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Evening Prayer	4:45 pm

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Morning Prayer	8:30 am
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Saturday	12:15 pm
Evening Prayer (except Sat.)	6:00 pm
Saturday	5:30 pm

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Epiphanytide, 1990

My dear People,

If you have been around for awhile you may remember a television show called *That Was The Year That Was*. The essence of this production was, if I remember correctly, a highlighting of events that had taken place during the course of a given year. In any case, what I would suggest to you is that for St. Mary's the year 1989 was indeed "the year that was". This was the year in which your Rector and Trustees made the momentous decision to go ahead with a capital funds campaign, with the end in view of restoring the physical fabric of our building complex in time for the centenary observance of the construction of this church building in 1995. And in this regard you have all received the special edition of *AVE* that was mailed out at the end of last October. In addition, many of you were present for our kick-off brunch on November 5th, and during the ensuing weeks all of us were at pains to return our pledges of financial commitment to the parish in time for our Feast of Title, December 8th. That commitment, to support this parish with our usual generosity during 1990, and during the same year to provide the beginning of a possible three-year additional pledge to our Centennial Restoration Fund, speaks to the heart of our financial responsibility where the life of St. Mary's is concerned as this Epiphanytide unfolds. It is a venture of faith unparalleled in the history of our parish, for it is the first time so far as I am aware that an appeal has been made to the entire constituency of our parish family for a response of this kind and dimension. The initial decision of your Rector and Trustees to undertake it bespeaks a deep trust in your willingness to share in this work, and our trust in you is born of the obvious love that both you and we

bear for this place. To a real extent we are St. Mary's, and our desire to restore and beautify the house in which we worship comes from the knowledge that the setting in which God is glorified provides a witness to the world of what we really think of him. Obviously you and I can add nothing to the worth of the One whom we worship. At the same time our worship is a declaration to the world of what we think of him. We have been making that declaration for almost 100 years in this particular house of prayer. Our hope for our Centennial Restoration Fund is that we may be the means whereby that declaration may be continued into another century of time.

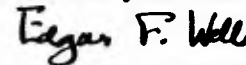
Let me say, however, that if 1989 was "the year that was", then 1990 must be for us "the year that is." This is the year during which what was begun last fall must be continued and maintained. And the source of our ability to maintain it does not lie in the first place in our pocketbooks and wallets, it lies rather in the quality of our life of Christian worship. It is to this reality that we must return time and time again. Because it is as God's own redeemed family that we find our way to his altar week after week. It is as his sheep gone astray that again and again we find reconciliation in this place. And it is as that family, restored and forgiven, that we are given the strength to respond in ways such as the one I have been referring to in this letter to you. In none of this are we operating on our own. At every turn we find ourselves surrounded by God's love and grace. And love and grace are the foundation stones of our life at St. Mary's.

May I simply make some final observations on our life here this winter, and especially as we pass through this Epiphany season? Those observations simply have to do with God's call to the Church to be a visible manifestation, a theophany of his love to the world in which we live. It seems to me as I grow in my own faith that so much of our time in the Church is spent in devising stratagems for the conversion of the world, as if by some gift that we possess the world will suddenly and definitively turn to Christ. Christian conversion has never occurred that way. What we learn as time passes us by is that

we have very little to do with planning either our own pathway home to God, or the Church's, or indeed the world's. It doesn't work that way. The way it does work is through a divinely ordered way of life that is given to and interpreted for us by the Church. The Church is Jesus's own Body alive and operating in the world. It is not of human origin. And when we let the Church simply be the Church, when through our own trust and devotion we allow God's grace to work through prayer and the sacraments, then it is that the conversion of the world is being accomplished. It does not depend on us. It very definitely depends on God. And our lesson during Epiphanytide is that God through his Church is indeed bringing this world to redemption and our call as his people is to witness to that redemption to the cities and communities in which we live.

God bless you all richly during this Epiphanytide!

Faithfully in Christ,



Edgar F. Wells

REMEMBER SAINT MARY'S IN YOUR WILL

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"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]."

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

- 1 M THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Solemn Mass, 11 AM
- 2 Tu *of Christmas 1*
- 3 W *of Christmas 1*
- 4 Th Elizabeth Ann Seton
- 5 F John Neumann, bishop *No Abstinence*
Solemn Mass of the Solemnity of the Epiphany
of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 6 PM
- 6 Sa THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Low Mass, 12:15 PM
- 7 Su THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
- 8 M *Requiem*
- 9 Tu Julia Chester Emery
- 10 W William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
- 11 Th
- 12 F Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx *Abstinence*
- 13 Sa Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, and Doctor, 367
- 14 Su THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
- 15 M Martin Luther King Day
- 16 Tu *Requiem*
- 17 W Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356
- 18 Th THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE
- 19 F Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095 *Abstinence*
- 20 Sa Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250
- 21 Su THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
- 22 M Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304
- 23 Tu Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893
- 24 W Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor
- 25 Th THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE
- 26 F Timothy and Titus, Companions of Saint Paul *Abstinence*
- 27 Sa John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407
- 28 Su THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
- 29 M *Requiem*
- 30 Tu Charles I, King and Martyr
- 31 W John Bosco, Priest

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 Th Brigid of Kildare
- 2 F THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
IN THE TEMPLE - *Candlemas Procession, Solemn Mass, 6 PM*
No abstinence for those attending Mass
- 3 Sa Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark
and Sweden, 865 (comm. Blase, Bishop and Martyr)
- 4 Su THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
- 5 M The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
- 6 Tu
- 7 W *Requiem*
- 8 Th Jerome Emiliani
- 9 F *Abstinence*
- 10 Sa *of Our Lady*
- 11 Su THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
- 12 M *Requiem*
- 13 Tu Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818
- 14 W Cyril and Methodius, Monk and Bishop, Missionaries
to the Slavs, 869, 885
- 15 Th Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730
- 16 F Janani Luwum, Archbishop and Martyr *Abstinence*
- 17 Sa *of Our Lady*
- 18 Su THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
- 19 M
- 20 Tu *Requiem*
- 21 W Peter Dámian, Bishop and Doctor
- 22 Th Chair of Peter, Apostle
- 23 F Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156 *Abstinence*
- 24 Sa SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE
- 25 Su THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
- 26 M *Requiem*
- 27 Tu George Herbert, Priest 1633
- 28 W ASH WEDNESDAY *Strict Fast and Abstinence*
Ashes imposed at all Masses
Low Masses at 8 AM & 12:15 PM
SOLEMN MASS WITH PENITENTIAL OFFICE, 6 PM

6 *The following sermon was preached by Father Wells on Sunday, November 5th, 1989, prior to the kick-off brunch inaugurating our renewed Centennial Restoration campaign. This effort, which hopes for an initial response of from \$300,000 - \$350,000 in promises from our Parishioners and Friends, aims at a final total of \$1,000,000 or more with matching grants from foundations and other sources. As of this writing, in late November, over \$138,000 has been received in initial promises from our clergy, trustees, and some Parishioners and Friends. Our plan is to keep our readers informed as things develop, though our news will always be a month or so behind because of deadline pressures where the printing of AVE is concerned.*

*m*In my office on the second floor of our parish house there sits on my bookshelf a combination Bible and Prayer Book which were given to me on my birthday in 1958. Not 1985! 1958! It seems a long time ago. That Prayer Book was of course the official volume of our Church's worship adopted thirty years earlier, in 1928, and it was the Book of Common Prayer of 1928 which was in use when I was baptized, when I was confirmed, when I was ordained, and it was the Prayer Book that I used faithfully for most of the first decade of my life as a priest. The measured cadences of its language and the majesty of expression contained within it are what formed my spirituality during all the early years of my religious pilgrimage. For those of you who remember those years, you will have a sense of what I am saying.

But I think what is equally remarkable, and what is certainly true of many of us who grew up in the Church during the period I am describing, is that for the past twenty two years we have either been actively involved in the preparations which anticipated the use of the Prayer Book that is ours today, or we at least welcomed that use when our new Prayer Book became official in 1979. It was in 1967 that Trial Use began where our present Prayer Book is concerned. It was in that year that I came with many others from all over the country to a liturgical conference held here at St. Mary's, a conference aimed at helping us in the liturgical reforms then being introduced into our Church's life. I believe it was no

accident that that conference took place here at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. What better locale in which to come to a clearer understanding of the importance of the liturgy in our lives! What better place to see a renewed liturgy offered with dignity and grace - because dignity and grace have been the mark of our worship at St. Mary's since the inception of this parish.

And so I have a Prayer Book in my office that carries me back and reminds me of a time that some of you sitting here never knew. But it reminds me of something else as well, something that is deeply personal because it involved a moment of utter crisis in my life. I had begun seminary but I did not know if I would continue. I felt deeply called to be a priest and yet nothing in my life seemed geared to strengthening or encouraging my vocation. I was literally at one of those crossroads that sometimes mark a watershed in any of our lives. And that was when the copy of the Prayer Book I'm telling you about was given to me. It was the gift of one of the finest priests I have ever known, a priest who later became my bishop, and who as a bishop I hold responsible for my presence in this parish as your rector today. In 1978 and early 1979 there was a real question as to whether this parish could indeed continue to exist. But that was not St. Mary's first crisis. Things had seemed hopeless here when our first rector, Father Brown, died at a relatively early age. They had again seemed hopeless when Dr. Barry's successor left the Episcopal Church, with accompanying publicity that did our parish little good. Things again reached a crisis when Father Grieg Taber suddenly died in 1963. And I was told when I arrived here that the fourth great crisis had come about when Father Garfield's illness and resulting incapacity, and for some reason that will always be obscure to me the Trustees of this parish looked across the Hudson River, indeed they took a deep breath and looked all the way out to the Great Plains, and it was to the Bishop of Chicago that they resorted in their search for a rector here almost eleven years ago. The Prayer Book in my office was the gift to me of Chicago's Bishop James Winchester Montgomery when he was still a parish

8 priest. He ordained my first curate to the Sacred Priesthood in this parish in the fall of 1979, and ten years later he will ordain Father Gary Lawler to the priesthood here on the 17th of December, just over a month from now. And all of these things that I am telling you about are what cross my mind when I open that Book of Common Prayer that was given me by a priest who believed in my vocation over thirty-one years ago. And to bring all of this to its conclusion, the thing that means the most to me about that Prayer Book in my office is the inscription written inside its front cover in the Bishop's own hand. It consists of the 5th and 6th verses of the 27th Psalm, words that emerge from our 1928 Prayer Book this way: "One thing have I desired of the Lord which I will require; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to visit his temple."

Come with me for a moment, and see through the eyes of the psalmist the deep meaning of these words that have meant so much to me over the years. The psalmist says elsewhere that Jerusalem is a city that is at unity with itself, and he tells us of how the tribes of the Lord, indeed the whole people of Israel, would go up to Jerusalem in order to worship God in his temple there. Jerusalem was and is the holy city, and the temple of God in that city was the place where sacrificial worship was offered with regularity to God. There and there only was this done, and for the Jews the temple provided not only the locus of their entire religious system, it was also the symbol of their identity as a people. When, as the Babylonian Captivity came to its end, and the Jews returned to Palestine, God has this to say about the importance of rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem, telling the Jews through Haggai, the Prophet that he was with them: "Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts." And then he adds, "The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts."

Now let me ask you to come with me a step or two farther, and let us see together how the psalmist's prediction to dwell in the house of the Lord, and Haggai's prediction that the splendor of the restored temple would be greater than its predecessor's, coincide with the special purpose that has brought many of us here to Mass this morning. Because if you are a member of this parish, or if you are a friend who is on our parish mailing list, then during the past week you will have received a special letter from me in the mail, accompanied by a special glossy edition of our magazine AVE, and in each of these you will have been told of our expanded Centennial Restoration Fund, and of the goals we have set for ourselves in the restoration of this building, and of the other buildings in our complex, in time for the centenary observance in 1995 of their erection. I hope that all of you are coming to our luncheon in St. Joseph's Hall at the conclusion of this Mass this morning. Hopefully all of you have made reservations. If you have not, there are some extra places available. And our charge of \$6.00 per person maintains our reputation as the most inexpensive and yet elegant Sunday brunch cafe in Times Square. If you don't have \$6.00 with you, come anyway. And if you're chronically opposed to having to pay for your food on an occasion like this one, you are welcome, too. The point is, it will be at our brunch next door that you will learn the details of the extraordinary effort in which we have engaged ourselves. Your clergy will be there, our architect is on hand, our fund-raising counsel is here, and both they and members of our Board of Trustees are prepared to acquaint you with the needs that are presently our own. Furthermore, our Trustees and parish clergy will be sitting at appointed spots which will make them physically accessible to you, and you will be able during lunch to ask them informal questions about our present endeavor before the more formal presentations later on. I cannot tell you how proud I am of the members of our Board of Trustees. Not only will you have read of their own generosity in leading the parish in our responses of this centennial appeal, you will also be made aware this noon of the knowledge that they have acquired during these past months about the project we are

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10 launching today, and you will realize that they are absolutely and deeply committed to the task at hand.

Let me just add as your rector that, had someone told me eleven years ago that we would today be inaugurating a work of this kind, I would have told the person that he was crazy. If anything, and as that Trustee told me at the time, it seemed likelier that St. Mary's might close instead of being headed towards a renewal and revitalization of her life. But you know, only time can reveal these things to us, and the last almost eleven years have brought this parish to an extraordinary moment in which we find ourselves filled with an equally extraordinary hope. And hope is what has brought us all here this morning. Hope in God, trust in his promises, coupled with a deep desire that this parish shall live.

I mentioned a moment ago how proud I am of the members of our Board of Trustees. They and our clergy had to be the first to accept the challenge of our centennial appeal, because without them nothing could even have been begun. Let me add to that the certainty that I feel that every man and woman here this morning who deeply loves St. Mary's will want his or her name to be associated with this effort. Yes, we have already had promises of some very generous gifts, and as I speak to you now I can tell you that as of this morning the promises already made total \$138,000. And beyond this, I announced at our Concert Series benefit a week ago that an anonymous gift has been made of \$100,000 towards the work of organ restoration. And last week this building was designated a state landmark, a first step in making us able to apply for outside funding at government levels. And all this is just a beginning. What I want to emphasize right now is this: there is not a reason in this world why every single member of this parish should not be a part of this endeavor. I hope that many of you will be able to follow the suggestion of our Trustees, in their message to the parish in our special edition of AVE, that your present parish pledge be maintained during 1990, but that you make a promise of double that amount to our Centennial Fund, paying it to the parish over a period of as long as three years. If we all do that, we will then be able with more than a reasonable hope of success to approach

11 foundations and other institutions for matching funds and grants to cover our needs. Some of you, a few of you, will not be able to do that. But you will be able to do something. Father Gordon Duggins, whom you will meet today, and who has been our excellent Fund Raising Counsel during these many months, tells me that efforts of this kind always spawn some negative reaction on the part of a few people in parish communities. He has also expressed amazement that that reaction at St. Mary's has been as slight as it has. Only three people so far have indicated that they will not support this effort, two of them by letter and one by telephone. By contrast, several retired people, persons on fixed income with very modest life styles, have already made extraordinary promises by way of supporting our effort. And one elderly person in the parish, someone who is exceedingly poor, has gone out of her way to phone and tell us of her glad support. It is responses like this that make me feel humble, and I rather imagine that they make you feel humble as well. Our pride in this place, our desire that this temple on West 46th Street should be restored even as was the temple at Jerusalem, this is the thing that really counts. What matters are principles, not personalities. What we are concerned with is the restoration of a building whose worship is unmatched in beauty, and whose way of life sets the tenor for many other parishes and people within the Episcopal Church. What I am trying to say is that everyone in this parish can give something. And my hope for the very few people who have so far indicated that they will give nothing is that their love for this place will in the end make them want to share in a remarkable and absolutely worthy enterprise. I cannot think of anything more disappointing than for someone in this parish to have to say one day, "You know, that parish went through a most unusual effort in bringing about the restoration of its material fabric. And you know, I have to admit that I had nothing to do with it." No one at St. Mary's wants to say that, and I count on all of us, large sums and small, huge bequests and tiny gifts, to help make our restoration a success. In the end, who cares what you give? What we do care about is that each one of us will have taken

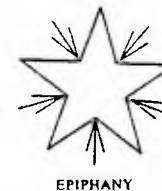
12 his or her part. I believe that if you commit this matter to prayer, and if you keep it there before God himself, then you will understand what I am trying to say.

Come with me again to the holy city Jerusalem, and to the prophet Haggai as he predicted that the latter splendor of God's temple would be greater than the former. Come with me to the temple where God's glory abode. Well, you may say, if you think New York is like Jerusalem, you have another think coming. And you will be right. But perhaps you will also ask whether this temple in which we find ourselves this morning can be compared with that older temple in the holy city. My answer would be that in certain details I do not know. But what I do know is this: there is not a church in the City of New York that is any more beautiful than this one, and indeed I do not know a church anywhere in which the glory of God is more readily seen than this one. The psalmist was right, and my bishop must have had some sense of my own longing and of my distant future when he wrote those words in my Prayer Book over thirty years ago: "One thing have I desired of the Lord which I will require; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to visit his temple." This is God's house. This is his temple.

* CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN *



THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE EPIPHANY
OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Friday, Jan 5th, 6 PM
Sermon: Father Wells
Mass (Short Service) by
Adrian Batten



THE PRESENTATION
OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
&
THE PURIFICATION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN
Friday, February 2



Candlemas Procession
SOLEMN MASS
6:00 PM
Sermon: The Rev'd Canon
Frederick B. Williams
Mass in A Major, Op. 12 (Harp, Organ and Cello)
César Franck

MUSIC FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- January 1 (THE HOLY NAME OF OUR JESUS CHRIST) 11:00 am
Mass in C Charles Gounod
Motet: Coventry Carol Martin Shaw
- January 5 (THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST) 6:00 pm
 5:30 pm ORGAN RECITAL Mark DiGiampaolo
 Director of Music and Organist
 Sacred Heart Church, Staten Island, New York
- 6:00 pm PROCESSION, STATION AT THE CRECHE, & SOLEMN MASS
Mass (Short Service) Adrian Batten
Motet: From the Rising of the Sun F.A. Gore Ouseley
- January 7 (THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST) 11:00 am
Missa Imaginum Andrea Gabrieli
Motet: From the Rising of the Sun Ludovico da Viadana
- January 14 (THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY) 11:00 am
Missa brevis Philip James
Motet: Exsultate justi F.A. Gore Ouseley
- January 21 (THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY) 11:00 am
Mass in C Antonio Lotti
Motet: Magi videntes stellam Blasius Amon
- January 28 (THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY) 11:00 am
Missa Brevis 4 vocum Giovanni Francesco Anerio
Motet: Tribus Miraculis Luca Marenzio
- February 2 (THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN
 THE TEMPLE) 6:00 pm
 5:30 pm ORGAN RECITAL Skinner Chavez-Melo
 Director of Music and Organ
 St. Rose of Lima, New York City
- 6:00 pm CANDLEMAS PROCESSION AND SOLEMN MASS
Mass in A Major, Op. 12 (harp, organ and cello) César Franck
Canticle: Nunc Dimittis Plainsong
Solo: Panis Angelicus Franck
- February 4 (THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY) 11:00 am
Mass in G Major Francis Jackson
Motet: The Shepherd's Farewell Hector Berlioz
(L'enfance du Christ, Op. 25)
- February 11 (THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY) 11:00 am
Missa Brevis St. Joannis de Deo Franz Joseph Haydn
Motet: O Sing Unto the Lord Henry Purcell

MUSIC FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- February 18 (THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY) 11:00 am
Mass in B flat major Leos Janacek
(After the "Messe pour orgue" - Franz Liszt) Gabriel Faure
 3 pm - ORGAN RECITAL Stuart Green
 Manhattan School of Music
- February 25 (LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY) 11:00 am
Missa luba Guido Haazen
 The African Band, New York City
- February 28 (ASH WEDNESDAY) 6:00 pm
Messe basse Gabriel Faure
Psalm: Miserere mei, Deus Tone IV with fauxbourbon by
 Kyler Brown

PREACHERS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- January 1 Feast of the Holy Name - 11 AM Fr. Jackson
 January 5 Solemnity of the Epiphany - 6 PM Fr. Wells
 January 7 The Baptism of Our Lord Father Lawler
 January 14 Epiphany II Father Wolsoncroft
 January 21 Epiphany III Father Jackson
 January 28 Epiphany IV Father Lawler
 February 2 Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 6 PM The Rev'd Canon
 Frederick
 B. Williams
 February 4 Epiphany V Father Wells
 February 11 Epiphany VI Father Lawler
 February 18 Epiphany VII Father Wells
 February 25 Epiphany VIII Father Lawler
 February 28 Ash Wednesday - 6 PM Father Wells

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ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

Jan. 5 - EPIPHANY

Robert Howell Schuman, Priest
Anna Marie Schuman, Joseph Schuman

Jan. 7 - BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (1 EPIPHANY)

Helen Elizabeth Butler
Charles Augustus Edgar

Jan. 14 - EPIPHANY II

Frank Gailor Cortner

Feb. 2 - THE PRESENTATION

Mildred Anne Handy

Feb. 18 - EPIPHANY VII

Robert & Catherine Greene
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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 Advent III and 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 following is a Mid-December report from our Board of Trustees on the progress of our Centennial Restoration campaign:

Report on the Centennial Restoration Fund to 12-11-89

Total Pledged and Given as of 12-11-89		\$308,994.
Total number of pledging units	133	
Total Pledged and Given by Parishioners to 12-11-89		285,839.
Total number of pledging units	83	
Average pledge or gift	\$3,444	
Total Pledged or Given by Friends as of 12-11-89		23,155.
Total number of pledging units	50	
Average pledge or gift	\$468	

Upcoming efforts:

1. Contact parishioners who have not yet pledged.
2. Continue seeking government funding through New York State.
3. Continue pursuing foundation grants for historic preservation and organ restoration.

ALL EFFORTS TO SEEK FUNDING FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE THE PARISH HAVE BEEN GREATLY BOLSTERED BY THE GREAT RESPONSE OF THOSE PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PLEDGED TO THE CENTENNIAL RESTORATION FUND.

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SAINT MARY'S GUILD**

Sacred vessels and vestments are cared for by men and women working together on assigned weekends each month, and 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 welcomed.

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 the parish office.

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 LAURENCE 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.



A view of the High Altar from the Shrine of Saint Mary the Virgin

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