

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord desired to be baptized, says Saint Augustine, so that He might freely proclaim through His humility what for us was to be a necessity.

In Baptism we receive faith and grace. The day we were baptized was the most important day of our lives. Just as the parched land does not yield its fruits if it does not get water, so also we, who were like dried sticks can produce fruits of life only if we receive freely the gentle and abundant rainfall of grace from on high. Before we received baptism we were outside the locked gates of Paradise, unable to bring forth the slightest supernatural fruit.

Today our prayer enables us to thank God for this totally undeserved gift, and to rejoice in the countless good things He has so lavishly bestowed on us. Thanksgiving is the very first emotion that should be born in us in response to our baptism: the second is joy. Never should we be without deep feeling of interior gladness.

We must rejoice in the cleansing of our souls from the stain of original sin, and of any other sin we may have committed before our baptism. All of us are members of the same human family which was originally damaged by the sin of our first parents. This original sin is transmitted as an inextricable part of our fallen human nature, by generation, not by imitation, and is to be found individually in each one of us. But Jesus gave us Baptism as a specific means of purifying our human nature and freeing it from the terrible affliction of this sin we were born with. The baptismal water operates in a real way, signifying what the use of natural water signifies; the cleansing and purification from every blemish or stain.

Thanks to the Sacrament of Baptism you have been turned into a temple of the Holy Spirit, says Saint Leo the Great. Don't ever let it happen, he exports us, that you drive away so noble a guest by your evil deeds, or ever again submit to the power of the demon: for the price you were bought is the blood of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

Your baby is quite active in the womb now-although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow, and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He obtains oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby weighs 1 ounce. The pro-life movement is criticized for caring only about the unborn child. THIS IS FALSE! The pro-life movement operates, staffs, and funds over 3000 pregnancy help centers around the country, providing the needed assistance for both pregnant women and their children, before and after birth.



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas– Court Madonna #114** will be meeting on *Tuesday, January 12th* in the Church hall. Social begins at 6:45pm, followed by the business meeting 7:15pm.  
*New members are welcome!*

**Court Madonna #114** will be hosting their annual  
*Tricky Tray* on  
**Sunday, January 17th.**  
Doors open at noon and drawing begins at 2pm.  
**Tickets are 25 for \$1!**  
Proceeds will benefit  
Community Charities

**F.A.I.T.H. Events:**

**Movie Night:** Friday, January 15th. Doors open at 5:30pm, show starts at 5:45pm. Feature presentation is **“Home”**. Popcorn and drinks will be available. Bring blankets and wear comfy clothes.

**Save The Date!!**

Saturday, February 6th- **Lenten Event**.  
Friday, March 4th- **Annual Fish Fry**.

Are you tough enough to be a Boy Scout? You are invited to join **BSA Troop #173**, Mondays at 6:30pm at St. Mary’s church hall. For more information email: [pjtroop173@gmail.com](mailto:pjtroop173@gmail.com).

**Little Lambs Upcoming Events:**

Catholic Schools week is January 31 through February 6th.

The Open House for registrants for the 2016/17 school year will be Monday, February 1st from 4:30pm until 7pm (Snow date will be February 8th).

Our parish will once again have a bus to Washington, DC for the March for Life on January 22nd. We are offering seats for \$25. If you cannot make the trip, please consider sponsoring another person who may not be able to go due to financial reasons.

**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.

The Christmas collection was \$19,452.  
The collection for Dec. 26/27 was \$4,506.  
The collection for Jan. 2/3 was \$7,463.

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Monday, January 11**  
9:00am Betty Corcoran, by Dick and Barbara Drew  
Luann McCarthy, by Donna Muro and Linda Korycki

**Tuesday, January 12**  
9:00am Betty Corcoran and Tom Osowick, by Sandy Scott and family

**Wednesday, January 13 (Hillary, bishop and doctor of the Church)**  
9:00am Dominick Santini, by Bob and Dianna Witherow

**Thursday, January 14**  
9:00am Betty Corcoran, by Bob and Dianna Witherow  
Isabel Rocchio, by Jeanne and Bob Adams

**Saturday, January 16**  
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary’s

**Sunday, January 17**  
8:30am Betty Corcoran, by Rich and Diane Quick and family  
11:30am Charles Harrington, by the family

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly in the Church this week in Thanksgiving, by the Kavanagh family.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, Andrea Fedoruk, Sandy Osbourne, John McKean, Lisa Donahue, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Maureen Hildebrandt, William Quinn, Vada Glass, Mary Ellen Piper, Jeannine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Tonya Addy, Gloria Hicks, Thomas Gumaer, Jr., Ashley Avella, Amelia Quinn, Leon Logan, Theresa Kavanagh, Angela Grillo, Grace Maillet, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Mary E. Smith, Fontano family, Sally Hanstine, Diana Kuhn, Dennis Simmons, Rachael Gaesser, Anthony Medaglia, Emily Ackerman, Rob Ritchie, and Jose Maldonado.

***Liturgical Ministers for January 16/17***

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. COTUGNO	J. SNELLINGER, L. AVELLA, H. ECKES	Q. KRENTZ, J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI, N. SMITH, J. TAYLOR	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	M. ESLING	T. MARION, J. SENKIEW	A. COLLADO, R. COLLADO, J. ENNIS