**SUNDAY**
- Morning Prayer: 8:40 am
- Masses: 9:00, 10:00 am, and 5:00 pm
- Solemn Mass with Sermon: 11:00 am
- Evening Prayer: 4:45 pm

**WEEKDAYS**
- Morning Prayer: 8:30 am
- Noonday Office: 12:00 Noon
- Daily Mass (except Sat.): 12:15 and 6:15 pm
- Saturday: 12:15 pm
- Evening Prayer (except Sat.): 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 5:00 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
- Saturday 11:30-12:00 noon (Parish Clergy)
- 4:00-5:00 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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My dear People:

What an extraordinary joy it is to write you at the beginning of another Christian year. Physically, an unbelievable transformation has occurred to our plant this fall. These dirty old buildings, covered with a century's worth of grime from the City of New York, have been chemically cleaned and restored to their original condition. The exterior of the church and its chapels, the rectory, parish and mission houses, are all agleam once again in the exact state in which they were constructed. Thus, for the first time in our initial three years' work of centennial restoration, a major portion of that effort is visible to passersby, and the result is a sense of tremendous pride in all of us who have sacrificed financially in order to make it possible. I have said it before: I am so proud of this parish, of its clergy, people, and many friends across the country. All of us together have made the difference, and St. Mary's stands once again in mid-Manhattan not only as a sign of triumphant faith but also as an architectural gem noticed by all who pass by.

There is of course much more to be done, and we have for the present exhausted the financial reserves which our own sacrifice has made possible. Final work on gutters, on the church roof and our stained glass windows, remains to be done, as does the final effort of painting and restoring the interior of the church. But all in due course. For the present we can give thanks, first of all to a bountiful God who has placed us on this spot, and secondly on behalf of
those, living and dead, whose Christian commitment in this life has brought us to our present state.

And it is thus with a full heart that I wish you an Advent and Christmas of complete joy, thanking you on the one hand for all the care you have shown us here, and asking your prayers and continuing commitment to this parish that has been so wonderfully and uniquely blessed by God.

Ever faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Edgar F. Wells

ALL SAINTS DAY
Sunday, November 1st
PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS
11:00 AM
Sermon: The Rev'd Dr. Ralph E. Peterson
The House of the Redeemer
Missa “O quam gloriosum est regnum”
Tomas Luis de Victoria
Justorum animae William Byrd

COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Monday, November 2nd
ORGAN RECITAL 5:30 PM
Claudia Dumschat, Associate Organist
St. Paul’s Chapel, Columbia University
SOLEMN REQUIEM 6:00 PM
Preacher: Fr. Wells
Requiem, Op. 9 Maurice Duruflé

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
Sunday, November 22nd
PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS
11:00 AM
Sermon: The Rev’d Matthew Harrison
Union Theological Seminary
Missa brevis Zoltan Kodaly
Motet: O Sacrum convivium Olivier Messiaen
Anthem: Antiphon (Five Mystical Songs) Ralph Vaughan Williams

PREACHERS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY The Rev’d Dr. Ralph E. Peterson
Warden, The House of the Redeemer
November 2 COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED - 6 pm Father Wells
November 8 Pentecost XXII Father Carlson
November 15 Pentecost XXIII Father Wells
November 22 THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING The Rev’d Matthew Harrison
The English Scholar, 1992-93 Union Theological Seminary
November 27 Thanksgiving Day Mass Father Wells
November 29 Advent I Father Wells
December 6 Advent II Father Carlson
December 8 CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 6 pm The Rev’d Harold Nahabedian
Rector, The Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, Canada
December 13 Advent III Father Wells
December 20 Advent IV Father Jackson
December 24 Christmas Eve - 10 pm Father Wells
December 25 Christmas Day Father Carlson
December 27 Christmas I Father Carlson

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ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

Nov. 1 ALL SAINTS DAY
Inez Louise Blackshire
Departed Members of St. Mary's
Guild
Gertrude Kirk
Robert O. Watson
Etta Adams

Nov. 15 Pentecost XXIII
Margaret C. Larsen
Beryl Whittle

Nov. 22 CHRIST THE KING
Matthew & Elsie Farley

Dec. 8 CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Departed Trustees of this Parish
Isabelle Wells
Elizabeth G. Hartnagel
Beatrice Showell
Timothy Dlugos

Dec. 13 Advent III

Dec. 25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Thomas McKee Brown Priest
Founder and First Rector of this Parish
Frederick D. Blackshire

Dec. 27 CHRISTMAS I

SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING DAY
Wednesday, November 25th
6:00 PM
Sermon: Fr. Wells
Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena Healey Willan
Anthem: It is a good thing to give thanks James Kent

THANKSGIVING DAY
Thursday, November 26th
Low Mass, 10:00 AM

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]:"

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AN ADVENT QUIET DAY
Saturday, December 5, 1992

with Brother Clark Berge, N/SSF
sometime Director of our Mission House,
presently at St. Elizabeth's Friary, Brooklyn, New York

10:45 - Morning Prayer
11:00 - First Meditation
12:00 - Noonday Office
12:15 - Mass, short homily
1:00 - Lunch *
1:30 - 2:30 - Confessions/Counselling
2:30 - Second Meditation
3:30 - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

* Lunch today is being provided by the clergy. We need to know how many people to expect. Please, therefore, register for the Quiet Day on the sheet provided in the church narthex, or phone the parish office: (212) 869-5830.
CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

1 Su ALL SAINTS DAY
   Procession & Solemn Mass, 11 AM
   Preacher: The Rev'd Dr. Ralph E. Peterson, Warden,
   The House of the Redeemer

2 M COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED
   Solemn Requiem, 6 PM
   Preacher: Father Wells

3 Tu Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600

4 W Charles Borromeo, Archbishop of Milan, 1584

5 Th Proper 26

6 F Monthly Requiem Abstinence

7 Sa Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739

8 Su THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9 M Saints and Martyrs of the Anglican Communion

10 Tu Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461

11 W Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397

12 Th Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836

13 F Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Abstinence

14 Sa Bestowal of the American Episcopate, 1784

15 Su THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 M Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093

17 Tu Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

18 W Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680

19 Th Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231

20 F Edmund, King of East Anglia, and Martyr, 870 Abstinence

21 Sa Presentation of Mary

22 Su THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
   Procession & Solemn Mass, 11 AM
   Preacher: The Rev'd Matthew Harrison,
   Union Theological Seminary

23 M Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100

24 Tu

25 W James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935
   Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving Day, 6 PM
   Preacher: Father Wells

26 Th THANKSGIVING DAY
   Low Mass, 10 AM

27 F No Abstinence

28 Sa Kamehameha and Emma, King & Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885

29 Su THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30 M SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

1 Tu Nicholas Farrar, Deacon, 1637

2 W Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and
   Japan, 1910

3 Th Francis Xavier, Priest, Missionary to Japan, 1552

4 F John of Damascus, Priest, 760 Abstinence

5 Sa Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210

6 Su THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7 M Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397

8 Tu CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
   Procession and Solemn Mass, 6 PM
   Preacher: The Rev'd Harold J. Nahabedian, Rector,
   The Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, Canada

9 W Wednesday of Advent II

10 Th Thursday of Advent II

11 F Friday of Advent II Abstinence

12 Sa Our Lady of Guadalupe

13 Su THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14 M John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor, 1605

15 Tu Tuesday of Advent III

16 W EMBER DAY (O Sapientia)

17 Th O Adonai

18 F EMBER DAY (O Radix Jesse) Abstinence

19 Sa EMBER DAY (O Clavis David)

20 Su THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Oriens)

21 M SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE (O Rex Gentium)

22 Tu Tuesday of Advent IV (O Emmanuel)

23 W Wednesday of Advent IV (O Virgo Virginum)

24 Th Vigil
   Procession and Solemn Mass of Christmas, 10 PM
   Preacher: Father Wells

25 F THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Abstinence
   Mass of Christmas Day, 9 & 10 AM
   Solemn Mass of Christmas Day & Procession, 11 AM
   Preacher: Father Carlson

26 Sa SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR

27 Su THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

28 M SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (transferred)

29 Tu THE HOLY INNOCENTS (transferred)

30 W

31 Th Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 335

It is an honor to participate in David Carlson's ordination. He is a son of the parish in which I serve, the Church of the Ascension on lower Fifth Avenue, and along with a number of his friends from there I have come to share this joyful occasion by affirming both our love for him and the esteem in which we hold him. It is additionally a pleasure for me because when I learned that Father Wells had invited him to come to St. Mary's I knew David would have opportunity to grow into the priesthood in the fullness of the historic Christian faith.

We met David ten years ago. After attending Hamilton College he went to England to study at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. Things worked out well and happily he returned to New York City in 1982, with a New York agent of all things, where he found an apartment on Downing Street. That led to a good choice for all of us, Ascension as his parish church.

During these intervening years we have shared his journey very personally, in theater and seminary, being present as it were while circumstances that might have daunted a lesser person led him into deeper and deeper spirituality. An artist responds to intuitions that often escape persons of a more pragmatic orientation, and if one has the discernment to perceive what is right in them and the courage to surrender to their direction, art will surely be the medium for a profound working of the Holy Spirit. We are sure that this was the case for David and, because with the Holy Spirit one does “not know whence it comes or whither it goes,” we celebrate tonight the holy mystery of divine/human interaction which led to this certainly unexpected but marvelous milestone in his life's story.

Though David's story has been years in the making, in terms of this Service it is beginning again. Because there is so much question and uncertainty today, both within and without the Church, about the validity of organized religion and why there are clergy, I have chosen to speak about the portion of David's story that lies ahead in terms of four references: the Rite, the Church, the Order, and the Ordinand.

The Rite of Ordination is nearly as old as Christianity itself, certainly the act of setting individuals apart for special ministry within the Church is. But interestingly, from the earliest times the central figure in ordination has not been the ordinand but the Bishop, the pivotal symbol of the unity of the Church. Upon selected individuals the Bishop would lay hands and invoke the Holy Spirit. This act commissioned them as extensions of his own ministry, and they were then either stationed as the Bishop's representatives in parishes or sent as missionaries for the Bishop to establish new work in the outer areas. As we shall see shortly, the laying on of hands with the Bishop's prayer of invocation has remained, through the centuries and down to this day, the central matter of the Rite of Ordination.

If the Bishop is the central figure of ordination, the Church is both the context and the absolute necessity for ordination. (And, of course, I don't mean beautiful buildings like St. Mary's or Ascension or the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at General Seminary.) At the very beginning Jesus commissioned the apostles, and through them the Church, this community of the New Covenant, this Body of which Christ is the Head and we are individual members. In the catechism it is stated this way: the mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. In recognition of the complexity of this mission, it goes on to explain that it will be accomplished in more than one way: in prayer and worship, through the proclamation of the Gospel, and in the active promotion of justice, peace and love.

It doesn't take a genius to recognize the need for such a mission. The world is in tatters, there is a famine of justice, and love, real love, as in caring, compassion, reaching out to those who are in pain, has all but been drowned in a sea of self-preoccupation. The mission still stands, it has validity, and though the Church does not pretend to be the only answer to the world’s ills it knows it is mandated by its message to be part of the solution.

In order for the Church to do what it is called to do, it must be organized and assign tasks to those who belong. And at times it commissions individuals for very specific tasks. There is a wisdom that prevails in the Church in this regard, a fundamental understanding that each of us tonight would do well to consider. No one is self-appointed to mission in the Church; each is chosen. As Jesus
said to his apostles (John 15:16), "You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you," so the Church, the Body of Christ, you and I, choose those we ordain.

That is why ordinations are public events. The community of faith validates the ordination. You and I must have approved, for the Bishop will ordain only after the Church has approved, and as we have just done, approve again in a sacramental assent at the Service of Ordination. Called BY the Church, to fulfill a mission OF the Church, through ordination IN the Church: this is the guiding principle by which David will be commissioned this evening.

In terms of the Order of Priest, we believe that the priesthood is sacramental, a means of sanctifying grace, that it is an extension by original intention of the first Order, that of Bishop, and that, in the same way as it is true of Holy Baptism, Ordination imparts an indelible mark, never to be repeated and the essence of which can never be taken away.

Now the primary duties of priesthood are to be a pastor, hearing and responding to the cries of a world in pain, to share the Bishop's overseeing of the Church, to preach the Gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, to administer the sacraments, and to hold the keys of blessing and absolution.

These duties, however, are set in the context of the duties of the Church's other, equally important, orders of ministry, the orders of laity, deacons, and of course, bishops. Make no mistake, we do not believe that ordination makes an individual a better person than others in the Church, as if there were a caste system. A priest is what a priest is only because the Church has ordained a person to share the whole Church's ministry in a specific domain that is primarily pastoral/sacerdotal. One aspect of ministry assigned to an individual within the context of the ministry of the whole Church. It is as simple as that.

In personal terms I share what this has meant for me. You can tell by the color of my hair that I have been a priest for many years. I have loved being a priest and I look forward to being one until the day I die. But I have no grand illusions about it. My priesthood is a designated priesthood, a specific priesthood, a derivative priesthood. It does not stand on its own and it has no merit in itself. All that it is in essence is due to what is invested in it by Holy Mother Church.
will give him the grace to do more than he asks and certainly more than he ever dreamed he could. For the God who calls is the God who said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

David, would you stand so that I might speak directly to you? In a few moments the Bishop will examine you and then you will be consecrated. You will con-celebrate with him and then at the end of this rite you will pronounce your first apostolic blessing. We are proud of you and it pleases us all to share this event in your life.

David, a few minutes ago you heard lessons from the scripture. I want you to remember them because the only way possible for you to be the priest you are called to be is, like Isaiah, to keep your feet planted on earth with your eyes focused on heaven, and, like the apostles, to keep your ears open to the Holy Spirit. Your mission is to bring a little bit of heaven into our lives here on earth. With your eyes focused on heaven, your feet planted firmly on the earth, and your ears open to the Spirit, stand in awe of the One who alone is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of eternal glory.

This is not impossible, and it isn’t idealistic fluff. For God is and God reigns and God has called you and God will be with you and God will be brought to your people. And all will be well, and all will be well, and all manner of things will be well.

AMEN
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Thursday, December 24th
9:30 PM ORGAN RECITAL
David Cox, Associate Organist
Church of St. Mary the Virgin

10:00 PM PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS
Sermon: Fr. Wells
Missa Solemnis, K. 337
  — Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Motet: O magnum mysterium (1980)
  — Alden Ashford
Motet: En natus est Emanuel
  — Michael Praetorius
Anthem: In the bleak midwinter
  — Harold Darke

Friday, December 25th

SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY AND PROCESSION, 11:00 AM
Sermon: Fr. Carlson
Missa "Cum jubilo"
  — Gregorian Chant

LOW MASSES: 9:00 and 10:00 AM
(No afternoon Mass)

LAY MINISTRIES AT ST. MARY’S

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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.

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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 large 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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Acolytes’ Guild 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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