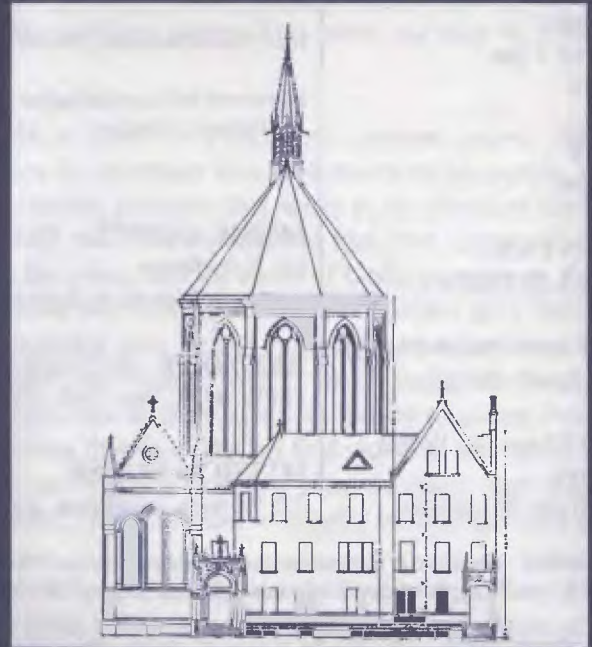


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My dear People,

It has not always been easy but this summer I have kept a promise I made last spring: I would not, I said, complain once about the heat this year, after the eighteen storms that came our way in New York last winter.

And of course mine was a very small promise indeed. Of far greater importance are the promises that God makes to his people, promises of care and protection, promises that speak to us always of God's unfailing love. Certainly we have experienced that love again and again in St. Mary's over the years, and the sense of God's presence in this church is palpable to those who enter it. One of our loveliest gifts this summer has been the unexpected visit here in July of our new Assistant Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Egbert Don Taylor. Bishop Taylor had a free Sunday, he asked if he could come, and he gave us special joy by presiding from the throne at our High Mass that day. But his first words as he entered the Church, and as one of our Trustees welcomed him, are what I want to tell you here. "How wonderful," he said, "how wonderful to be in this holy place".

Certainly what you and I know is that living in holy places is not always as exalting as it may seem. Sometimes as I glance at our ceiling during High Mass I'm far more aware of peeling paint than I am of the otherness of God. And in a more serious vein, whenever holiness is apparent, our awareness of evil, and the reality of sin, seem far more powerful than at other times.

Now let me share with you some of the other highlights of these past

few months. If Bishop Taylor's visit was a delightful surprise, no less so was the presence of the Bishop of New York in this Church on August 15th. I really wasn't at all sure that Bishop Grein would be in New York in mid-August, never mind be available to us for our Assumption festival, but both situations turned out to be the case and our Bishop came to us on August 15th, he celebrated a pontifical Mass in our midst, and simply delighted us by the gracious manner by which he entered into and shared our life. Our preacher at the feast was the Venerable Robert N. Willing, a classmate of mine at seminary and an old and valued friend, who since 1970 has served brilliantly as Archdeacon of New York, and who will be moving on to other work this fall. Bishop Grein, Archdeacon Willing, and I are all graduates of Nashotah House, as indeed is Fr. Robert Stafford who shares our living accommodations in the rectory. It gave me pride on the Feast of the Assumption to realize that all four of us had been in that seminary during one of the more exciting periods of its existence.

And of course other aspects of life have not ceased at St. Mary's during the summer months. Final work on our roofs is nearly completed, and with that in sight the exterior "envelope" of our buildings will have been restored and sealed. Organ restoration has taken much longer than we expected, and it was only on the Feast of the Assumption that a major part of the instrument was heard once again. Unfortunately also, a major expenditure of money was required over and above our original estimates, and I have appealed to Friends and Parishioners for additional help in defraying this cost.

Beyond this, we were saddened in July to lose Fr. Allan Jackson and his wife, Thea Hunter as they moved on from St. Mary's to the Wooster School in Danbury, Ct., where Fr. Allan is the new school Chaplain. Replacing him here is Father Jeffrey Hamblin, a priest of the Diocese of Northern Indiana, and for the next four years a physician at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, where he is doing a residency in psychiatry.

And a further sadness was ours in August with the news that Barbara Scott, the wife of Fr. John Scott, had died suddenly on August 1st at their summer home in Maine. Fr. John, Barbara, and their sons, had been at St. Mary's for ten wonderful years during the 1970's and 80's, and Fr. Scott gave our parish the gifts of a skilled and compassionate pastor after Fr. Garfield's resignation, and during the first part of my own ministry

here. They were beloved by us all. A requiem for Barbara was offered here on August 10th.

But I want of course to close this letter on a note of optimism and joy. Our Feast of Dedication takes place this year on October 1st and 2nd, and our stated preacher at that Sunday's Mass, and our speaker at that Saturday evening's Parish Dinner, will be Brother Martin Smith, the Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist (formerly known as the "Cowley Fathers") in Cambridge, Ma. Brother Martin comes to us as a spiritual leader of wide note throughout the Church, and as a participant in the work of Catholic Renewal in the life of the Church. I look forward to seeing you all October 1st and 2nd this fall.

With prayers and affection,

Edgar Wells

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experience. A storm takes place at night, and night is a time of fear for many people. St. Mark tells us that the disciples cried out when they saw Jesus walking on the sea, that they thought he was a ghost, and that they were terrified. Think of the moments of terror in your own life. Think of those times when you couldn't cope, when it seemed as if there was no hope, there was no escape, and then suddenly you knew that things would be all right. That is the experience of the disciples in today's gospel. Our Lord's words to them reach across the centuries and touch each one of us in the context of our fears and anxieties. "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

As you can see, I have been doing a lot of thinking during the past few days about the role that change and fear play in our lives. In terms of the pastoral relationship that our Sisters in Peekskill will have with a new Provincial Chaplain there is a certain amount of uncertainty, and in a couple of cases there may be genuine fear. In one sense, by leaving them I have placed them at risk, and in another sense my own life has been put at risk as well. The prayers of that Community and their common life have been an anchor for me over a long period of time. But what is inherent in any relationship is that what is begun will one day have an end. A very wonderful priest friend of mine who is also a psycho-therapist has written that by the very act of loving another person, and risking involvement with them, the pain of future separation is already sown. And what holds true in the relationships of individual persons holds true as well for a priest with his parish and, as with our Sisters, for a religious Community with their chaplain. At the heart of all fear there is a failure of trust, and where there is no trust we find ourselves condemned to be alone. With those disciples in that boat this morning you and I are called to place our trust in the Son of God. With them we must hear Jesus telling us to take heart, to know that he is with us, and to realize that we have no cause to be afraid. The fruits of trust are maturity and responsibility, and it is for a mature life, and a responsible life, that each one of us must work and pray if fear and anxiety are to be left behind us. St. Paul describes it as mature manhood, as the maturity of being fully human, if you prefer it that way, and he tells us this morning that we are called to "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." The alternative, he says, is to continue to be children, "to be tossed to and fro and carried about" by every influence the world presents us with, and by every inclination to which we are prone.

I would like to end this sermon by asking your prayers this morning for our wonderful Sisters at Peekskill. I would like you to pray also for me, and for the other clergy who serve us here. And I would hope that we would all pray for one another, and for this parish, that in this place we may give to the world a sense of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Amen.

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Father Wells preached this sermon on Pentecost 9, Sunday, July 24, 1994.

"Take heart, it is I; have no fear." - words of Jesus to his disciples from today's gospel: the 6th chapter of St. Mark, verse 51.

+ IN NOMINE +

This past week I reached something of a milestone in the ministry that has been mine since I returned to New York fifteen years ago. During all of that time, of course, I have been rector of this parish. But for more than fourteen of those years I have also been Provincial Chaplain to the Sisters of St. Mary at Peekskill. As some of you know, the Community of St. Mary was the first religious order for women to be established in the American Church over a century ago, and for many years it was the largest and possibly the most highly respected of the women's orders in our Church. The Sisters of St. Mary existed for many years in three major locations in the United States, in each of which they maintained a private school for girls that was of the highest calibre, and in addition they ran a fine school at Sagada in the Philippines, and were responsible for the founding of a religious order for women in the Philippine Episcopal Church which is still flourishing, and which is known as the Community of St. Mary the Virgin. In recent years the three provinces of the Community of St. Mary in this country have become independent of one another, and the Eastern Province, the one at Peekskill, is the one that has preserved the most traditional aspects of the monastic life: the wearing of the monastic habit, the disciplined recitation of the full schedule of the daily Offices, and an active retreat ministry in which many of us in this parish have shared, and also an altar bread department that keeps many parishes, including this one, supplied with altar breads during the course of the year. And of course they also run St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Bayside, L.I. For those of you who have been in Peekskill, the Benedictine care with which the Sisters maintain the Divine Office, and the dignified manner in which they faithfully use the contemporary settings of our present Prayer Book, and therefore of the Psalter, are sources of real inspiration where our own worship is concerned.

What I must say in regard to all of this is that in many ways the

witness of those Sisters at Peekskill, and the calm, solid, example of their community life, has been one of the main sources of stability in my own life here. Perhaps some of you here this morning will understand what I'm about to say, and certainly others among you can sense it, but the Church of St. Mary the Virgin is not your everyday ordinary kind of parish. It is flamboyant, it is eclectic, it appeals at some levels to the emotional extremes of our nature, and it has the capacity both to raise us to heights of spiritual exaltation in our worship, and at the same time to exacerbate the most picayune and uninviting aspects of our personalities. For more than fourteen years the Sisters at Peekskill have helped me maintain my balance where this parish is concerned, and this past Thursday marked the end of the formal relationship that I have had with them over these many years. As I celebrated Mass for them this past Friday morning, and we were keeping together the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, I mentioned in my short homily that the truth that binds us all to St. Mary Magdalene, the truth that has bound me to the Sisters over these many years, and the truth that binds me to this parish in the middle of Times Square, and to each one of you, is the desire that we all share for the presence and comfort of God in our lives. "Even as the deer longs for the water brook," the psalmist says, "so longs my soul for you, O God." Those words from Psalm 42 constituted the response to the readings on the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. They remind us that religion in the first place does not have to do with doctrine and creeds but rather with spirituality. When I was a young priest I thought it was the other way around. What I find as I grow older is that spirituality is at the heart of it all.

And it is because of the importance of spirituality that I have prefaced my remarks this morning with this long saga about my relationship with our Sisters at Peekskill. Naturally I shall be returning to their convent in the future for short visits and even for an occasional Quiet Day or Retreat, but what I discovered as my time as their chaplain was coming to an end was that some of the Sisters were themselves a bit uneasy about what might lie ahead where a future chaplain was concerned. A few of them have asked me why I was leaving, since the choice to leave had been mine and not theirs. What I tried to tell them was that though relationships change real love doesn't cease, and that my prayers for them and their prayers for me and for this parish were at the heart of what would continue in the future. For myself I knew that my time as their chaplain was up. It was time to go on. It was time to live my life in a new way, not abrogating what had been good and true in the past, but moving on

into whatever new dimension of life God intends for me. And of course there is both risk and fear where a change of this kind is concerned. Risk, because the Sisters must now reach out for a new chaplain, a new confidant, and in some cases a new confessor. Fear, because at the moment they do not know what a new chaplain will bring to them. Perhaps there is risk for me as well, because the solidity of their life, and of my relationship with them, is now drastically altered. And perhaps some fear also, because whether I like it or not the same kind of separation will inevitably occur between me and this parish, and therefore between me and all of you, before too many more years have elapsed. Each one of us fears change, don't we, and yet change is at the very heart of what it means to live in our world today. We know it cannot be avoided, we know we must risk it, and our choice is the choice of resisting it as long as possible, and of fighting it every inch of the way, and on the other hand of accepting it, and of preparing for it, and of living with it, in as intelligent a manner as we can.

Now it is about our longing for God, our fear of change, and above all our fear of being alone that our proper concerns are concerned this morning. It is exactly where we find the prophet Elijah, and his young protege, Elisha, as the Old Testament is read to us today. Elijah's earthly life is about to end, and today's reading contains that marvelous description of his being taken by a whirlwind into heaven. But he can't let go. He reminds me of a former curate here who said once that he was so wedded to life in New York City that he would have to be pried out of this parish in order to work anywhere else. And he is now in another place, and his ministry there is superb. In Elijah's case there is no further work for him to do. But he is uneasy about his young successor, and he resents Elisha's constant presence on his coattails. It is stifling for him. And so three times he tells Elisha to wait for him while he goes, first to Bethel, then to Jericho, and finally across the Jordan. And each time his young apprentice refuses to be left behind. "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." What does it all mean? To some extent, I think, it means that Elijah is afraid of what lies ahead. He can't let go. For the moment all he wants is that this young man get out of his way. And for his part, Elisha senses that his mentor doesn't trust him, and his own fears for himself are that he will not be able to fill the older man's shoes. In his own way he fears that he will not measure up. Let me simply say that I can understand that. It is the way I felt when I first came here as your rector. What we see this morning is that Elisha is overcome

by his own sense of imperfection. And so, just to make sure, he asks Elijah for a double portion of his spirit. The implication is clear: he is going to have to be twice as good as his teacher just in order to survive. By the end of today's lesson we find Elisha on his own. Elijah has gone home to God in a whirlwind. He has literally been assumed into heaven. And so, to test his newfound strength, Elisha takes Elijah's mantle that has been left to him, and with it he strikes the surface of the River Jordan, and we read that the water is "parted to the one side and to the other." Finally Elisha has grown up. It is the Red Sea experience of his life. Finally adult responsibility has become his own. Our lesson ends this morning as the other prophets bow to the ground before him, and as we hear them say, "the spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." An old prophet has finished his course. A new prophet has been born.

Look with me again, if you will, at the deeper meaning of our proper concerns this morning. I'm sure they apply to your lives. I know they apply to mine. If you are a young person moving ahead in your own chosen vocation you will surely sense some similarities between your life and that of Elisha. Every one of you looks forward to the time when you will occupy the place for which you feel yourself best suited. And you want it, and you will work for it. But probably the truth also is that somewhere within you there lurks the fear that you will not measure up, that somehow or other you will not make the mark. And for those of us who are older, and for people like me for whom there is probably less time ahead for our own work than the time already behind us, for people like myself our particular fear will be the fear of Elijah this morning. At what point do I finally let go? At what point do I move into the next phase of my life? And if I am at the end of my course, at what point do I accept that fact, and at what point do I prepare to turn the ending of my life over to God?

And of courses the answer the Church gives to all of this is very simply the good news of the gospel. And the gospel this morning tells us once again of Our Lord being with his disciples on the sea, and in today's episode St. Mark tells us of how Jesus walked on the sea towards a boat in which his disciples were floundering, and of how he calmed the wind and the storm. Chronologically today's incident takes place just after the Feeding of the 5,000, about which we read last week. Once again the disciples have entirely missed the point and Mark tells us that they did not understand about the loaves because "their hearts were hardened." Today's gospel account records a terrifying moment in those disciples'

FEAST OF DEDICATION

October 1st and 2nd

Saturday, October 1, 5 PM

Evensong & Benediction, followed by a parish supper and talk*

Sunday, October 2, 11 AM

Procession & Solemn Mass with sermon*

MUSIC

Mass: Missa brevis *Jackson Hill*

Motet: My spirit sang all day *Gerald Finzi*
Full Choir

*BROTHER MARTIN SMITH, Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, Ma., will speak to us at our parish dinner, and will preach at our Dedication Mass on Sunday. His theme will be: LIVING THE CATHOLIC MYSTERY IN THE SECOND CENTURY OF THIS CHURCH'S DEDICATION. Formerly known as the Cowley Fathers after the community outside of Oxford where they were founded, the members of SSJE are all known as "Brother" today, whether they are priests or laymen. Brother Martin, who entered the religious life in Cowley's English congregation, is one of the truly gifted preachers of our Church today. Mark your date books now, and make it your intention to be with us on October 1st and 2nd.

PREACHER for DEDICATION

The two most recent Superiors of SSJE appear in this photograph. Brother Martin Smith is our Dedication preacher this October. Brother Tom Shaw, his predecessor, was elected Bishop of Massachusetts last spring.



Tom Shaw, SSJE and Martin Smith, SSJE

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CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER

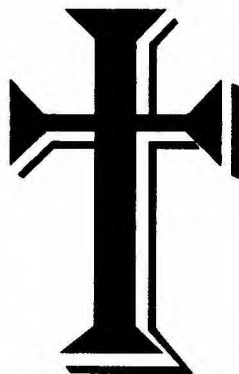
- 1 Th Giles, Abbot in Provence, c.708 (comm. David Pendleton Okerhater, Deacon, Missionary to the Cheyenne, 1931)
- 2 F The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942 *Abstinence*
- 3 Sa *Of Our Lady*
- 4 Su THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Preacher: Father Carlson
Altar flowers: Ruth M. Hinckley
- 5 M LABOR DAY (12:15 Mass only)
- 6 Tu *Requiem*
- 7 W
- 8 Th NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- 9 F The Martyrs of Memphis, 1878 (Constance, Nun, and her Companions) *Abstinence*
- 10 Sa *Of Our Lady*
- 11 Su THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Preacher: Father Carlson
- 12 M John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830
- 13 Tu Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258
- 14 W HOLY CROSS DAY
- 15 Th Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16 F Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430 *Abstinence*
- 17 Sa Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor
- 18 Su THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Preacher: Father Carlson
Altar flowers: Elwood and Gladys Morton
- 19 M Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
- 20 Tu John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871
- 21 W SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (EMBER DAY)
- 22 Th
- 23 F EMBER DAY *Abstinence*
- 24 Sa EMBER DAY
- 25 Su THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Preacher: Father Carlson
- 26 M Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
- 27 Tu Vincent de Paul, Priest, 1660
- 28 W Wenceslaus, Martyr, 929
- 29 Th SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
- 30 F Jerome, Priest and Monk of Bethlehem, 420 *Abstinence*

CALENDAR for OCTOBER

- 1 Sa Eve of the Feast of Dedication 5 PM,
Evensong of the Feast of Dedication, Benediction, & Parish Dinner.
Speaker: Brother Martin Smith, Superior
Society of St. John the Evangelist
- 2 Su THE FEAST OF DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH
11 AM, Procession and Solemn Mass
Speaker: Brother Martin, Smith, SSJE
Mass: Missa brevis *Jackson Hill*
Motet: My spirit sang all day *Gerald Finzi*
Altar flowers: Departed Rectors of St. Mary's
- 3 M Theresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin
- 4 Tu Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226
- 5 W
- 6 Th Bruno, Abbot, 1101 (comm. William Tyndale, Priest, 1536)
- 7 F Our Lady of the Rosary *Abstinence*
- 8 Sa *Of Our Lady*
- 9 Su THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Preacher: Father Wells
Mass: Missa tertii toni *Costanzo Porta*
Motet: Tu solus qui facis mirabilia *Josquin Despres*
Altar flowers: Jehri Terrell
- 10 M Paulinus, Archbishop of York, 644 (Columbus Day: 12:15 Mass only)
- 11 Tu *Requiem*
- 12 W Wilfrid, Archbishop of York, 709
- 13 Th Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066
- 14 F Samuel Issac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop of Shanghai, 1906 *Abstinence*
- 15 Sa Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor
- 16 Su THE TWENTIETH-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Preacher: Father Wells
Mass: Missa brevis *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
Motet: If ye love me *Thomas Tallis*
Altar flowers: Wanda Cramer
- 17 M Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, and Martyr. C. 115
- 18 Tu SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
- 19 W Issac Jogues & John de Brebeuf, Priests & Martyrs, and Companions, Martyrs (comm. Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary to India and Persia, 1812)

CALENDAR for OCTOBER continued

20 Th	
21 F	<i>Requiem</i>
22 Sa	<i>Of Our Lady</i>
23 Su	THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Preacher: Father Wolsoncroft Mass: Missa Secunda <i>Hans Leo Hassler</i> Motet: Exsultate Deo <i>Hans Leo Hassler</i> Altar flowers: Dr. A. Louise Brush
24 M	SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM (transferred)
25 Tu	
26 W	Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899
27 Th	
28 F	SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE, APOSTLES <i>Abstinence</i>
29 Sa	James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885
30 Su	THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Preacher: Father Wells Mass: Missa quarti toni <i>Tomás Luis de Victoria</i> Motet: Bendic anima mea <i>Claudin de Sermisy</i>
31 M	



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FALL 1994 THROUGH SUMMER 1995

- September 2 - 6, 1994** LABOR DAY RETREAT *WAITING LIST ONLY*
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- October 14 - 16, 1994** EARLY FALL RETREAT
CONDUCTOR: The Rev. Jack Haney, Christ Church, North Conway, New Hampshire
- November 4 - 6, 1994** LATE FALL RETREAT
CONDUCTOR: The Rev. K. Dennis Winslow, Jr., Church of the Atonement, Bronx, New York
- November 24, 1994** THANKSGIVING -- Guests are welcome for the holiday weekend.
- December 9 - 11, 1994** ADVENT RETREAT
CONDUCTOR: The Rev. Charles O. Moore, St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Guests are welcome during the CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR season.
- February 17 - 21, 1995** THREE DAY RETREAT -- Pre-Lent (Ends after Tuesday breakfast.)
CONDUCTOR: The Rev. David Brian Hoopes, O.H.C.
- March 10 - 12, 1995** LENTEN RETREAT
CONDUCTOR: The Rev. Richard Cornish Martin, St. Paul's Church, Washington, D.C.
- March 18, 1995 (Saturday)** LENTEN QUIET DAY
CONDUCTOR: A Sister of St. Mary. Offered primarily for members of neighboring parishes.
- April 9 - 16, 1995** HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
 Guests are welcome to share in the Holy Week liturgy and silence, and in the Easter celebration.
- May 12 - 14, 1995** SPRING RETREAT
CONDUCTOR: The Rev. Robert Sullivan, Church of St. John the Evangelist, Blackwood, New Jersey
- May 26 - 30, 1995** MEMORIAL DAY RETREAT
CONDUCTOR: The Rev. Canon Joel Gibson, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York
- September 1 - 5, 1995** LABOR DAY RETREAT *Early registration advisable*
CONDUCTOR: The Very Rev. Robert V. Wilshire, Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, New York

SCHEDULE

Ordinarily retreat weekends begin with 7:00 p.m. dinner on Friday at St. Benedict's House, and end with the noon meal on Sunday. The house is always open for retreatants who wish to come early, or to stay through Sunday supper. (All meals except Friday night are at the Convent.)

The Labor Day and Memorial Day retreats, which are primarily for Associates of the Community, begin with 6:00 p.m. dinner Friday at the Convent and end after breakfast on Tuesday.

Individual guests may be accommodated at almost any time, and groups on weekends not on this schedule.

RESERVATIONS AND COSTS

Please write or call the Guest Mistress at the Convent for further information or to make reservations.

The suggested donation is \$75 per person for a regular weekend retreat; \$85 - \$100 for a three-day weekend; \$35 per person for overnight with meals. We ask that a non-refundable registration fee of \$10 be sent in advance to confirm the reservation. The remainder of the donation will be part of the Sunday Mass Offertory on the retreat weekend.

TRANSPORTATION

Trains run regularly from Grand Central Station. Directions for travel by car will be sent on request.

LAY MINISTRIES AT ST. MARY'S

THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

One of the oldest devotional guilds of the Catholic Revival, our St. Mary's Ward was the first Ward established in the American Church. Dedicated to the centrality of the Eucharist and devotion to the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the Guild currently meets four times a year for the purposes of study, reflection, and adoration.

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. 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.

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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