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SERVICES

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

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Saturday	11:30-12:00 noon (Parish Clergy)
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Advent, 1993

My Dear Friends:

Once again it is my duty and privilege to write you in preparation for another Christmas feast, and as I do so the Church has brought us again into that season of anticipation through which we prepare not only for Christmas but for that time, as the old collect tells us, when Jesus "shall come to judge the quick and the dead." It seems to me that Advent always places us on the border between two moments in time: that moment in which you and I live, and into which the Son of God came on the first Christmas night, and that other moment which is yet to be, and in which Christ will return in glory. In a sense you and I are balanced between the two, and at no time is this more apparent than during our Advent observance. Certainly for the Early Church the emphasis always was on Our Lord's Second Coming. The world was expected to end almost momentarily, and much of St. Paul's writings, and the writings of the early Fathers, reflect a fervent anticipation of the parousia.

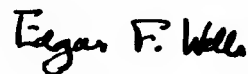
By contrast you and I by the very nature of the way in which we live do not possess that fervent expectancy that characterized our forefathers in the Early Church. We expect the world as it is to endure for some time, and our preoccupation with this life, and with the things of material creation, is certainly a sign of our attachment to the physical world. We know that that world can be abused by

human sinfulness, and we know also that it can be used as a reflection of the God who created it. The very presence of this parish church in the heart of New York City is a sign to those who have eyes to see that the physical beauty of a house of worship is but a manifestation of God himself - God who dwelt among us at Christmas, and God who will come again at the end of time.

All of this I think explains the care we are now taking in the work of restoring the physical fabric of our building complex. Even as we prepare for Our Lord's Coming in glory we also maintain this house of God in the most beautiful condition possible, and we are presently restoring both it and our adjacent buildings in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the erection of this complex in 1995. Into this church thousands of people make their way in the course of any given year, and on these premises they are given a vision of holiness that is marvelous indeed. As you and I prepare to keep Christmas in this place, and as we look not only to the past but to the future, we are reminded that God came to a particular place at a particular time at the moment of his Incarnation. Bethlehem, already the city of David, was made holy by Jesus's birth, and not by accident does the name of that town mean "House of Bread." For us in Times Square the Church of St. Mary the Virgin is also a House of Bread, a place to which God's people come in the midst of our modern city in order to taste and to be fed by the Bread of Life.

As this Advent unfolds, and as Christmas dawns once again in just a few weeks' time, please know that in this House of Bread you are known and prayed for. God bless you richly this Advent and Christmas, and may the Child of Bethlehem be your food and your joy on the day of his birth.

Affectionately in Christ,



Edgar F. Wells

Sermon by The Rev'd Canon Harold J. Nahabedian, Rector, The Church of St. Mary Magdalene Toronto, Ontario, Canada on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1992.

In the gospel for today we hear these words: "But she was greatly troubled at the saying and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be." and "For with God nothing will be impossible."

These words apply to us in our age. As we celebrate the Feast of the Conception of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, it might well appear to outsiders that these Catholic Christians are at it again. We aren't satisfied with celebrating the birth of our Lord, or the conception of Jesus, or even the birth of our Lady, we have to go back even further and celebrate the conception of our Lady. Obviously, this is an historical fact; she was conceived, but we must wonder why it is the Catholic Church feels impelled to celebrate this conception and how this event changes human history, and human beings and our relationship with God.

In pondering this event it has struck me how secret and private the event was and yet the consequences of the event reach down into our very day.

When our Lady's parents announced to their family, friends and fellow villagers that they were expecting a child, no one could have imagined her important role in the history of God's plan for the human race; no one could have discerned even at her birth what it was that God was doing in the life of this infant girl.

This is important for us Christians who live in the last decade of the 20th century to remember that God is at work in the world, in our world, in ways we do not understand and do not even see. We are troubled and we wonder like Our Lady.

During the lifetime of many of us here we have seen churches filled to capacity in the early 1950's only to decline to mere holding operations in many places, where a few brave souls struggle on to continue to worship and to keep their building open against great

odds. We now live in societies which no longer see themselves as Christian; where the Christian faith is acknowledged by the majority of our populations as their own, but who enter worshipping communities only for rites of passage.

I do not know for certain what American Christians feel and think about the present state of affairs with regard to faith and belief and the practice of religion, but in our, I believe, even more secular society in Canada, Christians are disheartened; some have even lost hope; most expect that the present state of affairs will continue for ever, if not get worse.

This is especially true of Catholic Anglicans. In the last 30 years we have seen the Oxford Movement triumph within the Anglican Communion. Nearly everything we fought for, maybe save birettas, has been accepted and become a part of the norms of Anglicanism. We won the war to have the Anglican Communion see itself as truly part of the Catholic Church, but during this same time our Communion has taken steps and made decisions that seem to contradict much that we have believed to be a part of the Faith once delivered to the Saints - whether it be the new liturgies and ceremonial, or the ordination of women to the priesthood and episcopate, or the continuing struggle and debate about human sexuality.

Despite having Anglicans now worshipping with truly catholic liturgies; despite having catholic ceremonial accepted more and more; despite a common lectionary for many Christian communions; despite all these and more, many Anglo-Catholics, as well as others, have retreated into fortresses where no new ideas will ever come near to them.

In a way it is difficult to criticize such people harshly. They have defended the catholic faith and hoped to spread it throughout the Communion. At the same time, our Communion was doing things that no one expected such as using modern language liturgies and ordaining women to the priesthood and episcopate.

And strangely the old Prayer Book Eucharistic rite which was often denounced by Anglo-Catholics as being inadequate and incomplete, is now considered by some, especially in Canada, as the sign of true catholicism. Here in your country you have sincere, committed Christians, many of them Anglo-Catholics, denouncing all these changes, and, in seeking to preserve the Catholic Christian faith, going so far as to separate from the Communion. Such people are trying to preserve the Catholic faith, to ensure that the Faith as they know it will survive.

But we who call ourselves Catholics in the Anglican Communion, we who are descendants of the Oxford Reformers, we above all Christians should not be afraid of new ideas. For even if the Church makes decisions that do not accord with God's will, we can trust God to take care of that in God's good time.

In the 1830's the Church of England was moribund, seen by many as the religious bureau of the state, a protestant church for ever and ever.

But in that same decade the Oxford Movement began, proclaiming that the Christian Church is no mere human society, but the Family of God, established through the will of God by the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. During the next century, throughout the Anglican Communion, there were disputes and disagreements, quarrels and court fights, all to preserve the status quo. We know now how useless all those disputes and efforts were to frustrate the will of God.

We believe now that the Oxford Movement was God's way to bring the Anglican Communion back to the fullness of Catholic life and faith and practice. Those who were in the middle of those disputes probably thought that the Anglican Communion was in the midst of its death throes. Those who opposed the Oxford Reform Movement saw themselves as defenders of Anglican orthodoxy, but God was doing something they could not see. But we can, and we are the heirs of God's actions in time and history. The Catholic wing of Anglicanism should be the sure sign to us of God's faithfulness to

protect and correct and to guide his Church. We no longer have to be fearful for the Church. The future of Christ's Church does not depend upon our protecting it from every change, even change that is wrong. God will do that.

Nor does this mean that you and I should not oppose what we think is wrong. It does not mean that we should not state our beliefs about changes. It is only by doing this that God's will is made manifest.

But it does mean that I can stay within the family of the Church even when I violently disagree with it, even when I can not see what it is that God is doing in and with his own Church.

Just as the parents of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary could not have known what role their daughter was to play in the history of salvation, so we too do not know the future of Christ's Church. We are called to trust God, to have faith in God, to believe that Jesus Christ, the Lord of history, is with us, here at this Mass, and wherever two or three are gathered in his name. We are called to risk everything, to be willing to sacrifice everything, in order to do God's will - in the church and in the world - in order to model Christ's love and life to our world.

Instead of merely worrying about the bottom line of budgets, and even when we worry about the precise orthodoxy of this or that decision, we are called to the liberty of the children of God, called to worship in spirit and in truth - trusting that our God will guide the Church into all truth - no matter what we want, and no matter the way the world seems to be going. God's ways are hidden and secret and yet they result in historic events that change the world. So remember the Conception of Our Lady as the sign to us of God's work in the world even when we fear for our beloved Church. God is faithful and "with God nothing is impossible", as Our Lady discovered in her own life.

Thanks be to God.

The Rev'd Canon Harold J. Nahabedian, Rector
The Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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ALL SAINTS DAY



Monday, November 1st

ORGAN RECITAL - 5:30 PM

R. Walden Moore, Organist & Choirmaster
Trinity Church on the Green, New Haven, CT

PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS - 6PM

Sermon: Fr. Edgar F. Wells, Rector

Missa "O quam gloriosum est regnum"
Tomas Luis de Victoria

Motet: O quam gloriosum est regnum
Tomas Luis de Victoria

COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Tuesday, November 2nd
ORGAN RECITAL 5:30 PM
Thomas Brown, Organist & Choirmaster
St. Michael's Parish, Litchfield, CT
Music: Suite, Opus 5 *Maurice Duruflé*

SOLEMN REQUIEM 6:00 PM
Preacher: Fr. Allan Jackson
Requiem *John Rutter*

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



Sunday, November 21st - 11:00 AM
PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS
Sermon: The Rev. Alvin V. Hart

Messe Solennelle (St. Cecilia) *Charles Gounod*
Motet: Let all the world in every corner sing
Dominic Argento

SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING DAY

Wednesday, November 24th - 6:00 P. M.
Sermon: Fr. Edgar F. Wells

THANKSGIVING DAY
Thursday, November 25th
Low Mass, 10:00 AM

MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Monday --ALL SAINTS DAY
5:30 pm **ORGAN RECITAL:** R. Walden Moore
Organist and Choirmaster, Trinity Church on the Green
New Haven, CT
6:00 pm **PROCESSION and SOLEMN MASS**
Missa "O Quam gloriosum est regnum"
Tomas Luis de Victoria
Motet: O quam gloriosum est regnum *Jacob Vaet*
- 2 Tuesday -- THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS
5:30 pm **ORGAN RECITAL:** Thomas Brown
Organist & Choirmaster
St. Michael's Parish, Litchfield, CT
Music: Suite, Op. 5 *Maurice Duruflé*
6:00 pm **SOLEMN REQUIEM**
Requiem *John Rutter*
- 7 THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Mass: Mass in e (Collegium Regale) *Harold Darke*
Anthem: I will greatly rejoice *Harold Darke*
- 14 THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Mass: Missa Archangelus *Larry King*
Motet: Arise, shine *Randall Thompson*
- 21 THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Messe Solennelle (St. Cecilia) *Charles Gounod*
Anthem: Let all the world in every corner sing
Dominick Argento
- 24 Wednesday, 6:00 pm -- EVE OF THANKSGIVING
Mass in C *Charles Gounod*
Anthem: It is a good thing to give thanks *James Kent*
- 28 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Missa quarti toni *Tomas Luis de Victoria*
Motet: Ad te levavi oculos meos
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Mass on Sunday is at 11:00 am unless otherwise noted.

MUSIC FOR DECEMBER

- 5 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Missa Quatuor vocum *Dominici Scarlatti*
 Solo: Messiah (Comfort ye and Every valley) *George Frideric Handel*
- 8 Wednesday – THE FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 5:30 pm ORGAN RECITAL: David Chalmers, organist
 Community of Jesus, Orleans, MA
 6:00 pm PROCESSION and SOLEMN MASS
 Mass in A, Op. 12 *César Franck*
 Motet: Ave Maria, Op. 37, No. 6 *Serge Rachmoninoff*
- 10 Friday, 7:30 pm CONCERTS AT ST. MARY'S presents THE VIRGIN CONSORT, Kyler Brown, director
 Messiah (London, 1743) *George Frideric Handel*; featuring soprano; Emma Kirkby; tickets \$25 & \$20; for information call 212-921-2939.
- 12 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Missa Papae Marcelli *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
 Motet: This is the record of John *Orlando Gibbons*
- 7:30 pm CONCERTS AT ST. MARY'S presents THE VIRGIN CONSORT, Kyler Brown, director
 Messiah (London, 1743) *George Frideric Handel*; featuring soprano; Emma Kirkby; tickets \$25 & \$20; for information call 212-921-2939.
- 19 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Missa brevis in F, Op. 117 *Josef Rheinberger*
 Motet: Ave Maria, Op. 176 *Josef Rheinberger*
- 24 Friday – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
 9:30 pm ORGAN RECITAL: John Sherer, Associate Organist
 Church of St. Mary the Virgin
 10:00 pm PROCESSION and SOLEMN MASS
 Messe de Minuet pour Noël (Midnight Mass)
Marc-Antoine Charpentier
- Mass on Sunday is at 11:00 am unless otherwise noted.*

MUSIC FOR DECEMBER continued

- Motet: Hodie Christus natus est *Francis Poulenc*
 Motet: En natus est Emanuel *Michael Praetorius*
 Motet: A spotless rose *Herbert Howells*
- 25 Saturday, 11:00 am – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
 Mass (Music for Celebration) *David Hurd*
 Anthem: Salvator Mundi *Gustav Holst*
- 26 THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
 Missa brevis "4 vocum" *Joanne Francisco Anerio*
 Motet: Verbum caro *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

AN ADVENT QUIET DAY

Saturday, December 4, 1993
 with Brother Clark Berge, SSF
 sometime Director of our Mission House,
 presently at St. Elizabeth's Friary, Brooklyn, NY

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

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

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|---------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Nov. 1 | ALL SAINTS DAY | Inez Louise Blackshire
Departed Members of St. Mary's Guild
Gertrude Kirk |
| Nov. 14 | Pentecost XXIV | Margaret C. Larsen
Kimball R. F. O'Hara |
| Nov. 21 | CHRIST THE KING | Matthew & Elsie Farley
The Rev. David L. Taylor |
| Dec. 8 | CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | Departed Trustees of this Parish |
| Dec. 12 | Advent III | Isabelle Wells
Elizabeth G. Hartnagel
Beatrice Showell
Timothy Dlugos |
| Dec. 25 | THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST | Thomas McKee Brown Priest
Founder and First Rector of this Parish |
| Dec. 26 | CHRISTMAS I | Frederick D. Blackshire |

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CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday, December 8th

ORGAN RECITAL 5:30 PM

David Chalmers, Artist in Residence
Community of Jesus, Orleans, MA



PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS 6:00 PM

Sermon: Brother Clark Berge, SSF

Mass in A, Op. 12 *César Franck*
(Soloists, Choir, Harp and Cello)

Motet: Ave Maria, Op. 37, No. 6

Serge Rachmoninoff

CONCERTS AT ST. MARY'S Presents

THE VIRGIN CONSORT Kyler Brown, director

EMMA KIRKBY, soprano (first and only New York *Messiah* performance); KAREN CLARK YOUNG, alto; TIMOTHY LEIGH EVANS, tenor; MICHAEL DEAN, bass-baritone

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Friday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 12, 1993, 7:30 PM

Tickets; \$25 and \$20

For information & ticket reservations call (212) 921-2939

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Friday, December 24th

9:30 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

John Sherer, Associate Organist
Church of St. Mary the Virgin

10:00 P.M. PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS

Sermon: Fr. Edgar F. Wells

Messe de Minuet pour Noël (Midnight Mass)
Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Motet: Hodie Christus natus est *Francis Poulenc*
Motet: En natus est Emanuel *Michael Praetorius*
Motet: A spotless rose *Herbert Howells*

Saturday, December 25th

SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY
AND PROCESSION, 11:00 A. M.

Sermon: Fr. Allan Jackson

LOW MASSES: 9:00 AND 10:00 A. M.
(No Afternoon Mass)

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

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|----|----|--|---------------|
| 1 | M | ALL SAINTS DAY
<i>Procession & Solemn Mass, 6 PM</i>
<i>Preacher: Father Wells</i> | |
| 2 | Tu | COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED
<i>Solemn Requiem, 6 PM</i>
<i>Preacher: Father Jackson</i> | |
| 3 | W | Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600 | |
| 4 | Th | Charles Borromeo, Archbishop of Milan, 1584 | |
| 5 | F | <i>Proper 26</i> | Abstinence |
| 6 | Sa | <i>Parish Requiem - (A-M from last names on All Souls Day list)</i> | |
| 7 | Su | THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | |
| 8 | M | Saints and Martyrs of the Anglican Communion | |
| 9 | Tu | <i>Monthly Requiem</i> | |
| 10 | W | Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461 | |
| 11 | Th | Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397 | |
| 12 | F | Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836 | Abstinence |
| 13 | Sa | Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin, 1917 | |
| 14 | Su | THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | |
| 15 | M | Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor, 1280 | |
| 16 | Tu | Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093 | |
| 17 | W | Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200 | |
| 18 | Th | Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680 | |
| 19 | F | Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231 | Abstinence |
| 20 | Sa | Edmond, King of East Anglia, and Martyr, 870 | |
| 21 | Su | THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
<i>Procession & Solemn Mass, 11 AM</i>
<i>Preacher: The Rev. Alvin V. Hart</i> | |
| 22 | M | Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c. 230 | |
| 23 | Tu | Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100 | |
| 24 | W | James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935
<i>Masses of Thanksgiving Day, 12:15 and 6 PM</i>
<i>Preacher: Father Wells</i> | |
| 25 | Th | THANKSGIVING DAY
<i>Low Mass, 10 AM</i> | |
| 26 | F | | No Abstinence |
| 27 | Sa | <i>Parish Requiem (N-Z from last names on All Souls Day list)</i> | |
| 28 | Su | THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | |
| 29 | M | | |
| 30 | Tu | SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE | |

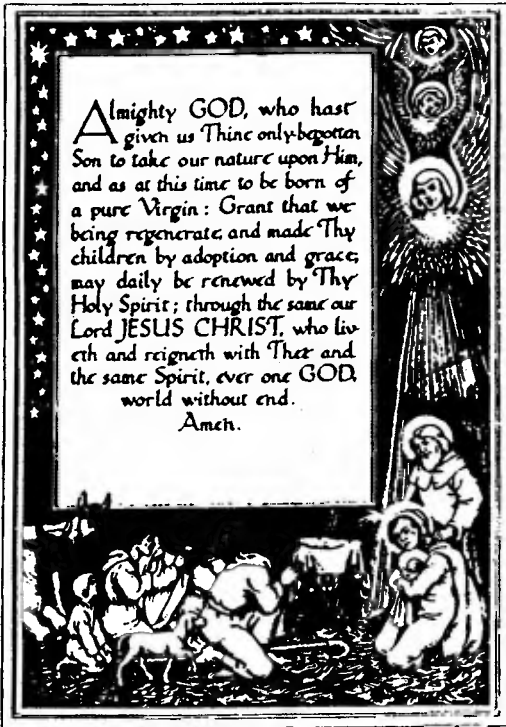
CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

1	W	Advent Weekday, comm. Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637	
2	Th	Advent Weekday, comm. Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910	
3	F	Francis Xavier, Priest, Missionary to Japan, 1552	<i>Abstinence</i>
4	Sa	John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760 <i>Advent Quiet Day with Brother Clark Berge, SSF</i>	
5	Su	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
6	M	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.342	
7	Tu	Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397	
8	W	THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Procession and Solemn Mass, 6 PM</i> <i>Preacher: Brother Clark Berge, SSF</i>	
9	Th	Thursday of Advent II	
10	F	Friday of Advent II	<i>Abstinence</i>
11	Sa	Our Lady of Guadalupe	
12	Su	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
13	M	Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, 304	
14	Tu	John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor, 1591	
15	W	EMBER DAY	
16	Th	Thursday of Advent III (<i>O Sapientia</i>)	
17	F	EMBER DAY (<i>O Adonai</i>)	<i>Abstinence</i>
18	Sa	EMBER DAY (<i>O Radix Jesse</i>)	
19	Su	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (<i>O Clavis David</i>)	
20	M	Monday of Advent IV (<i>O Oriens</i>)	
21	Tu	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE (<i>O Rex Gentium</i>)	
22	W	Wednesday of Advent IV (<i>O Emmanuel</i>)	
23	Th	Thursday of Advent IV (<i>O Virgo Virginum</i>)	
24	F	Vigil <i>Procession and Solemn Mass of Christmas, 10 PM</i> <i>Preacher: Father Wells</i> <i>Abstinence until the first Mass of Christmas</i>	
25	Sa	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST <i>Mass of Christmas Day, 9 & 10 AM</i> <i>Solemn Mass of Christmas Day & Procession, 11 AM</i> <i>Preacher: Father Jackson</i>	
26	Su	THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	
27	M	SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR (<i>Transferred</i>)	
28	Tu	SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (<i>Transferred</i>)	
29	W	THE HOLY INNOCENTS (<i>Transferred</i>)	
30	Th	comm. Josephine Butler, 1906	
31	F	Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 335	<i>No Abstinence</i>

PREACHERS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

November 1	ALL SAINTS DAY - 6 PM	Father Wells
November 2	COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED - 6 PM	Father Jackson
November 7	Pentecost XX111	The Rev. R. Rodney Kirk
November 14	Pentecost XXIV	Father Wells
November 21	THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING	The Rev. Alvin V. Hart
November 24	Thanksgiving Day	12:15 PM 6:00 PM Father Wells Father Wells
November 28	Advent I	Father Carlson
December 5	Advent II	Father Wells
December 8	CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 6 PM	Brother Clark Berge, SSF
December 12	Advent III	The Rt. Rev. Sir Paul Reeves
December 19	Advent IV	Father Carlson
December 24	CHRISTMAS EVE - 10 PM	Father Wells
December 25	CHRISTMAS DAY - 11 AM	Father Jackson

TO OUR PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS
with best wishes for a
HOLY and BLESSED CHRISTMAS



from the
Clergy and Staff of St. Mary's

LAY MINISTRIES AT ST. MARY'S

SAINT MARY'S GUILD

Sacred vessels and vestments are cared for by men and women working together on assigned weekends each month, and at other specified times. Of special importance is the restoration of older vestments in the parish. To volunteer, please contact one of the clergy.

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 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.

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 morning 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 LAURENCE GUILD

Hosts and Hostesses in charge of refreshments after Solemn Mass on Sundays and Feast days, and at special parish meals.

SAINT MARGARET'S GUILD

A guild devoted to prayer and study, focusing on issues within the Church, with a particular concern for those involving women. Interested women should contact Vera Guarino at (718) 335-5084.

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Sunday: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

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