

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

The signposts Our Lord gives us have to be trusted. They are not restrictions imposed on mankind, they are not onerous burdens. They are a radiant source of light which illuminate the road, enabling us to see and to travel more easily. The person who tries to respond sincerely to the grace of God will discover true freedom by following Jesus. Saint John Paul II told us that on hearing His voice one sees, at last, one's way: the commandments then are not seen as an imposition from outside, but as a requirement that is born within, and to which, therefore, the Christian submits willingly, 'freely', because he knows that in this way he fulfills himself more fully. And we take the free decision through which we seek after good in our work, in honest recreation, in family life, in friendship, in all noble things (a decision that is often renewed, through which we adhere to Christ and thus achieve that fullness of being, to which we have been called.)

Each day we follow Christ we experience more strongly the joy of our choice and the broadening out of our freedom, at the same time as we see around us the slavery of those who at some stage turned their back on God or who didn't know Him. Saint John Paul II again reminds us: Slavery or divine sonship, this is the 'dilemma' we face. We can choose to be children of God or slaves of pride, to sensuality, to the fretful selfishness which seems to afflict so many souls.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life. Let us reaffirm today our following of Christ, with a lot of love, trusting in His merciful help; and with complete freedom we can tell Him: I put my freedom in your hands. Let us also imitate her who said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be in me according to your word.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

**All are invited to
St. Mary's Parish Picnic**

**Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 1:00pm
Sparrow Bush Engine Company
Main Street, Sparrow Bush**

**The parish will provide hamburgers and
hot dogs.**

**F.A.I.T.H. and S.M.A.R.T.
will host field games for the children.**

**Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages and a dish to share
(enough to serve 8-10 people):**

Last name A-G Appetizer or Snack

Last name H-P Dessert

Last name Q-Z Salad or Vegetable

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Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____
Children: _____

Bringing: _____

Telephone#: _____

Please return the reservation form to the parish office no later than **Monday, September 7th**



Sign-ups for the **40 Days for Life** will take place after all Masses the weekend of September 5th and 6th. For more information contact: Nancy Smith 856-4610.

St. James the Greater in Montague, NJ is looking for vendors for their flea market on Saturday, September 12th from 9am until 3pm. Outdoor spaces and a limited number of indoor spaces available. Indoor \$35 outdoor \$25. For more information or questions contact Betsy, evenings please, at 858-7892.



All children are welcome to join us for a Backpack Blessing on Sunday, September 13th at the 8:30am Mass. Moms and dads, please be sure your children bring their school backpack to church that day. During Mass, Fr.

Newcomb will give a special blessing and families will receive a backpack tag with a special verse, and 10 blessing cards to use throughout the school year. We hope you will join us as we send our children into a new school year, encouraged by God's word.

Save the Date— Annual antique appraisal day and holiday fall craft fair Saturday, October 17th at St. Mary's church hall. Doors open at 9am until 3pm. Appraisals will be from 10am until 1pm by Flannery's Auction and Estate Services and Sales. Donation is \$4 per item.

Raffles-Bakesale-Homemade Soups

Sponsored by Court Madonna #114 Catholic Daughters of the Americas to benefit their charitable works. For vendor spaces call:

Joyce Klimkiewicz 856-8875.

This year's annual **C.R.O.P.** walk will be Sunday, October 18th at 2pm. If you are interested in being a walker to help support our food pantry and other local food pantries, please call the parish office.

If you are in possession of a chapel key, and not able to visit our Chapel, please return it to the parish office.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, August 24 (Bartholomew, apostle)**
9:00am Rex Horan, by Catherine Westfall
Helen Stucker, by Jack and Dorean Reilly
- Tuesday, August 25 (Louis; Joseph Calasanz, priest)**
9:00am Donald Drinko, by Marilyn Drinko and family
Deceased members of the Maikowski and Kreckel families, by Pauline and family
- Wednesday, August 26**
9:00am Anthony Capra, Sr., by the Capra family
- Thursday, August 27 (Monica)**
9:00am Maria Iwanciw, by the Fedoruk family
- Saturday, August 29**
4:00pm Rick Shevlin, by Toni Carroll and family
- Sunday, August 30**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Frank Scales, by wife and family

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, Sandy Osbourne, Jose Maldonado, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Vada Glass, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, John McKean, Andrea Fedoruk, Lisa Donahue, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Maureen Hildebrandt, William Quinn, Mary Ellen Piper, and Jeannine Lincoln.

The collection for August 15/16 was \$4,886.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for August 29/30

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	M. O'CONNOR, W. PONDS, M. REEVES	T. AND E. WITKOWSKI, K. CULLENY
8:30AM	M. LATINI	D. MURO, J. SNELLINGER, W. CARMODY	S. MOREJON, G. AND L. ROBERSTON
11:30AM	D. COTUGNO	D. LIVINGSTON, B. DENNINGTON	R. TORRES, J. AND J. LEGATO