

*J.M.J.*

Dear Parishioners,

I have never been that much of a horticulturalist myself, but I do appreciate all of the work that goes into making the earth bear much fruit. As we continue on in this Season of Spring we can see the efforts of many, and the beauty of this earth. A garden does not just happen. The garden needs care, sunlight, and of course water, it also needs to be pruned. Pruning and weeding is not fun work, but they both are essential to having a garden fulfill its potential.

In the last few years, I have enjoyed learning about wine. When one stops to think of how much effort goes into create just one bottle of wine, it is amazing. Each bottle of wine tastes uniquely, and is effected by the year, the day, the hour and even the weather you open it. A wine maker has to take great interest in it to make it successfully. There are good years and bad years. The best wine years, though, are often the years when the grape has to struggle the most to stay on the vine. A dry summer with high and low temperature extremes often produces the best fruit, although the quantity of grapes is much less.

In our own lives we have good and bad years, like grapes. If we don't trim out the dead and bad wood in our lives, we can be doomed to depression and loss of faith. The difficult years in our lives can also be the best years, when we actually grow the most and mature. Do not succumb to despair and self loathing. We must cut out the things in our lives that take us away from our Lord, so that we can be His disciples. If we do the pruning and weeding out (with our Lord's guidance) of our lives well, we will produce a beautiful harvest for the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Newcomb



***There's Something About Mary***– Would you, your family and friends like to learn about Mary? Join us today May 3rd, from 1:30 to 3pm in the church hall. Together, let us learn about Mary, as the mother of God, as one of the greatest saints and as a role model for all of us. We will learn together through a prayer service, fun hands-on group activities and a short skit.



**Bread For The World and Catholic Charities NY** would like to invite you to the Feed Our Children hunger awareness presentation in the church hall after every Mass the weekend of May 16th and 17th. Refreshments will be provided. For more information about the program visit [www.bread.org/OL](http://www.bread.org/OL).

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** is having a sausage and pepper, and meatball sandwich dinner on Saturday, May 16th from 3pm until 7:30pm. Take-out and sit-down available. Sausage and pepper \$7 and meatball sandwiches \$6. It will be held at their hall located at 21 First Street in Port Jervis.

**Tea Time is Spring Time– Court Madonna #114**, will be having their annual tea on Saturday, May 9th, from 12:30pm – 2:30pm in the church hall. Please RSVP by May 5th 856-2624. Ladies \$10/young ladies \$5.

**The Knights of Columbus Council #471** is hosting a Blood Drive in memory of Robert Worden on May 6th from 1pm—6pm at the Knights hall 63 Seward Avenue. Call 856-4084 for more information and to register.

They will also be selling carnation flowers for \$1 after Masses on Mother's Day.

**Just Energy** is an energy supply company that has been working with our Church. They are currently offering a \$25 cash bonus for new customers. If you would like to save money on your energy supply needs, please contact Miriam Stiefel 845-228-3401 or email [affinty@justenergy.com](mailto:affinty@justenergy.com). Mention St. Mary's Church.



Kids, get ready for another fun filled summer of "Sightseeing with Jesus!"

St. Mary's Little Lambs Summer Day Camp is for children ages 3 to 9. Daily activities include Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and water play. Camp will meet the weeks of June 22-26, June 29-July 2, July 13-17, and July 20-24. Register for one, some, or every week. Full and half day options available. For more information or to register call 858-2696 or email

[litteambs@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:litteambs@stmarysportjervis.com).



**Save the Date!** *Discovery Canyon Vacation Bible School* will run the week of July 6th through the 10th. We invite children ages 4 through 12 to *Explore the Wonders of the World*. For more information call the parish office at 856-8212 or email: [office@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:office@stmarysportjervis.com)

The Port Jervis and Milford Knights of Columbus Councils (#471 & #13935) are hosting their annual charity Golf Outing on Wednesday May 27, 2015 at the High Point Country Club in Montague, NJ. 11:00 AM registration, scramble format, lunch on the course, a buffet dinner to follow at the Erie Trackside Restaurant, raffles and prizes, cost is \$100 per golfer by May 15th. Please call Steve Riordan (845) 629-3642 or Tom Hogan (570) 296-7210.

The Parishes of the Pike County Deanery invite you to join us May 11th, 12 and 13th. All shows begin at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Church, 111 E. High Street, Milford, Pennsylvania. These programs are fitting for all ages and faith denominations and they are free and open to the public; however, donations are encouraged to offset the cost of these performances. Fellowship will follow after each performance in the Parish Hall, where Mr. Runyeon will be available to greet audience members and sign autographs. Videos of the play will be on sale. For more information contact St. Patrick's parish office 570-296-7451.

Would you like to learn more about St. Francis and grow in your relationship with Christ? Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappinger Falls, NY is hosting an information night on May 28th at 6pm. If you're over 18 and would like more information, call 564-4985.

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, May 4**  
9:00am Patricia Soletro, by Dorean and Jack Reilly  
Jean Schoonover, by Mary Ann Peters
- Tuesday, May 5**  
9:00am Josef Kucker, by Mary Ann and Chet Poch
- Wednesday, May 6**  
9:00am Josef Kucher, by John, Barbara, and Megan Heckman  
The Daly family, by the Daly family
- Thursday, May 7**  
9:00am Thomas La Grutta and Intentions of Fr. George La Grutta
- Saturday, May 9**  
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, May 10**  
8:30am All mothers, living and deceased  
11:30am All mothers, living and deceased

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Anna Onuschak, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Kelly Quick, Denise Paz, Sandy Osbourne, Jose Maldonado, Angela Grillo, Amanda Evelech, Anna Jenks, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Mike Fuller, Vada Glass, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Owen Brennan, Richard Samek, Agnes Murray, John McKean, Andrea Fedoruk, Betty Corcoran, Lisa Donahue, Charles Fitz-Randolph, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Angela Lilo, Ana-Lucia Stasilli, Jeremiah Stasilli, Radomski family, and the Hiegle family.

**Holy Cross** is sponsoring a *Fruit of the Vine Wine Tasting* fundraiser on Friday, May 15th from 7pm to 10pm. Tickets are \$20. For tickets and more information contact the rectory at 355-4439.

"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help your marriage/holy orders remain Christ centered and fruitful. For more information go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3.

The collection for April 25/26 was \$6,445.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Liturgical Ministers for May 9/10

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	M. VAN STARREX	K. FLYNN, J. FLYNN	J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO, B. BIRKENSTOCK
8:30AM	P. CAL	D. LIVINGSTON, A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI, R. BABEY	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	D. COTUGNO	T. MARION, J. SNELLINGER, B. DENNINGTON	J. EDWARDS, G. ROBERTSON, L. ROBERTSON