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Dear Parishioners,

Many of us will find our second reading this Sunday very familiar. Many couples choose this as their epistle reading at their weddings. I find the word love is one of those words that has very different meanings to people. When the word comes up it sometimes makes me think of that Tina Turner song, “What’s love got to do with it”. For some, love is more lust, than love. Love is not simply a feeling. True love will not fade away over time (even when ones appearance changes), but it should grow and deepen over years. I submit to you that one can only know love by knowing God, who is love itself.

In this year of mercy it is good to reflect on how love moves us to help our fellow human beings. To love someone means to me, that we want them to get to heaven. Love frees us from our own hangups and pushes us forward on to doing what is right and just, no matter the personal cost. True love allows us to focus on the will of God and His plan and to give ourselves in total freedom to this plan. Selfishness is concurred with true love. Hope and joy fill in the cracks of our sins and weaknesses, when we know and experience true love.

Until a person experiences love, they are lost. Often times people try to fill themselves with poor substitutes for love; such as food, jewelry, cars, homes, clothes, drugs, alcohol, pornography, etc. These distractions normally lead us to be more childish, hollow, cold, and selfish. After those things occur, one is often lead to despair. To draw oneself out of despair one must turn themselves to the ultimate expression of love; the Cross.

As we live our faith daily, make sure your conscience is always pushing you to do things out of love, especially love for the truth. If we succeed in this effort to live our lives in truth and love, our Lord will act out of love towards us. In this year of mercy, do not bend from the truth of Christ and His Church, which was given to us out of love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

***The second collection next weekend, February 6th/7th is for Peter’s Pence. Please give it your prayerful consideration.***



the  
**CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts*

*You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify our heavenly Father.—Matthew 5:14-16*

During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus is for all of us. It is only with **your help** that the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities. Answer the call and donate today! **TO MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT, VISIT:**

***www.cardinalsappeal.org Note Parish #518***

**G.E.M.S.** will be taking orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts and coffee. Please see one of the children after the 4pm Mass and at the breakfast this weekend January 30th/January 31st. Pick up will be Saturday, February 5th after the 4pm Mass and Sunday after the 8:30 and 11:30 Masses in the Church Hall.



**G.E.M.S.** will meet on **Tuesday, February 2nd** at 6:30pm in the parish office. We would like to invite all children in grades **5 through 8** to join us.

**St. John's School** in Goshen, NY will be holding open houses on Tuesday, February 2 from 9am-11am and 6:30pm to 8:30pm. For more information please call 845-294-6434.

There will be adoration on Friday, February 5th from noon until 8pm. Please see the sign-up sheet in the chapel or narthex. Two adorers must be present at all times.



**ALMSGIVING**

**A F.A.I.T.H. Event**  
Families Actively Interacting  
Through Him

A Lenten Journey  
Saturday, February 6th

12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Mary Church Hall - \$5 per family

Pay at the door

Join us for lunch and an afternoon of fun-family activities, games and more!

Kindly RSVP by Monday, February 1st to  
faith@stmarysportjervis.com

Include your name and the number of people attending.

**Save the Date!** Fish & Chips Dinner **Friday, March 4th. Eat-in or Take-out.**

Fr. Ivan Csete will be celebrating a Hungarian Mass on Sunday, February 7th at 1:30pm in the Church.

St. Mary's Little Lambs is raffling off three themed Easter Baskets! Baskets have been arranged by Laurel Grove Greenhouse and feature the themes Family Fun, Gardening, and Brunch. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are on sale now at Little Lambs and will be sold at the February 28 "All You Can Eat" Breakfast.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, February 1**  
9:00am Luann McCarthy, by Bob and Nancy Dunn  
Maria Mazzara, by Jose and Maricel Cruz
- Tuesday, February 2 (Presentation of the Lord)**  
9:00am Betty Hogencamp, by Dolores and family
- Wednesday, February 3 (Blaise, bishop and martyr; Ansgar, bishop)**  
9:00am Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Thursday, February 4**  
9:00am Intentions of Faith and Noah Webb, by the Webb family
- Friday, February 5 (Agatha, virgin and martyr)**  
11:30am Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Dr. Jane Brooks  
Luann McCarthy, by the Mt. Carmel Society
- Saturday, February 6 (Paul Miki and companions, martyrs)**  
4pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, February 7**  
8:30am Joseph Hinkley, by Diane and Paul Hartmann  
11:30am Monik Haering, by daughter Hannelore

**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, 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, Bob Ritchie, Jose Maldonado, Fr. Joel Usman., and Scott Baker.

The collection for January 23/24 was \$4,092.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Liturgical Ministers for February 6/7**

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	C. WITTINE, A. WITKOWSKI	V. AND E. WITKOWSKI, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	T. WEBB	D. AND V. LIVINGSTON, J. HENDRICK, W. CARMODY	T. LAMOREAUX, N. WEBB, A. WEBB
11:30AM	M. ESLING	N. SMITH, E. DECKER, H. MARINARO, B. DENNINGTON	S. PHILLIPS, J. ENNIS, E. TRUJILLO