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My dear People:

As I write this letter to you I am still buoyed up and sustained by the joy and exaltation of Easter! No feast compares to it, and the proclamation of its victory sustains and invigorates us through the rest of the Christian year. As always it has been an extraordinary period in our parish life. Our music at Easter, the presence of Fr. Lawler's and my former Bishop, James Montgomery, and the marvelous devotion of our people as Lent yielded finally to the power of Our Lord's resurrection, all of this combined to inaugurate an Easter season that has been truly blessed for this parish family. As our Times Square area continues to change I sometimes marvel that this parish continues as it does. But of course we know the reason why: in this place the gospel is preached with conviction and power, the sacraments of the Catholic Church are administered faithfully and with reverence, and a ministry of compassion is extended to all who pass through our doors. At St. Mary's we are less concerned with the polemics that continue to polarize our Episcopal Church than we are with our faithfulness to the teachings and practice of our Anglican tradition. Faithfulness of this kind does not produce headlines, certainly not in an already skewed ecclesiastical press. But it does nourish the seeds of the future, seeds that will sprout and flourish long after the insanity of our Church's present moment has passed into oblivion.

And of course the months of May and June produce their particular joy for us in the observance of our parish calendar. We begin by dedicating the month of May to our Blessed Lady, St. Mary, and

at our Marian May Festival, and in the ceremony of her crowning, we remind ourselves again of the unique and necessary place that she occupies within the drama of salvation. Those who love Jesus will inevitably love his mother, and in the loving of that mother there is a gentler path along which each one of us may find his way home to God. This year for the first time we incorporated our May Festival into our Sunday morning worship, and discovered immediately that in this way most of our own people were able to share in the celebration. Previously we had always sung Vespers of Our Lady, we had processed around the church (as indeed we did this year), and we had concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It was always a lovely occasion, attended however often by more people from without the parish than from within. Our new format has enabled this observance to be more obviously a part of our own parish devotion, and for the moment at least this seems the preferable solution. The point is, God has been glorified, Our Lady has been duly exalted, and God's people have been edified.

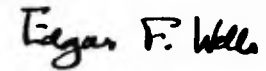
It is of course within the May-June cycle that the Church has also brought us to a further act of special devotion, and this one in honor of Our Lord and Savior himself. Elsewhere in this issue a sermon will be found that was preached by Fr. James Winters at our Corpus Christi solemnity three years ago, and this year our preacher is the Reverend Edward Eugene Blankenship, sometime rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Dallas, more recently retired after a long and fine ministry, and a friend of mine from a time well before my own Ordination to the Priesthood almost thirty years ago. Father Blankenship has visited St. Mary's before, some of us already know him here, and we are lucky indeed that he can share the Feast of Our Lord's Body and Blood with this parish this June. Details of the celebration will be found elsewhere in the issue of AVE.

I know of course that all of you who read our magazine are concerned about the development of our Centennial Restoration campaign. Where the response of donors is concerned, we have already indicated to you that it has surpassed anything that we might have imagined, involving 92% of our parish membership, as well as the participation of interested persons beyond our parish boundaries. For this support we are grateful beyond words. What has not as yet been as immediately apparent has been the actual work that has

begun in our efforts at restoration. And this has taken time. A thorough architectural study was our first order of business, in the course of which areas of needed repair had to be identified, and priorities established where the work of restoration is concerned. Much of that work (on our flat roofs, exterior stone work, etc.) is invisible to the naked eye, and cannot fill us with the sense of accomplishment that the painting of the church interior will inevitably convey. The stability of the steel construction that holds our church building in place is a case in point, as is the condition of the tiling on the church roof. As of this writing the latter has been determined to be in excellent shape, and the former is being tested for possible signs of rust, a situation which, if of serious dimensions, would inevitably postpone or at least complicate the more obvious work that we want to pursue. All indications so far are that our worries in this regard are negligible, and we look forward anxiously to the happy conclusion of this aspect of our preliminary work.

This issue of AVE will of course also be accompanied by the advent of summer and, consequentially, vacations for us all. May yours be happy and refreshing, and may you through it all find yourself faithfully at the altar of God, receiving Sunday by Sunday that grace which Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament alone can give.

Faithfully and affectionately,



Edgar F. Wells

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CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 1 Tu SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES
 2 W Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria & Doctor, 373
 3 Th
 4 F Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387 *No Abstinence*
 5 Sa *Of our lady*
- 6 Su THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May Marian Festival, Procession, 11 AM
- 7 M
 8 Tu Dame Julian of Norwich, circa 1417
 9 W Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople & Doctor, 389
 10 Th
 11 F *No Abstinence*
 12 Sa *Of our Lady*
- 13 Su THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 14 M
 15 Tu
 16 W
 17 Th
 18 F Florence Nightingale, 1910 *No Abstinence*
 19 Sa Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988
- 20 Su THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 21 M ROGATION DAY
 22 Tu ROGATION DAY
 23 W ROGATION DAY
 24 Th ASCENSION DAY
Procession and Solemn Mass, 6 PM
- 25 F Bede the Venerable, Priest and Monk of Jarrow, 735
No Abstinence
- 26 Sa Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605
- 27 Su THE SEVENTH DAY OF EASTER
 28 M Memorial Day
 29 Tu
 30 W
 31 Th THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- 1 F Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 167 *No Abstinence*
 2 Sa The Martyrs of Lyons, 177, & Vigil of Pentecost
- 3 Su THE DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY
 Procession & Solemn Mass, 11 AM
 4 M The First Book of Common Prayer
 5 Tu Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to
 Germany, and Martyr, 754
 6 W EMBER DAY (Norbert, Bishop)
 7 Th *Requiem*
 8 F EMBER DAY *Abstinence*
 9 Sa EMBER DAY (Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597)
- 10 Su THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY
Procession and High Mass, Solemn Te Deum, 11 AM
 11 M SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE
 12 Tu *Requiem*
 13 W Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor, 1233
 14 Th Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, and Doctor, 379
 15 F Evelyn Underhill, 1941 *Abstinence*
 16 Sa Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, 1752
- 17 Su THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
 Solemn Mass, Procession, Benediction, 11 AM
 18 M Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896
 19 Tu
 20 W *Requiem*
 21 Th Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
 22 F THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
No Abstinence for those attending Mass
- 23 Sa *Of our Lady*
- 24 Su THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 25 M THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (*transferred*)
 26 Tu *Requiem*
 27 W
 28 Th Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202
 29 F SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES
No Abstinence for those attending Mass
- 30 Sa *Of our Lady*

June this year brings us the great feast of Corpus Christi, the day each year when we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist by carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession on the Solemnity of the Feast. What follows is a sermon for this feast preached at St. Mary's in 1987 by the Rev'd Canon James Winters, Rector of St. Barnabas Church Ottawa, in Canada.

And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness, there lay a round small thing...and when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "It is manna"...but Moses said unto them, "This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat." Exodus 16:14

And when the Feast of Corpus Christi had come, behold, in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City, there was a small round thing...and when we Catholics see it, we shall say, 'It is the true Bread from heaven, Jesus, our living, risen Lord really present among us.'

Except for resident clergy and other staff members, all of us, parishioners and visitors alike, have come this hot June morning...some by the BMT, the IRT, or other subway line, some by taxi or by private car, or perhaps we have walked from some nearby hotel, or while passing by have just dropped in out of curiosity or for any of a number of reasons.

And we have come together here to celebrate with all joy and solemnity the Feast of Corpus Christi. We have been drawn here by God the Holy Spirit primarily to worship and adore our Blessed Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. We have been drawn here to rest in, and to be refreshed and comforted by the loving embrace of his Sacred Presence, to thank him for all that our many acts of Holy Communion with him and with each other have meant to us through the years, to be nourished and strengthened by his very life the better to fulfill our apostolate, our vocation as his disciples, members of his Mystical Body the Church in the world, or perhaps, indeed, simply to escape from the lonely emptiness of central Manhattan on a Sunday morning.

All of these motivations, all of these sentiments, are to be focused this morning in a very special way on a small round thing -- on a con-

secrated Host set in a monstrance and carried in solemn procession through the church.

Since my late teens, I have been an avid music-lover and rather compulsive collector of classical records, both of the 78 rpm variety and lp's. Recently I began to get into that most recent miracle of phonographic technology, the compact disk -- also a small round thing. This particular one is the primary means of communicating to me through my hi-fi system a quite splendid performance of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. What an extraordinary thing a CD is! In itself, it is simply a small round disk. One cannot see notes written on it or hear any musical sounds emanating from it--and yet it can, when played, make present for me a large symphony orchestra playing one of my favorite symphonies in a real and almost tangible manner.

Because it can do this, the CD in its role and function of reproducing recorded music is a kind of parable or symbol of what we celebrate here today -- the awesome mystery of the presencing of Christ Jesus our Lord in that other small round thing, in the Eucharistic Host. To the eye, to the touch, and to the taste it becomes the means by which the Person and continuing redemptive activity of our Blessed Lord is made existentially present in the here and now.

When I was growing up I discovered something that still rather intrigues me, and that is, that one can so use a magnifying glass to focus the rays of the sun sufficiently to burn a hole in a piece of paper. In a similar way, the Mass as a whole, and the consecrated Host in particular, focus for us the enlightening truth and the redeeming love of God in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

This is a great mystery -- Von Hügel's *Mysterium Tremendum* -- the essence of the incarnation, life, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension all focused, concentrated and made effectively present in that most holy, small, round thing!

And it is a mystery that in the currently liberal theological and liturgical climate within the Western Church, be it Anglican or Roman Catholic, we Anglo-Catholics, in my opinion, most definitely need to proclaim and to uphold. In the quite justifiable and sincere attempt to make services of corporate worship relevant and

responsive to contemporary social issues, and to individual personal needs, we must ever seek to safeguard in our worship the transcendent dimension of the utter holiness of God. And it is that very dimension which, I believe, the liturgy of Corpus Christi so movingly and profoundly impresses upon our consciousness.

For us the highpoint of today's liturgy will be the solemn procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For this, the small round thing, the Eucharist Host, will be placed for veneration by the faithful in what is called a monstrance or ostensorium. The sacred vessel consists of a frame of golden or silver rays in the centre of which is a glass window through which the Host may be seen by us, the people.

This suggests to me something terribly important about our need to put into practice in our daily lives the practical implications of the mystery we celebrate. As a parish you have recently begun a campaign to repair and renovate your great and beloved church buildings, and the purpose of that campaign is in part to restore this building so that the Jesus whom we worship today may have a dwelling place fit for his coming among us. It is here in Holy Communion that we receive this small round thing, this Sacred Host. By the act of making our Communion we become as it were a kind of monstrance ourselves. You and I are vessels to carry Christ out into this world just as surely as the golden monstrance will carry the Eucharistic Host around this church. And just as that monstrance has a window through which we can see the Host, so we are meant and called to be a kind of window through whom the Christ can be clearly seen by others. Someone once posed the question, 'If you were on trial for being a Christian, would your life-style provide enough evidence to convict you?' St. Mary's active program of mission and outreach provides an affirmative response to that question. As a congregation and as individual Christians we are committed to translate eucharistic devotion, liturgy and ceremonial into Christ-like daily behaviour and action, or as the well-known General Thanksgiving so beautifully puts it, 'That we show forth thy praise not only with our lips but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.'

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children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "It is manna"...but Moses said unto them, "This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat."

Yes, given us to eat! And really present, too, within us, after our reception of Holy Communion. When we leave St. Mary's after the Mass, and indeed after any Mass, and go on our way home or to where we are staying by subway, taxi, car, or walking, we do so as symbolic monstrances through whom, in every aspect of our personal relationships and of our work, Jesus can live and move and have his being.

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May 20 - EASTER VI

Martha Hannah Stokoe

June 3 - PENTECOST

Joseph Gale Hurd Barry
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June 10 - TRINITY SUNDAY

David Thayer Batchelder
Paul & Henri Chavasse

June 17 - SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
(PENTECOST II)

Toyoko Anne Tsutsumi Morton

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

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May 6	Easter IV - Marian May Festival, 11 AM	Father Wells
May 13	Easter V	The Rev'd John H. Connors
May 20	Easter VI	The Rev'd Gordon Duggins
May 24	Ascension Day, 6 PM	The Rev'd James N. Lodwick
May 27	Easter VII	Father Lawler
June 3	Pentecost	Father Wells
June 10	Trinity Sunday	Father Lawler
June 17	Solemnity of Corpus Christi	The Rev'd Edward E. Blankenship
June 24	Pentecost III	Father Wells

EASTER IV – MAY MARIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 6th
PROCESSION 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: Father Wells
Missa "Misericordia Domini"

Joseph Rheinberger
Welcome, Welcome, Dear Redeemer
César Franck



MUSIC FOR MAY AND JUNE

- May 6 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Marian May Festival)
 11:00 a.m. *Missa "Misericordia Domini" Op. 192* Joseph Rheinberger
Motet: Welcome, welcome, dear Redeemer César Franck
- May 13 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 11:00 am *Messe Solennelle* McNeil Robinson
Anthem: And I Saw A New Heaven Edgar Bainton
- May 20 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 11:00 am *Missa Brevis* Everett Titcomb
Anthem: From the Ends of the Earth Op. 187 Alan Hohvanes
- May 24 ASCENSION DAY
 5:30 pm ORGAN RECITAL Mark Bani, Assistant Organist
 St. James Episcopal Church, New York City
Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor J.S. Bach
Chorale Preludes J.S. Bach
 6:00 pm *Missa in simplicitate* Jean Langlais
Anthem: God Has Gone Up Daniel Pinkham
- May 27 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 11:00 am *Mass for Three Voices* William Byrd
Motet: Let God Arise Matthew Locke
- June 3 THE DAY OF PENTECOST
 11:00 am *Mass for four voices* William Byrd
Motet: Dum complerentur Tomas Luis de Victoria
- June 10 TRINITY SUNDAY
 11:00 am *Missa Solemnis Op. 44* Paul Creston
Motet: Cherubim Song Alexander Arkhangelsky
- June 17 THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
 11:00 am *Missa "Pange Lingua"* Josquin Desprès
Motet: Ego sum Panis G.P. da Palestrina
Motet: Laudate Dominum Wolfgang A. Mozart
- June 24 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 11:00 am *Mass in D Major* Alec Wyton

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ASCENSION DAY

Thursday, May 4th
PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS
 6:00 p.m.

Sermon: The Rev'd James N. Lodwick
 Associate, St. James Church, N.Y.
 5:30 p.m. *Organ Recital*

Mark Bani, Asst. Organist
 St. James Church N.Y.C.
Missa in simplicitate
 Jean Langlais



TRINITY SUNDAY

June 10th
PROCESSION & HIGH MASS
AND
SOLEMN TE DEUM
 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: Father Lawler
Missa Solemnis
 Paul Creston



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, June 3rd
PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS
 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: Father Wells
Mass for four voices
 William Byrd



SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, June 17th
SOLEMN MASS & PROCESSION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
WITH BENEDICTION
 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: The Rev'd Edward
 E. Blankenship
Missa "Pange lingua"
 Josquin Desprès



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