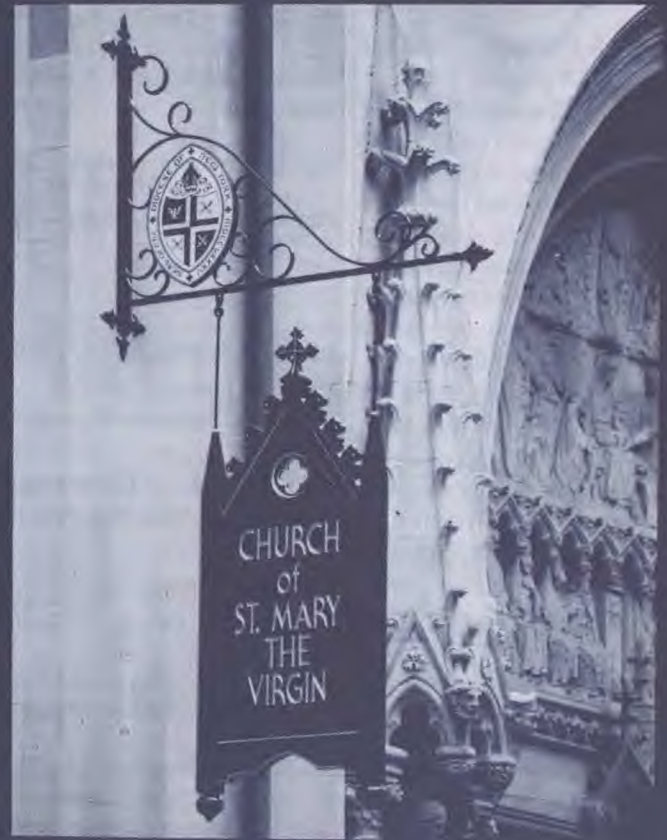


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Solemn Mass with Sermon: 11 am
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Evening Prayer: 4:45 pm

WEEKDAYS (Monday - Friday)

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Noonday Office: 12 noon

Mass: 12:15 pm

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Mass: 6:15 pm

SATURDAY

Mass: 12:15 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday:

11:30 - 12 noon (Parish Clergy)

4 - 5 pm (Parish Clergy)

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My dear People:

*Bishop Grein, members of the Convention:
It has been almost twenty years since
clergy of the Church of St. Mary the
Virgin, Manhattan, employed the floor
of this Convention as a means of
expressing their concern over major
issues facing the life of the Church;
and when they did so it was under the
banner of traditionalist opposition to
the presence of women in the priesthood
and episcopate. A great deal has changed
during the ensuing years, and many
Episcopalians who would describe
themselves as Anglo-Catholics have come
to accept and affirm the presence of
women in these ministries. On their
behalf I want this afternoon to express
great pleasure in the election of The
Reverend Catherine Roskam as Suffragan
Bishop of this diocese, and to assure
you, Bishop Grein, of our loyalty to,
and wholehearted support of, the Church's
mission in the Diocese of New York.*

As some of our readers will already know, the statement printed above was made by the rector of this parish at the 219th Convention of the Diocese of New York in the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine this past June 10th. The election of The Reverend Catherine Roskam to the episcopate is

noteworthy in two respects: 1) it is the first time that a woman has been elected to the episcopate in this diocese, and 2) it is the first time in the American Church that a suffragan bishop has been chosen with the expressed purpose of assuming a delegated jurisdiction for a geographical area within a diocese. Bishop-elect Roskam will be responsible for Region Two, the mid-Hudson region of our diocese, and her consecration will take place within approximately six months' time.

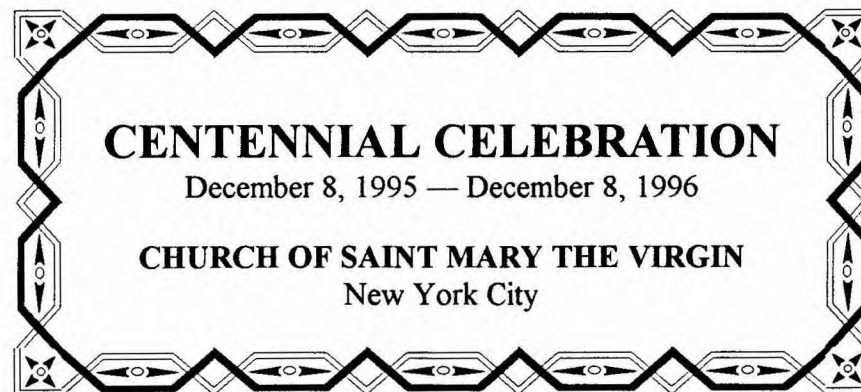
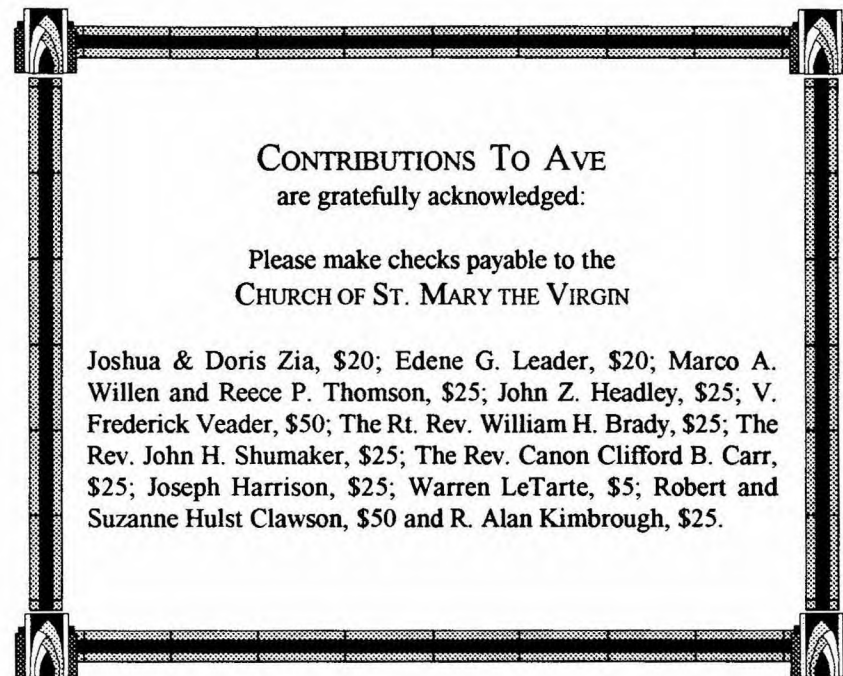
What of course this represents is a watershed for the Diocese of New York, but perhaps even more so, in terms of my own statement to our Convention, a watershed for the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Our hope, once our new suffragan has been consecrated, is to bring her here for one of our great feasts, and on that occasion she will be invited to be the chief celebrant at our liturgy, and to preach the Word of God in our midst. Nothing could be more appropriate, or a surer sign of the unity that all Episcopalians share at the eucharistic banquet. And for those Catholic Anglicans who indeed affirm the presence of women in the ministerial priesthood, the presence of our new suffragan bishop on these premises will be a further cause for joy. I must say, the spontaneous applause that erupted from our congregation on June 11th, when I told our people both of our new bishop's election and of my response to it, has done more than I could have imagined by way of underscoring this parish's present posture. At St. Mary's the Catholic religion is healthy and vibrant. We would not want it any other way.

And of course I must not end this letter without a reminder to us all of our centenary celebrations this fall. They are advertised elsewhere in this issue. You will not want to miss Father Victor Stock of St. Mary-Le-Bow in London when he comes to us in October, and December 8th (and the ensuing weekend) with Bishop Richard Holloway of Edinburgh are a must. I would only add that your reservations for our catered dinner on October 7th are already coming in. Space is limited, and we want you to join us.

I send you my affectionate good wishes in this year of great expectations where the life of St. Mary's is concerned.

Ever faithfully,

Edgar Wells



FEATURE ARTICLE

The following sermon was preached here on The Feast of the Ascension this year by The Rev. Canon James A. Winters, Rector-Emeritus of St. Barnabas Church, Ottawa, Canada.

+ In Nomine.

"The Head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow."

We are gathered here this evening for the celebration of our Blessed Lord's Ascension which has about it a very particular aura of regal majesty, calling us to reaffirm our loving commitment to Him who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

As we do so, we recognize afresh that this Feast is in practice a most regrettably neglected one when compared to that of His Resurrection with which it is intrinsically associated theologically and liturgically. Indeed, the Ascension fulfills the mystery of the Resurrection.

Utilizing the idea of the aura of majesty, let us think of the Resurrection as analogous to what is known as the accession of a monarch, the ceremony which signals the death of one monarch and the beginning of the reign of another, and which is heralded by the proclamation, "The King is dead. Long live the King!" Similarly, the Ascension can be compared to the rite of coronation, in and by which the new sovereign is consecrated and empowered to exercise his sovereignty, and then receives from his subjects their homage and pledge of loyalty and obedience.

In the gospel we are told that the disciples, after the Risen Lord had told them to stay in Jerusalem until they were empowered by the Holy Spirit, returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple praising God. Like them we are continually in church praising God. But they did not remain there, and neither can we!

St. Matthew's account of the Ascension and that found in the Book of Acts contain that salient dimension of the disciples' experience of the Ascension, namely the Lord's command to be his witnesses to the end of the earth, to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all that he had commanded them. And to equip them for this

apostolate, they will be baptized by the Holy Spirit and receive power to sustain them in living out that Apostolate. He will always be with them. To us who are baptized, who are empowered by His Holy Spirit and who are continually nourished in the Blessed Sacrament, our Lord from His heavenly throne issues that same command - to go forth, to reach out, to witness, to bring others to faith in Him. Because our spiritual forebears heeded and acted upon that awesome commission, you and I and this great parish are here today.

But what has happened to that evangelistic zeal which was such a glory of our Church in earlier times, but which in recent years has declined so markedly? Certainly in the Canadian Church one looks in vain for signs that the Church still officially espouses that concept of mission which from the time of the apostles involved and involves all its members in their being the human means by and through which ever more men, women and children are brought to faith in Christ and to sharing in the glorious Kingdom of His love and saving grace. All too often, I fear, financial constraints lead us to adopt a parochial stance of self-centered congregationalism. Then again, I fear that the dictates of secular pluralism and an ultra-liberal notion which under the guise of respecting human rights would have our holy faith seen as simply one of many paths to salvation, are endangering the integrity of the mission entrusted to us, to proclaim to all mankind that Jesus the Christ is alone the Saviour of the world.

The essence of this sacred trust is surely enshrined in the words 'catholic' and 'apostolic', two of the four so-called 'marks of the church', to which we pledge allegiance in the Nicene Creed. 'Catholic' as defined by St. Vincent of Lerins in the fifth century has to do with the faith that has been believed everywhere, always and by all. Semantically, the adjective 'apostolic' has to do with being sent out. An essential dimension of our identity as Christians is therefore that we are members of a divinely created and ordered community commissioned to be always reaching out to share our catholic faith with others. Well and succinctly has it been said that the church is the only organization that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not members of it!

In the light of this truism, St. Mary's involvement with SafeSpace is laudable. Situated as you are, so near to Times Square, the crossroads of the world, you are helping to minister to young street people from all over your own country. You are also supporting financially and by your prayers mission and outreach programs of your diocese and national church.

Some years ago, in preparation for the centenary of my home parish in Ottawa, the congregation joined me in praying to the Lord that he would enable us to bring someone from Africa to strengthen us in our faith. That prayer was

answered and we were inspired for over a year with the presence and ministry of first a bishop and then a priest from the church in Rwanda, with the result that St. Barnabas parish formed an on-going special relationship with them and their people.

At this midpoint in your own centennial celebration of your magnificent church edifice, when so much has been accomplished to restore and maintain it as the outward and visible sign of your leadership in witnessing to what constitutes an authentic expression of Anglican Catholicism in our time, and with a keen sense of the richness of the theological, spiritual and liturgical heritage that is yours from those who have gone before you in this parish in the past hundred years, how singularly appropriate and challenging are the words in the epistle, originally written to the Ephesians and now addressed to you. After giving thanks to God for you and affirming your faith and love, St. Paul prays that you will be given wisdom, that the eyes of your hearts may be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of your inheritance and the immeasurable greatness of his power.

The same power that raised Christ to his ascension is now at work in you as individuals and as a congregation, raising you to the heroic task of the contemporary apostolate.

And so, giving maximum support to existing parochial mission commitments, and praying for the gift from God of further outreach opportunities, go ye into Times Square, into your workplace and neighborhood and the world, and embody with renewed enthusiasm that baptismal oath of allegiance to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords wherein you committed yourselves to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ, to seek and serve him in all persons, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being - in short to live the good news we proclaim.

And lo, says Jesus, I am with you always. *Amen.*

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October 7th & 8th, 1995

OUR FEAST OF DEDICATION AND THE BLESSING OF OUR COMPLETED ORGAN

with preaching by

THE REVEREND VICTOR STOCK

Rector of the Church of St. Mary-Le-Bow, London

Saturday, October 7

- 5 PM **Blessing of the Organ, Solemn Evensong & Benediction, with Sermon by Fr. Stock**
6:30 PM **Champagne Reception & Catered Dinner in St. Joseph's Hall ***

Sunday, October 8

- 10:30 AM **Organ Recital**
11:00 AM **Procession & Solemn Mass, with Sermon by Fr. Stock**



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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday, August 15, 1995

PROCESSION OF THE IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Solemn Mass 6:00 PM

Sermon: The Rev. John Kevern

Music: Missa "Ave Maria"

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Motet: Ave Maria *Tomas Luis de Victoria*

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CALENDAR for JULY

1 Sa	THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	
2 Su	THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Preacher: Father Wells Altar Flowers: Mabel Freise	
3 M		
4 Tu	INDEPENDENCE DAY (one Mass at 12:15 only)	
5 W	Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, 1539	
6 Th	Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr	
7 F	Monthly Requiem	<i>Abstinence</i>
8 Sa	Of Our Lady	
9 Su	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Preacher: Father Hamblin Altar Flowers: Loretta Zito	
10 M		
11 Tu	Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Casino, C. 540	
12 W		
13 Th	Henry, Emperor, 1324	
14 F	Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor, 1274	<i>Abstinence</i>
15 Sa	Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, 862	
16 Su	THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Preacher: Fr. Wells Altar Flowers: Mildred & Lars Larsen & Gene Shelby William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836	
17 M		
18 Tu		
19 W		
20 Th	Margaret, Martyr at Antioch, 3rd c.	
21 F	Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor	<i>Abstinence</i>
22 Sa	SAINT MARY MAGDALENE	
23 Su	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Preacher: Fr. Carlson	
24 M	Thomas a Kempis, Priest, 1471	
25 Tu	SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE	
26 W	The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Joachim & Ann	
27 Th	William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909	
28 F		<i>Abstinence</i>
29 Sa	Mary and Martha of Bethany	
30 Su	THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Preacher: Fr. Hamblin	
31 M	Ignatius of Loyola, priest (com. Joseph of Arimathea)	

CALENDAR for AUGUST

1 Tu	Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor	
2 W	Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop	
3 Th	Monthly Requiem	
4 F	John Vianney, Priest, 1859	<i>Abstinence</i>
5 Sa	Dedication of Sr. Mary Major	
6 Su	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Preacher: Fr. Wells Altar Flowers: Catherine & Alfred Handy	
7 M	John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866	
8 Tu	Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221	
9 W	Blessed Edith Benedicta Stein, Religious & Martyr, 1942	
10 Th	Laurence, Deacon, and Martyr at Rome, 258	
11 F	Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253	<i>Abstinence</i>
12 Sa	of Our Lady	
13 Su	THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Preacher: Fr. Hamblin Altar Flowers: Edgar & Isabelle Wells Toyoko Anne Morton, Junko Hashimoto	
14 M	Maximillian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, 1941 Jonathan Myrick Daniels, 1965	
15 Tu	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Procession of the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham & Solemn Mass, 6 pm Preacher: The Rev. John Kevern Altar Flowers: Russell H. Bagley, Sr., Eleanor Bagley, Doris Marie Bagley Schmidt, O. David Bagley and Lorraine Peterson	
16 W	Stephen of Hungary, King, 1038	
17 Th		
18 F	William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918	<i>Abstinence</i>
19 Sa	of Our Lady	
20 Su	THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Preacher: Fr. Carlson	
21 M		
22 Tu	Queenship of Mary	
23 W	Rose of Lima, Virgin, 1617	
24 Th	SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE	
25 F	Louis, King of France, 1270	<i>Abstinence</i>
26 Sa	of Our Lady	
27 Su	THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Preacher: Fr. Hamblin Altar Flowers: Thomas Lee Brown, priest Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and doctor, 430	
28 M		
29 Tu	THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, Martyr	
30 W	Charles Chapman Grafton, Bishop, 1912	
31 Th	Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 651	

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