know.

With many of the saints, it's easy for us to see what they have left behind as their monuments. Some have left large and important religious orders, like St. Dominic, St. Benedict and St.

Francis. Others have left behind important books and teachings, for example the Evangelists, St. Paul, St. Athanasius or St. Clement, the patron of my parish. Those who were bishops or priests or abbots left behind a good and wholesome influence, a legacy in their dioceses, parishes or monasteries. Others like St. John Bosco or St. Elizabeth of Hungary left behind charitable works like schools, hospitals and orphanages. Good works we call them, and so they are. But when you come to Our Lady, things are a little different. What would you say she had left as *her* monument? She left no religious order, no books, no teaching, no schools, no hospitals; she was neither wealthy nor influential. By every judgment of the world, she was completely unremarkable. So why in the world should we gather 1900 years after her death, on another continent to venerate her? A Protestant would tell you that she simply happens to be the woman chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. There was nothing more to it than that. I hope by your presence here today you intend to join me in hearty disagreement! One of the happy results of the Second Vatican Council is that the patterns of Catholic devotion of the last 25 years, while not in any way slighting Mary, are developing along lines which are more and more attractive to Protestants. One of the best books on the Rosary I know is by a Methodist minister! The title of our Lady which speaks to us more here is "Mother of the Church". It's a title used in the Marian devotions in my own parish every night after Evensong. It focuses on the fact that Mary was the first Christian, the first to follow in the way of her Son, and of course, it is common sense, as well as the Church's teaching, that she was chosen by God for this vocation. We all have specific vocations chosen by God and tailored for us. Hers was to be the First Christian. And since we know that God never gives us a vocation without help to fulfill it, we know that he did the same for her. The help of course is the graces we need to live up to our vocation, if only we will. Since she had to come first, she needed more graces than anyone else, and God gave them to her unstintingly, as the Angel declared, "Full of grace". As the First Christian, she goes before the whole Church giving us and all baptized Christians the best model of what it is to follow Jesus Christ. If you want to know how to be a good Christian, follow Mary, listening to her Son. In the same way that the First Christian shows us the example of faithfulness, so God shows



us, through her, the pattern of life in Christ. What may seem like controversial doctrines, like the Immaculate Conception, are best seen in this light. What the Immaculate Conception really is, is that Mary, since she was to bear the Son of God, received the grace of baptism before her birth. Probably everyone sitting here has been baptized, and if we have trouble with the Immaculate Conception, it may not be so much that we overestimate the importance of it, but that we UNDERestimate the importance of our own baptisms. What happened to her, happens to us. She was baptized in the Immaculate Conception, we were baptized. She lived a life for Christ, we are to live a life for Christ. And finally, at her death, she was taken to be with God completely, body and soul, as one day, please God, when Christ comes again, we will be taken body and soul into heaven. So you see, she is Mother of the Church because she was the first to be in the Church, the first to be baptized, the first to follow her Son.

Now what kind of example has she set us? Let's look for just a moment at three episodes in the life of Mary from the New Testament. First, remember the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee. You know the story well. The wine gives out, and Mary tells her Son. When the servants come, she tells them, "Whatever he tells you, do it". Across the centuries, she says the same to us. "Whatever he tells you, do it." One of the chief examples she sets is obedience. It began long before with a life centered around God, not around herself. She put God at the center of her world, not herself. Obedience means freedom from trying to control everything and everybody, and putting God first. Mary *always* did that. She told the angel, "Be it done unto me as you have said". She told the servants, and she tells us, "Whatever he tells you, do it". Mary never exalts herself, she points to another.

The second incident occurred at the Cross. In the horror and deep meaning of the Crucifixion, perhaps we lose sight of this incident. Here Mary says nothing, and to us, who are always having to do and say something, that is in itself a lesson. Our Lord, hanging on the Cross, commits the Beloved Disciple and, through him, the whole infant Church to her loving and maternal care. And to John and to us, Our Lord says, look to her. It's a relationship of mutual dependence on each other, in Christ. It's the relationship Christians still have with her in Him. But notice how it comes about - she is there to the bitter end, uniting

herself to his sacrifice completely. Her life has no meaning without his. Her life has been so much subsumed in his that her life's *identity* is now caught up in his death and resurrection. Does that sound familiar? It should - it's the goal and effect of baptism and it happened to every one of us here at the font. What we have to do is to go out and live it, every day, just as she did.

Finally, and timely, too, as we await the feast, is our picture of Mary and the Apostles awaiting the coming of the Holy Ghost in the Cenacle. Here again, in their troubled situation, what are they doing? By the world's standards, not much. They wait and they pray. They do what Our lord asked before his Ascension. Here we are reminded that prayer IS doing something. It is placing ourselves in communication with God; it is talking and it is listening. I venture to say that Mary has prayed better than anyone since, and so we would be justified in modeling our prayer on hers, and so we just have in the Magnificat. But more than that, since she does pray so well, and since she did it first as a Christian, and because she is so close to the throne of the Blessed Trinity, the Church believes that we are justified in asking her prayers always and everywhere. And so we come full circle to Fr. Milburn. I have very little doubt that Mary's prayers will get Fr. Milburn into heaven sooner or later. She is a powerful intercessor, and as such she is a reminder that prayer is valid and important. And because she tried this business of being a Christian first and God gave her all the special graces needed for that heroic vocation, we know that she is especially close to us, so close that we call her "Mother" and in her motherhood, we are constantly more closely united to her Son, because in her motherhood, you and I and Jesus Christ are all brothers and sisters. Yes, we crown her with blossoms today, but more importantly crown her with your heart's love and devotion and walk in her ways, because all her ways lead to her Son, her goal and ours.



**MUSIC  
FOR  
JULY & AUGUST**

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| July 2 (Pentecost VII) 11 am<br><i>Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena</i> | Healey Willan (1880-1968)  |
| July 9 (Pentecost VIII) 11 am<br><i>Mass in D</i>                      | Alec Wyton (b. 1921)       |
| July 16 (Pentecost IX) 11 am<br><i>Mass in D Major</i>                 | Lloyd Webber (b. 1914)     |
| July 23 (Pentecost X) 11 am<br><i>Mass in D Minor</i>                  | Kenneth Leighton (b. 1929) |
| July 30 (Pentecost XI) 11 am<br><i>Missa "Pater cuncta"</i>            | Gregorian Chant            |
| August 6 (Pentecost XII) 11 am<br><i>Missa brevis</i>                  | Arthur Wills (b.1926)      |
| August 13 (Pentecost XIII) 11 am<br><i>Missa brevis (1944)</i>         | F.M. Breydert (b. ?)       |
| August 15 (Assumption) 6 pm<br><i>Missa brevis</i>                     | Jackson Hill (b. 1941)     |
| August 20 (Pentecost XIV) 11 am<br><i>Missa "Dominator Deus"</i>       | Gregorian Chant            |
| August 27 (Pentecost XV) 11 am<br><i>Mass in F Major</i>               | Sydney Watson (b. 1903)    |



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**PREACHERS IN JULY & AUGUST**

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| July 2    | Pentecost 7              | Father Wells  |
| July 9    | Pentecost 8              | Address: Mr. Michael Heidt<br>St. Stephen's House, Oxford |
| July 16   | Pentecost 9              | Father Wells  |
| July 23   | Pentecost 10             | The Rev'd Gary Lawler                                     |
| July 30   | Pentecost 11             | Father Wells  |
| August 6  | Transfiguration          | The Rev'd Gary Lawler                                     |
| August 13 | Pentecost 13             | Address: Mr. Michael Heidt                                |
| August 15 | Assumption B.V.M. - 6 PM | The Rev'd Chester LaRue                                   |
| August 20 | Pentecost 14             | Father Winters  |
| August 27 | Pentecost 15             | The Rev'd Gary Lawler                                     |



### ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

July 16 — PENTECOST IX      Lawrence Lars Larsen  
 July 30 — PENTECOST XI    Mary Louise Reidler Dunn  
 Aug. 6 — PENTECOST XII      Eliphail Beard  
    Alfred and Catherine Handy  
    Carrie Briggs Streeter  
 Aug. 13 — PENTECOST XIII  
    Toyoko Anne Tsutsumi Morton  
 Aug. 15 — ASSUMPTION OF B.V.M.  
    Eleanor Bagley, Doris Marie  
    Bagley Schmidt, Russell H. Bagley, Sr.  
 Aug. 20 — PENTECOST XIV    John Alexander Lewis  
    and Clara Dorothy Lewis

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

### 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]."

### 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 (718) 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 Dean Parker at 582-0807.

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### 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 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday, Aug. 15th

**PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS 6:00 pm**

Sermon: The Rev'd Chester LaRue

Rector: St. John's, Ft. Hamilton

*Missa Brevis*

*Jackson Hill*

*(b. 1941)*



**ASSUMPTION**

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