

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

Some house keeping notes from my homily last Sunday; with all of the news recently about Pope Francis, Abortion, Annulments, Confession and the Year of Mercy.

One cannot trust many news sources.

(READ CAREFULLY BECAUSE NOTHING IN THE UNITED STATES CHANGED, PRIESTS WERE ALREADY GRANTED THIS ABILITY BY SAINT JOHN PAUL II)

1. The forgiveness of certain sins in confession, because of their grave, nature, like intentional desecration of Jesus in the Eucharist, revealing the contents of Confession, and involvement in abortion (deliberate taking of an innocent human life) as in a man who forces or pressures a woman, the “doctor”, or the mother herself, are reserved to either the Bishop or the Holy See because they involve an automatic excommunication.
2. However, the Holy Father has the authority, given by Christ Himself to extend permission to priests to be able to rescind excommunications incurred by the committing of these acts.
3. In the United States, because 1 of every 4 babies dies before birth because of abortion, it was deemed such an emergency that the bishops permitted US priests this permission over two decades ago. So for us in the US this isn't real news....although many haven't heard of it. But other parts of the world, because abortion is illegal, it is rare enough to be reserved to the bishop alone.
4. No SIN is too great for God's mercy. Jesus establishes the Sacrament of Penance for the forgiveness of sins....not their retention. The Sacrament is one of His Mercy not of His Wrath.
5. The Pope is not saying this isn't a sin, or saying it's fine, but recognizing that choosing any mortal sin (not just abortion) separates us from an authentic, healthy and true relationship with God. This is his offer of God's Mercy to repair, heal, and restore that life giving relationship with Him.
6. Concerning Annulments; while a juridical process is necessary for making accurate judgments, the Catholic Church's marriage annulment process must be quicker, cheaper and much more of a pastoral ministry, Pope Francis said. Rewriting a section of the Latin-rite Code of Canon Law and of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, Pope Francis said he was not “promoting the nullity of marriages, but the quickness of the processes, as well as a correct simplicity” of the procedures so that Catholic couples are not “oppressed by the shadow of doubt” for prolonged periods.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Newcomb

***Join us next Sunday, September 27th for our monthly breakfast in the Church hall.***



**WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE *SHARING OUR GIFTS* CAMPAIGN**

The *Sharing Our Gifts* campaign will help our parish increase its regular offertory and allow us to continue as a faith-filled house of worship.

Please consider sacrificially increasing your weekly offertory!

By participating in the *Sharing Our Gifts* campaign, you will help us continue providing the services and ministries that make our parish vibrant.

***Commitment weekend will be October 3rd and 4th***

**F.A.I.T.H.** will be meeting on Monday, September 28th at 6:30pm in the Little Lambs building. Volunteers needed for planning and events. For more information email [faith@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:faith@stmarysportjervis.com)

Sacred Heart School in Newburgh is having their 17th annual golf outing on Monday, September 28th. The tournament is a scramble with a BBQ lunch and sit down dinner. Cost \$150 per player. Please contact Gina Cook 569-8900 or email [golfshs@gmail.com](mailto:golfshs@gmail.com).

St. Peter's Church in Monticello will have a traditional Latin Mass every Tuesday at 7pm beginning October 6. Bible study to follow. Call 794-5577.

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, we will begin an adoption program on Oct 3/4. We will have the opportunity to "spiritually adopt a child who is newly conceived. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt". You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of October 3/4. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great. You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin describing your baby's development and birth. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you?

Join the **Life Chain** Sunday, October 4th from 2pm until 3:30pm on Route 211 in Middletown, NY. For more information call 496-0391 or Nancy Smith 856-4610.

**Orange County Right to Life** is having their 42nd Annual Banquet Sunday, October 25th from 2pm to 6pm at Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown, NY. Contact Ella Mae Hedgepeth 386-3731.

**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.

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.

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, September 21 (Matthew, apostle)**  
9:00am Betty Lynch, by Sheila Volker and Andy Connelly
- Tuesday, September 22**  
9:00am David Martinez, by mom and DJ
- Wednesday, September 23 (Pius of Pietrelcina, priest)**  
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks  
Elizabeth Hawkins, by Charlotte Daly
- Thursday, September 24**  
9:00am Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Dr. Jane Brooks  
Joseph Macchiarolo, by Maria Macchiarolo
- Saturday, September 26**  
4:00pm Winifred Lane and Carole Fuchylo, by Joann and Jim Wilcox
- Sunday, September 27**  
8:30am Nick Marinaro, by Patty Marinaro and family  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

### 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, Jeannine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Tonya Addy, Gloria Hicks, Jules Diez, John Kavanagh, and Al Gessner.

Join the Carmelite Friars of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel—Middletown, NY, as they celebrate the Feast of St. Therese on Thursday, October 1. Mass will begin at 7pm with Bishop Dominick Lagonegro as celebrant.

The collection for September 12/13 was \$5,659.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Liturgical Ministers for September 26/27

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. COTUGNO	D. SIMMONS, D. MURO, H. ECKES	J. AND J. LEGATO, Q. KRENTZ
8:30AM	H. MARINARO	N. ARROYO, R. BABEY, V. LIVINGSTON	T. LAMOREAUX, K. EPPS, K. CULLENY
11:30AM	M. ESLING	T. MARION, L. BUCZEK, D. LIVINGSTON	J. MALDONADO, S. MASCI, S. PHILLIPS