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Dear Parishioners,

The First Sunday of the Lenten journey reveals our condition as human beings here on earth. The victorious battle against temptation, the starting point of Jesus' mission, is an invitation to become aware of our own fragility, in order to accept the Grace that frees from sin and infuses new strength in Christ – the way, the truth and the life. It is a powerful reminder that Christian faith implies, following the example of Jesus and in union with him, a battle “against the ruling forces who are masters of the darkness in the world”, in which the devil is at work and never tires – even today – of tempting whoever wishes to draw close to the Lord: Christ emerges victorious to open also our hearts to hope and guide us in overcoming the seductions of evil. The temptations with which Satan tried to beguile and ensnare Our Lord and with which he tries to make us his slaves are three: “the concupiscence of the flesh, the concupiscence of the eyes, and the pride of life.” For that reason, Our Lord subjected Himself to these very temptations, in order to show us and win for us the victory over sin in our lives. Concupiscence of the flesh is “the love of sensual things, which covets whatever is agreeable to the flesh, and, when it is not curbed, draws the soul into unlawful pleasures.” By our Lenten fast, we restrain the satisfaction of our earthly desires, learning, in the words of our Holy Father, “to look away from our ‘ego’, to discover Someone Our Lord Jesus Christ close to us and to recognize God in the face of so many brothers and sisters.” Fasting disposes us to express our love of God in pure and selfless love of our neighbor. Concupiscence of the eyes “expresses the love of the goods of the world, such as riches, and possessions; these dazzle the eye, and then seduce the heart.” Our Lenten practice of almsgiving trains our heart to see the goods of this world as gifts given by God into our hands as His stewards for His glory and for the care of our brothers and sisters. In the words of our Holy Father, “[t]he practice of almsgiving is a reminder of God’s primacy and turns our attention towards others, so that we may rediscover how good our Father is, and receive his mercy. Pride of life is that confidence in ourselves, which leads us to be vain and presumptuous, and makes us forget that all we have, our life and every good gift, we have from God.” Our Lenten prayer disposes us to the poverty of spirit by which we understand our total dependence upon God and, at the same time, are filled with confidence in His tender, all-generous, and never-failing love of us. In the words of our Holy Father, “when we pray, we find time for God, to understand that His ‘words will not pass away’, to enter into that intimate communion with Him ‘that no one shall take from you’, opening us to the hope that does not disappoint, eternal life.” Let us pray, especially through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title of Mother of Good Counsel, that our Lenten fasting, almsgiving and prayer, will draw us ever close to Our Lord Jesus Christ, alive in us from the moment of our baptism.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

The STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church. Altar servers please see the sign-up sheets in the vesting sacristy.

Fish and Chips Dinner Ticket Orders 2016

Family Name: _____ Tel #: _____

#of Adult Tickets ___ x \$13.00 = \$ _____

of Child Tickets ___ x \$6.00 = \$ _____

Contact Number: _____

Total = \$ _____

of Eat-In Dinners _____

of Take-Out Dinners _____

**Pick-up your tickets at the door the night of the dinner.
Due No Later Than February 27th/28th* Dinners Non-Refundable**

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.



The Cat in the Hat is returning to Port Jervis for the Seventh Annual **Breakfast with the Cat in the Hat!** Saturday, March 5 at the Erie Trackside Manor from 8:30-10:30am. \$15/adults \$8/kids 3-12. Under 3 eat FREE! RSVP 858-4208.

Religious Education classes will not be held this Sunday.

In observance of President's Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, February 15th.

FAITH will be having a planning meeting on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30pm in the Little Lambs building.

We are in need of volunteers to help at the food pantry. Please call Helen 856-5762 or Joanne 858-7869.

HOWDY Y'ALL!



Saddle Up and Mosey On Over For A Wild West Shindig

Friday, April 1st
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
In the Ole Barn (church hall) \$15 per family
Bring a covered dish to share.
Polish up yer boots and come on down.
Beer, wine, snacks and music by DJ G!

St. Mary's Wild West Shindig Reservation Form

Family Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

of adults _____ # of children (12 and under) _____

We will bring _____ to share as our covered dish.

Cost \$15 per family - Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church. Kindly RSVP by March 23rd ya hear!

Silent Auction/Baskets/Door Prizes/and 50/50 to benefit the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate Sun., Feb 28 1-4pm at Sacred Heart School Gym 26 Still Road, Monroe, NY. Refreshments and entertainment. Cost \$5 per person. For more information contact Sr. Mary Praxedes 783-2251.

Camp Veritas is a 1 week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th through 12th grades. It will be held at 3 USA locations in 2016; July 24-30 at Mt. Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 31-August 6 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD, and August 14-20 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Cost is \$400 per camper. Early bird (if paid by 4/1/16) at \$370 for all sites. \$425 with earlybird rate of \$400 for the basketball program option at Mt. Saint Mary College only. More details and enrollment forms for campers and volunteers (18 and over) can be found at www.campveritas.com.

Did you attend Cathedral College or Cathedral Prep Seminary in the Archdiocese of NY?

If you attended Cathedral College or Cathedral Prep (or know someone who did), the College/Prep Alumni Association would like to add you to its mailing list. You will then receive notifications of upcoming alumni events such memorial masses, class re-unions, etc. Our current mailing list includes over 600 names. To register please go online to: <http://bit.do/cccpaa>

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, February 15**
 9:00am Lou-ann Dibble, by the Dibble and Fayerman families
- Tuesday, February 16**
 9:00am Elizabeth Corcoran, by Jim and Claire Polanis
 Luann McCarthy, by Dean and Kathy Aumick
- Wednesday, February 17 (Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)**
 9:00am Evelyn Wohlscheid, by Mary Wohlscheid
- Thursday, February 18**
 9:00am Deceased members of the Gore family, by Dolores Gore
 David Martinez, by mom and DJ
- Saturday, February 20**
 4:00pm Mary and Robert Oliver, by the family
- Sunday, February 21**
 8:30am Deceased members of the Carmody and Darcy families, by Walt and Eileen Carmody
 11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's



The Sanctuary lamp will shine brightly in the Church this week *In Thanksgiving*, by the Kavanagh family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, 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., Scott Baker, and Frances Brennan.

The collection for February 6/7 was \$XXXX.
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for February 20/21

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. COTUGNO	W. PONDS, D. SIMMONS, L AVELLA	J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	M. LATINI	A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI, T. CALVARIO	T. LAMOREAUX, J. MALDONADO, E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	N. SMITH, B. DENNINGTON	S. PHILLIPS, S. MASCI, A. EPPS