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THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN
 New York City

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Advent 1991

My dear People:

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

These words, taken from Eucharistic Prayer B in our present Prayer Book, convey in a marvelous way the centrality of our Christian belief in the doctrine of the Incarnation. The mystery of God's love for this world is that he has himself entered into it as one of us, and the moment of wonder for us in our Christmas masses is that moment during the Creed when once again we bend our knees to the ground, and when we say or sing those words that are at the heart of our faith: *by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, AND WAS MADE MAN* (the emphasis is mine). Here indeed is the profundity of God's love, that in Jesus Christ the Eternal became one with us, and God became man. Evelyn Underhill once wrote that because of this truth Christians were bound to be optimistic in their faith, and I would simply emphasize in this letter to you that Christian optimism is at the heart of the gospel. It is there at Bethlehem, the place to which we will wend our spiritual journey in just a few weeks' time. It is there in the Christ Child but it is there as well on the Cross, as the Man of Sorrows pours out his life on behalf of the human race. The lesson very simply is this: you and I were worth it. We were worth the wonder of Bethlehem, and we were worth the mystery of the Cross.

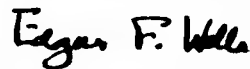
As I write you this Advent I am aware of so much that has changed in our world during the past few months, so much that

has occurred in our Church. Certainly behind and undergirding it all is the steadying hand of God, God who seems so absent when our lives are fraught with danger, or when our own desires are not being fulfilled; God who creates weal and woe, and God who in the darkest moments of human experience is yet the sustainer of our world and of our race. Little did I guess, on my study trip to the Russian Orthodox Church six or seven years ago, that the world of Russian Orthodoxy would be as blessed as it is today. Given the tremendous changes in the Soviet republics during these past months, and the emergence of a revitalized Christianity in former communist lands, the recent problems of our Episcopal Church seem microscopic indeed. And the death throes of the Catholic Movement as many of us have known it -- and who can deny that a death wish is being fulfilled in much of what we once called Anglo-Catholicism? -- are simply signs for those with eyes to see that the Church we love is passing through extraordinary change and transformation. I have not yet in these pages commented on my participation in the AFFIRMING CATHOLICISM Conference in York, England, last June, and I have yet to put on paper my thoughts regarding the American version of that conference, the conference on ADVANCING ANGLICAN CATHOLICITY that is taking place in Chicago this November. All of it will be given due attention during Lent and at our annual Parish Meeting in March, and such remarks as will be mine at that time will inevitably find their way into print.

In the meantime the Church moves us once again to the celebration of Incarnate love. My prayer for each of you this Advent and Christmas is that the Christchild may bless you and those you love, and that in your Christmas Communion you will know him, as the eucharistic canon puts it, "to be the savior and redeemer of the world". God bless you all.

With my love in Christ,

Faithfully yours,



Edgar F. Wells

PREACHERS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

November 1	ALL SAINTS DAY - 6 PM	The Rev'd Dr. J. Robert Wright
November 2	COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED - 11 AM	Fr. Wells
November 3	Pentecost XXIV	Fr. Jackson
November 10	Pentecost XXV	Fr. Wells
November 17	Pentecost XXVI	Fr. Lawler
November 24	THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING	Fr. Wells
November 27	Thanksgiving Day Mass - 12:15 PM	Fr. Wells
December 1	Advent I	Fr. Wolsoncroft
December 8	Advent II	Fr. Wells
December 9	SOLEMNITY OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 6 PM	The Rev'd Edward Garrigan, Rector, St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, PA
December 15	Advent III	Fr. Jackson
December 22	Advent IV	Fr. Wolsoncroft
December 24	Christmas Eve - 10 PM	Fr. Wells
December 25	Christmas Day	Fr. Wells
December 29	Christmas 1	Fr. Wells

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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 F ALL SAINTS DAY *No Abstinence*
Procession and Solemn Mass, 6 PM
Preacher: The Rev'd Dr. J. Robert Wright, Honorary
Canon to the Bishop of New York in the Cathedral
of St. John the Divine
- 2 Sa COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Solemn Mass, 11 AM
Preacher: Father Wells
- 3 Su THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 4 M Charles Borromeo, Archbishop of Milan, 1584
- 5 Tu *Requiem*
- 6 W
- 7 Th Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739
- 8 F *Abstinence*
- 9 Sa Dedication of St. John Lateran
- 10 Su THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 11 M Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397
- 12 Tu Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836
- 13 W Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- 14 Th The Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784
- 15 F Albert the Great, Bishop of Ratisbon, Friar and Doctor, 1280
Abstinence
- 16 Sa Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093
- 17 Su THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 18 M Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680
- 19 Tu Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231
- 20 W Edmund, King of East Anglia, and Martyr, 870
- 21 Th *Requiem*
- 22 F Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c. 230 *Abstinence*
- 23 Sa Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100
- 24 Su THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
Procession and Solemn Mass, 11 AM
- 25 M James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935
- 26 Tu *Requiem*
- 27 W *Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving Day, 12:15 PM*
- 28 Th THANKSGIVING DAY
Low Mass, 10 AM
- 29 F *Abstinence*
- 30 Sa SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- 1 Su THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 2 M Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910
- 3 Tu Francis Xavier, Priest, Missionary to Japan, 1552
- 4 W John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760
- 5 Th Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
- 6 F Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342 *Abstinence*
- 7 Sa Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397
- 8 Su THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 9 M SOLEMNITY OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Procession and Solemn Mass, 6 PM
Preacher: The Rev'd Edward Garrigan, Rector,
St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Pennsylvania
- 10 Tu Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent
- 11 W Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent
- 12 Th Our Lady Of Guadalupe
- 13 F Lucy, Martyr in Sicily, 304 *Abstinence*
- 14 Sa John of the Cross, Priest, Friar and Doctor, 1605
- 15 Su THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 16 M O Sapientia
- 17 Tu O Adonai
- 18 W EMBER DAY (O Radix Jesse)
- 19 Th O Clavis David
- 20 F EMBER DAY (O Oriens) *Abstinence*
- 21 Sa SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
 (EMBER DAY, O Rex Gentium)
- 22 Su THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Emmanuel)
- 23 M O Virgo Virginum
- 24 Tu Vigil
Procession and Solemn Mass of Christmas, 10 PM
Preacher: Father Wells
- 25 W THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Mass of Christmas Day, 9 & 10 AM
Solemn Mass of Christmas Day & Procession, 11 AM
Preacher: Father Wells
- 26 Th SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR
- 27 F SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
No Abstinence
- 28 Sa THE HOLY INNOCENTS
- 29 Su THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
- 30 M
- 31 Tu Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 335

The Rev'd Andrew L. Sloane was curate at St. Mary's from 1981 until January of 1989, and exercised a remarkable ministry here during that time. He is presently rector of Grace Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in the Diocese of Fond du Lac. The following meditation on All Saints was written by Father Sloane before leaving New York.

GATHERING - a Meditation for All Saints

It was Monsignor Ronald Knox who, in a sermon for All Souls Day, spoke of the work of gathering in and cleaning up that goes on during the autumn. Anyone who has had to sweep up the leaves fallen from trees that are cloaking themselves with the nakedness of death knows of what he speaks. (One advantage of Time Square is that concrete does not shed leaves!) As the earth tidies herself up and prepares for the death of winter, so the Church in November turns herself to similar themes: November, the month of All Saints and All Souls. The month opens with the glories of our celebration of All Saints, with the saints themselves as "images of dazzling brightness," as "clad in robes of purest whiteness," as a "glorious band," each wearing a "golden crown," and all of it is reflected in the brightness, joy, and splendour of our liturgy. Then that picture of the Church Triumphant is contrasted the next day in our Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed: here is the Church Expectant, quieter, less triumphant, dignified and gentle, with a certain serenity of its own. November is a month when we, the Church on earth, the Church Militant, understand so vividly that the Church is larger than we are. Rather it is a fellowship or community of all those who are in Christ. We are by no means on our own. We are not static, we are not comfortless, we are not aimless.

To speak then of the Communion of Saints is to speak of a full understanding of the Church. When day by day we stand to proclaim our belief in the "Communion of Saints" in the ancient words of the Apostles' Creed, we are acknowledging also the reality of our oneness with the "cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us in the same faith, and who, like us, are a part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. The Preface for All Saints Day sets it all before us as follows:

Who is the multitude of thy saints hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

At Mass this reality is expressed at every celebration when we are united "with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven" in the life of the whole Church, a life essentially of prayer and praise to Almighty God, through Jesus Christ his Son, our Lord, and in the power and fellowship of the Holy Spirit. No, we are not alone! What an amazing fellowship we are a part of!

The awareness of this reality is at once humbling and encouraging. As has been suggested here, and suggested elsewhere many times, a rather crude definition of the word "catholic" could be, quite simply, "larger than we are." We are so often very self-centred and ridiculously self-important, and this seems to be a besetting sin of Episcopalians in particular. Our American Church, with its comparatively tiny membership, is always presumptuous of its own importance nationally and internationally, both ecumenically and within the Anglican Communion. Arrogance is always a very dangerous first step in any attempt to express truth, and almost always leads to the errors of relativism and parochialism. When humbled before the "cloud of witnesses" down the ages, we become aware of the expression of truth that is for all people, at all times, and in all places; in other words, of that expression of things "catholic" that speaks of that which is "larger than we are." "Is not the truth, expressed in humility and expressing a healthy and faithful ambiguity, more "true" than the arrogance of fanaticism, unbending in its expression for the select few, and guaranteeing a catholicism that is "NOT larger than we are?" And lest any particular interest group among us become too smug in the answer to this, the traps are there for "left" and "right", for "liberal" and "conservative" alike. The Communion of Saints throws us towards a broader horizon that humbles us, and so makes us more open to the Spirit of the risen Christ than to the Spirit of the age. We are confronted with a fellowship who have been "chosen vessels of

thy grace, and the lights of the world in their generations," and with "prophets" who, from a sense of unworthiness rather than arrogance, have given voice to the grace that has touched and informed them.

A fellowship, or Communion, if it is going to "work", must have a common source, a common task, and a common goal. The encouragement given us by that "cloud of witnesses" is precisely this. Jesus Christ is our source: whatever stage the Christian soul may have reached in its journey, that journey began in this mortal frame through an initiation by baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. That is our common source. Whatever stage the Christian soul may have reached in its journey, its task is to bring all to Christ, that God's reconciling work in him may be fulfilled. And our individual work begun in Christ continues in the ongoing work of the Body of Christ, the Church -- the whole Church -- and herein lies the common task of this great community of fellowship, support, and witness; this great Body of prayer and praise. Whatever stage the Christian soul may have reached in its journey, its goal is to be "in Christ." where we "receive the crown of glory that never fades away." Some Christian souls have received that crown of glory in this world; they have been special signs of God's grace in their generations; others, growing more and more in the love of God, come closer and closer to the ultimate goal in God's good, eternal time; others of us simply catch a glimpse of that Glory which shall be revealed in us as we faithfully and humbly walk our pilgrimage here on earth, encouraged and supported by those who have gone before us. In whatever stage we find ourselves, the goal is the same. With that kind of encouragement, and held together by such love and such unity, we could be a happy people of God. Not happy in the sense of a frenzied, vacuous jollity that ignores crisis and breaks down in the face of tragedy or disaster. Rather, happy in the sense of a joy that cuts through gloom, depression, and despondency; transforming it, through the grace of God, by the contagious joy of the resurrection. I wonder how many of our visitors, wherever our parish church may be, feel that joy in our liturgies, and in our

fellowship one with another? Do we live out that joy in a world that is crying out to have it?

Thus we are part of an almost incredible enterprise. It is God's enterprise in Christ down through the ages. Each of us is but a tiny grain of sand. All of us together are the Body of Christ, and we are humbled by the vastness and the catholicity of it all. We are inspired, too, by the witness to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of those who have gone before us, for together with them we are called in worship and service joyfully to live out the goal lovingly intended for all creation, and thus to dwell eternally in the fulness of God's love in Christ, gathered in by him not for death but for life eternal.

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

Nov. 1	ALL SAINTS DAY	Inez Louise Blackshire Departed Members of St. Mary's Guild
Nov. 3	PENTECOST XXIV	Llewellyn H. Wray Maude Wright Gassin Dorothy Gassin Wray Clasine van de Geer
Nov. 10	PENTCOST XXV	Margaret C. Larsen Robert Edward Hart
Nov. 24	CHRIST THE KING Last Sunday of Pentecost	Matthew Mark Farley Elsie Christian Farley Kenneth Mealy
Dec. 9	SOLEMNITY OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Departed Trustees of this Parish
Dec. 25	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	Thomas McKee Brown, Priest Founder and First Rector of this Parish
Dec. 29	CHRISTMAS 1	Frederick D. Blackshire

MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 1991

- November 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY
Friday
5:30 pm ORGAN RECITAL -- William Trafka, Associate Organist
St. Bartholomew's Church, NYC
- 6:00 pm PROCESSION and SOLEMN MASS
Mass for a saints day *Nicholas Jackson*
Motet: O how glorious is the kingdom *Basil Harwood*
- November 2 THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS'
Saturday
11:00 am SOLEMN REQUIEM
Requiem, Op. 48 *Gabriel Faure*
(*St. Mary's Chamber Orchestra*)
- November 3 THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday
11:00 am SOLEMN MASS
Missa L'houra passa *Ludovico Viadana*
Motet: Cantique de Jean Racine *Gabriel Faure*
- November 10 THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday
11:00 am SOLEMN MASS
Dorische Messe *Johann Rosenmuller*
Anthem: Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren, Op. 30
Johannes Brahms
- November 17 THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday
11:00 am SOLEMN MASS
Missa Salve Regina *Everett Titcomb*
Anthem: Out of the deep (Requiem) John Rutter
- November 21 CONCERTS AT ST. MARY'S THE HILLIARD ENSEMBLE
Thursday
8:00 pm "Music From Five Centuries"
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- November 24 THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING,
Sunday
11:00 am THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROCESSION AND SOLEMN MASS
Missa Brevis in G, K. 140 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*
Motet: Let all the world in every corner sing *Roger Bourland*
- November 27 SOLEMN MASS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY
Wednesday
12:15 pm Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena *Healey Willan*
Motet: It is a good thing to give thanks *James Kent*
- December 1 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday
11:00 am SOLEMN MASS
Messe in G Dur, No. 2 *Franz Schubert*
Responsory *Richard Marlow*
Motet: E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come *Paul Manz*

- December 5 CONCERTS AT ST. MARY'S &
Thursday
8:00 pm GOTHAM EARLY MUSIC LTD
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- December 8 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday
11:00 am SOLEMN MASS
Missa Pape Marcelli *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
Solo: Comfort ye my people (Messiah) *George Frideric Handel*
Every valley shall be exalted (Messiah)
- December 9 THE FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF
Monday
5:30 pm THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
ORGAN RECITAL -- Dorothy J. Papadakos, Organist
Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC
- 6:00 pm PROCESSION and SOLEMN MASS
Messe Solennelle (St. Cecilia) *Charles Gounod*
Motet: Ave Maria *Franz Biebl*
Motet: O sacred feast *Healey Willan*
- December 15 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday
11:00 am SOLEMN MASS
Missa Brevis (1982) *Noel Goemanne*
Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord alway (The Bell Anthem)
Henry Purcell
- December 22 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday
11:00 am SOLEMN MASS
Missa Brevis alla capella Rorate coeli desuper *Joseph Haydn*
Motet: Ave Maria *Simon Lindley*
Duet: Et misericordia (Magnificat, BWV 243)
Johann Sebastian Bach
- December 24 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Tuesday
9:30 pm CAROLS for CHOIR and ORGAN
10:00 pm PROCESSION and SOLEMN MASS
Missa in Augustiis (Lord Nelson Mass) *Joseph Haydn*
Motet: O magnum mysterium (1980) Alden Ashford
Anthem: In the bleak midwinter *Harold Darke*
(*St. Mary's Chamber Orchestra*)
- December 25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Wednesday
11:00 am SOLEMN MASS
Missa Cum júbilo *Gregorian Chant*
- December 29 THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday
11:00 am SOLEMN MASS
Mass in C *Charles Gounod*
Anthem: The shepherds' farewell
(from L'enfance du Christ, Op. 25)

ALL SAINTS DAY

Friday, November 1st



ORGAN RECITAL 5:30 PM
William Trafka, NYC
PROCESSION & SOLEMN
MASS
6:00 PM

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. J. Robert Wright
Mass for a saints day *Nicholas Jackson*
Motet: O how glorious is the kingdom *Basil Harwood*

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Sunday, November 24th

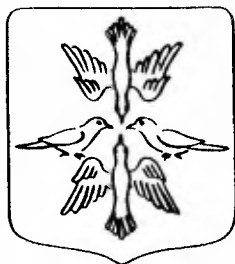


PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS
11:00 AM
Sermon: Fr. Wells

Missa Brevis in G, K. 140 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*
Motet: Let all the world in every corner sing *Roger Bourland*

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

Saturday, November 2nd



11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Sermon: Fr. Wells

Requiem, Op. 48 *Gabriel Faure*
(*St. Mary's Chamber Orchestra*)

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Monday, December 9th



5:30 ORGAN RECITAL
Dorothy J. Papadakos, Organist
Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC
6:00 PM
PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS
Sermon:

The Rev'd Edward Garrigan, Rector,
St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, PA

Messe Solennelle (St. Cecilia) *Charles Gounod*
Motet: Ave Maria *Franz Biebl*
Motet: O sacred feast *Healey Willian*

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Tuesday, December 24th

9 30 PM ORGAN RECITAL

10:00 PM PROCESSION AND
SOLEMN MASS

Sermon: Fr. Wells

Joseph Haydn

Motet: O magnum mysterium (1980)

Alden Ashford

Anthem: In the bleak midwinter

Harold Darke

(*St. Mary's Chamber Orchestra*)

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Wednesday, December 25th

SOLEMN MASS
OF
CHRISTMAN DAY
AND
PROCESSION
11:00 AM

Sermon: Fr. Wells

Missa Cum júbilo
Gregorian Chant

LOW MASSES: 9 AND 10 AM
(no afternoon Mass)



TO OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS
with best wishes for a
Holy and Blessed Christmas

Almighty GOD, who hast
given us Thine only-begotten
Son to take our nature upon Him,
and as at this time to be born of
a pure Virgin: Grant that we
being regenerate, and made Thy
children by adoption and grace;
may daily be renewed by Thy
Holy Spirit; through the same our
Lord JESUS CHRIST, who liv-
eth and reigneth with Thee and
the same Spirit, ever one GOD,
world without end.

Amen.

from the
Clergy and Staff of St. Mary's



AN ADVENT QUIET DAY

Saturday, December 7, 1991

With Father David Bryan Hoopes, O.H.C.
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- 10:45 - Morning Prayer
- 11:00 - First Meditation
- 12:00 - Noonday Office
- 12:15 - Mass
- 12:45 - Lunch (we provide coffee)
- 1:30 - Confessions/ Counselling
- 2:00 - Second Meditation
- 2:45 - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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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 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 George Handy at 212-757-1071.

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.

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