

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue on in Lent we are called to confront how we respond to our encounters with Christ. Peter, James and John did not understand what Christ had to go through. We can try to question the crucifixion and if it truly was necessary like the disciples did. Many want to take away the centrality of the Cross in the life of a Christian, but that results in a false reality. As has often been said, “You can’t have your cake and eat it too.” If we desire eternal life, we must face the crosses in our own life and be transformed by Our Lord’s Sacrifice. Otherwise we will not make it to our goal.

Hopefully our faith spurs in each of us a desire to share the truth of Our Lord and His eternal sacrifice of love. One can not help but notice the ever more violent times in which we live. A question we might ask ourselves is, “What can I do about it.” A practice that we have started back again after daily mass is the recitation of the Leonine prayers. The Leonine prayers were started by Pope Leo XIII in 1884. After every low Mass, the priest and people would pray them together. The intention for the prayers have changed over time. I propose to you that our intention in our day and age could be for the conversion of extremist Muslims throughout the world, that is my intention at least. The prayers are as follows:

Leonine Prayers

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. (Said 3 times)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and our strength, look down with mercy upon the people who cry to Thee; and by the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of Saint Joseph her spouse, of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, in Thy mercy and goodness hear our prayers for the conversion of sinners, and for the liberty and exaltation of the Holy Mother the Church. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us.

May your Lent continue to be a worthy time of prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Newcomb

Liturgical Ministers for March 7/8, 2015

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	M. VAN STARREX	N. SMITH, J. SNELLINGER, A. WITKOWSKI	V. WITKOWSKI, E. WITKOWSKI, B. BIRKENSTOCK
8:30AM	T. ROMBOUSEK	W. CARMODY, J. HENDRICK, S. RIORDAN	T. LAMOREAUX, J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO
11:30AM	D. COTUGNO	B. DENNINGTON, D. KAVANAGH, J. SENKIEW	K. EPPS, A. COLLADO, R. COLLADO

The Ladies Social and Activity Group will meet this Monday, March 2nd from 5:30pm to 8pm.

G.E.M.S. (God's Extraordinary Middle Schoolers) will meet this Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30pm in the church hall.

Calling all drivers! If you are 9 to 18 years old and would like to drive St. Mary's Super stock car, please call the parish office. A name will be picked by March 5th. This year's Soap Box Derby is on Sunday, June 14th.

The Cat in the Hat is returning to Port Jervis Saturday March 7 for the Sixth Annual **Breakfast Buffet with the Cat in the Hat** at the Erie Trackside Manor. All proceeds will benefit St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center in Port Jervis. The cost to attend is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. There will be two seatings – 8:30am and 10:00am. We strongly encourage you to make reservations. Tables will be assigned, so please let us know if there is another family you would like to sit with. For more information or to make reservations, please email Maureen at littlelambsalumni@gmail.com.

Court Madonna #114 (Catholic Daughters of the Americas) March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm in the church hall.

F.A.I.T.H. will be having a planning meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at 6pm in the Little Lambs building.

St. Joseph's Table (our soup kitchen) will be serving those in need of a warm meal on Friday, March 13 from 5-7pm. If you're interested in volunteering please call the parish office.

St. Joseph the Worker Co. 471 is having a St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Dance Saturday, March 14th from 5pm to 9pm. The Shallow's Oldies Band will be playing. \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at R.C. Lain Insurance Company M-F 8am-4pm.

Holy Cross Church in South Centerville is having a dinner in honor of St. Joseph on Sunday, March 15th. Cost is \$15 for adults \$10 for children and free for children 5 and under. Please call the parish office 355-4439.

Little Lambs Easter Pageant will be on Friday, March 27th at 10:30am. A simple Lenten reception of pretzels and juice will follow. All are invited.

Holy Name of Jesus in Otisville is having a St. Patrick's Dinner on March 22 from 3pm to 5pm. \$10 adults, \$5 for children, under 5 are FREE. Take out available. Advance tickets only. For more information contact the parish office 386-1320 or Lou Maurizzio 386-1095.

The collection for February 21/22 was \$4,852.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, March 2

9:00am Catherine and Jack Connelly, by Sheila Connelly Volker

Tuesday, March 3 (Katherine Drexel, virgin)

9:00am Josef Kucher, by Henry N. Werner
Patricia Soletro, by Catherine Westfall

Thursday, March 5

9:00am Trooper Joseph T. Aversa, by his mother

Friday, March 6 (World Day of Prayer)

9:00am Harrison Hinkley, by Richard and Barbara Drew
Justin R. Christian, by Joan Orr

Saturday, March 7

4:00pm the parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, March 8 (Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs)

8:30am Catherine Smith, by Mary Rimlinger

11:30am Joan Cangialosi, by Dan and Theresa

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Anna Onuschak, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Vada Glass, Amanda Evelech, Mike Castle, Mary Platania, Barbara Nachand, Andrew Witkowski, Maureen Hildebrandt, Anne Marie Rodriguez, Donald Wolff, Andrea Fedoruk, Linda Fontana, Mike Fuller, Sally Hanstine, Walter Szpakowicz, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, John McKean, Betty Corcoran, Agnes Murray, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeremiah Stasilli, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Rex Horan, Nicholas Marinaro III, William Quinn, John Kavanagh, Ed Eckes, Jose Maldonado, Joseph Michael Walsh, and Ralph E. Hessberger.

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him". Sometimes the stress of life makes it difficult to listen to your beloved spouse. A weekend away may allow you to see each other in a new way. For more information on Worldwide Marriage Encounter call 1-877-NYS-WWME extension 3.

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St. Thomas the Apostle will be hosting a "Water Your Marriage Day" on Sunday, March 8th from 9:30-2:30. Cost \$15 per couple. Please call 973-948-2296.