

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our march toward the end of the Liturgical Year, the Church calls us to reflect upon our own end and the reality of Christ coming again in glory. The Church follows nature very well. As we see our trees almost fully bare it is a very timely to ponder these things.

Christians of every age have repeated the wonderful invocation: *Come, Lord Jesus!* This prayer was so widely used that the early Church has passed it down to us in the original Aramaic. This prayer has been translated into all modern languages and is one of the acclamations which may be used in Holy Mass following the Consecration. In that moment when Christ becomes truly present on the altar, the Church expresses her earnest desire to behold His coming in glory. In this way, the liturgy on earth is harmonized with that of Heaven. Now, as in each and every Mass, there comes to us that consoling reply: He who gives testimony to these says: Yes, I am coming right away. Even though the moment has not arrived for us to be with Jesus in Heaven, we have a foretaste of this glory at the moment of Communion. Pope Saint John Paul II has made this plea: *Let us pray that the heartfelt prayer of the Church, Come, Lord Jesus, will become the spontaneous plea of every human heart. We can never be satisfied by the things of this world. Our hearts yearn for the promised blessings still to come.* Then shall our glorified bodies be in the presence of God. Let us pray to Jesus with renewed vigor: *Vultim tuum, Domine, requiram.* Lord, I long to see your face.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

***The second collection on November 21/22 will be for Human Development-Thanksgiving.
 Please give it your prayerful consideration.***

S.M.A.R.T. will be chopping the greens for our Advent Wreath event on Wednesday, November 18th. Please meet by 3:45pm in the parking lot.



Thank you to all the families who participated in our campaign and committed to increasing their offertory. Your generosity ensures a more stable financial future for our parish. As of last weekend our offertory has increased by 11.25%.



St. Mary's will once again provide a full **Christmas Meal** with all the trimmings. We are in need of stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, vegetables, PB & J tuna fish, soup, and cereal. We currently have 50 families signed up and a waiting list of 12 families.

Essay Contest! All children in grades 7 through 12 and invited to enter. Theme is "Dignity of the Elderly". For guidelines and more information, please call the parish office.

Liturgical Ministers for November 21/22

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	K FLYNN, J. FLYNN, M. REEVES	N. WEBB, A. WEBB, K. EPPS
8:30AM	T. ROMBOUSEK	J. SNELLINGER, S. RIORDAN, A. WITKOWSKI, M. ADAMCIK	V. AND E. WITKOWSKI, Z. ADAMCIK
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	B. DENNINGTON, D. LIVINGSTON	J. ENNIS, J. EDWARDS, S. MASI

Congratulations to the October winners of the **PARISH LOTTERY!** We are now selling tickets for the month of December. They are \$10 each and entitle paid members to participate in daily prizes. The winning number is determined by the NYS Lottery evening drawing. One number above wins \$10, one number below wins \$10. Daily drawing is worth \$75; each Wednesday drawing is worth \$100. Please visit the parish office to purchase tickets. All proceeds go to improvements of our parish.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Religious Education needs people to donate old or extra non-breakable Nativity figures or Manger sets they may have so our kindergarten children can work with them in our Atrium. Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Angels, shepherds, kings, donkeys, sheep, lambs, camels, elephants, cows please. Please note they must be non-breakable.



S.M.A.R.T. is now taking orders for their annual *Pie Buy*. Pumpkin and Apple Pies available for \$10 each. They will be available for pick up November 21st and 22nd at all Masses.



The annual *Advent Wreath Making* day is **Saturday, November 21st** from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. The cost is \$10 per family. This includes soup and sandwiches for lunch and materials for wreath making. We will also make Christmas cards to hand out when we visit St. Joseph's Nursing Home and Water's Edge community during Christmas Caroling on **Weds., Dec. 9th**. Registration forms are available in the narthex and parish office. They are due back by **November 18th**. 12 Advent Wreaths will be available for sale \$20/each, on Nov. 28th and 29th. Sorry but no pre-orders available.



Simplify your Christmas shopping at the St. Nicholas Faire Vendors! Food! Fun! Sunday, December 6 11am-2:30pm
Still room for more vendors!

Court Madonna Court #114 is hosting a women's day of recollection on Saturday, December 12th from 9:30am until 3pm at St. Mary's Church Hall. The topic will be *Women of the Church*. The cost is \$5.00. Coffee, tea, and donuts will be served at 9:30 and session begins at 10AM. **Lunch will not be provided so please bring your own.** If you are interested in attending, or for more information, please contact Marge O'Connor 570-491-5240 or Joyce Klimkiewicz 856-8875

St. James Church 75 River Road in Montague, NJ is having their annual Christmas Bazaar Sat., Dec. 5th from 9am-3pm. Crafts, Gifts, Baked Goods, White Elephant Table and Lunch available.

Empowering Port Jervis at 11 Fowler Street will once again provide a safe and warm place for the homeless to go and provide warm beverages and soup. They are in need of volunteers to continue to run the warming station this winter. If you would like to volunteer, please call Evan 718-576-0219 or 845-856-3991.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, November 16 (Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, virgin)

9:00am Daniel Dwyer, by Sharon, Maureen, Barbara, and Dan
Regis Foster, PJ Housing Staff and Board members

Tuesday, November 17 (Elizabeth of Hungary, religious)

9:00am Olga Agnes, by Deacon Rich and Joanne Marino

Wednesday, November 18 (Dedication of the basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles; Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin)

9:00am Helen and Edward L Sheridan, by Mrs. Frank Scales and family

Thursday, November 19

9:00am Frank Gailie, by Mary Case

Saturday, November 21 (Presentation of the B.V.M.)

4:00pm John and Eva Lawrow, by Mary

Sunday, November 22 (Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

8:30am Deceased members of the Klimkiewicz family, by Joyce and Joe Klimkiewicz
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, 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, Al Gessner, Makara Craig, Lillian Diaz, Thomas Gumaer, Jr., Ashley Avella, Amelia Quinn, Janet Smykla, Lillian Diaz, Leon Logan, and James DeGroat.

Sick List Update
Please maintain/remove/add

Due by December 3rd

The collection for November 7/8 was \$6,038.
Thank you for your continued generosity.