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Dear Parishioners,

I pray that all of you are still enjoying Easter joy. In this season we hopefully allow our faith to be like the flowers perking up in the ground. If we allow our faith to grow we will be able to experience true joy, not just in the Easter Season, but throughout the year.

Simon Peter, I don't think, would have been most people's choice to be a strong leader. After Our Lord's Resurrection Peter still does not get what Our Lord is asking from him. When Jesus asks, "do you love me" Peter responds with philia love, what Christ is asking for though is Agape love. Philia love is a friendship, brotherhood love, but Agape love is a selfless love, a love that is passionately committed to the well-being of the other. Agape love is the only acceptable form of love when dealing with God. Christ desired Agape love for the first Pope and He still does today, but again God does not force anyone's hand. Simon Peter had to freely give Agape love to His bride the Church. He of course did this through his own crucifixion. To follow Christ, we must be able to break down all of our defenses and surrender to His most Holy Will, giving Him Agape love and allowing ourselves to be lead where we might not want to go, just like Peter.

In these weeks of Easter, ask the intercession of Saint Peter to allow you to deepen your spiritual lives into an Agape love relationship with Our Lord and His Church. When we finally surrender, we will even be able to experience joy in suffering.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

***The second collection this week is for the Archdiocesan Military Services.
Please give it your prayerful consideration.***



Our Parish Goal is \$36,500

To date our parish has received **\$21,830** in pledges/gifts toward the *2016 Cardinal's Appeal*, from **76 families**. For this *Appeal* to be truly successful, we must have support from all of our families. The *Appeal* is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can.

S.M.A.R.T. will be hosting a talent show on Saturday, April 9th at 5:15pm in the Church Hall. The talent show will include dance, musical and comedy acts. The cost is \$10 per person, children under 10 are FREE. All of the funds raised will be going to the ***Chair Lift Fund*** for the Church Hall.



Tea Time is Spring Time



Step back in time & join *Court Madonna's Garden* for an afternoon of tea and conversation.
Date: Saturday, April 16th
Time: 12pm 2:30pm
Donation: \$10 Ladies \$5 young ladies
 Please RSVP by April 10th to Joyce 856-8875 or Barbara 856-2624

Court Madonna #114 will meet at 6pm on April 12th for their annual covered dish supper. Members please call Louise Piccirillo, 570-491-2521, to let her know what you will be bringing. Also, the *21 Club Drawing* will be held this evening. **\$1,000 Grand Prize and 20 \$50 winners.** Every Ticket is eligible for every drawing! For tickets call Kelley Estenes 845-672-3320. Winner need not be present to win.

St. Anthony's Parish Center in Yulan, NY, is hosting a Roast Pork Dinner from 1pm to 5pm. Adults \$10.00, Children \$6.00. For additional information contact Father George La-Grutta (845)557-8512.

This year's **St. Gianna Mass** for couples suffering infertility and recurrent miscarriage will be on the feast of St. Gianna, Thursday, April 28th at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Catherine of Siena, 411 E. 68th St. Couples suffering infertility, as well as their families and friends, are cordially invited to attend. Following the Mass there will be veneration of the relics of St. Gianna, an opportunity to meet with Creighton physicians and practioners who specialize in assisting couples with infertility, and a light reception. For more information call Sr. Shirley Ann at the Family Life Respect office 212-371-1011 ext 3195 or email sr.shirleyann@archny.org

Little Lambs would like to thank everyone who generously supported our recent fundraisers! Our Easter Basket Raffle raised \$235! Congratulations to winners Kathy Legato, Melissa Leeper, and Jeri Riordan! Thank you Laurel Grove Greenhouse and everyone who bought tickets!

Breakfast with the Cat in the Hat raised \$85! Congratulations to 50/50 winner Melissa Pulsinelli! Thank you Daryl and the staff of the Erie and our Cat, Julia Legato!

The Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration will be on Saturday, June 25th and Sunday, June 26th at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Couples that would like to be in attendance are asked to contact the parish office to register.

The collection for was \$6,456.
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, April 11 (Stanislaus, bishop and martyr)
 9:00am Edgar Purcell, by Rayola McLaughlin
 Frank and Mary Caracciolo, by Agnes and Mary

Tuesday, April 12
 9:00am Loretta and John Connelly, by Sheila Volker and Andy Connelly

Wednesday, April 13 (Martin I, pope and martyr)
 9:00am Ralph Fuller, by Barbara Guinn and family

Thursday, April 14
 9:00am Luann McCarthy, by Julie Olenick
 Alfred Andreano, by Mary Wohlscheid

Saturday, April 16
 4:00pm Joseph Kucher, by mom and family

Sunday, April 17 (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)
 8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
 11:30am Fritz Klostermeier, by Irene



The Sanctuary lamp will burn brightly 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, 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, Raquel Maldonado, James Roach, Fr. Joel Usman, Scott Baker, Frances Brennan, Lincoln Trimble, Pat Christer, Julius Tenke, Joseph Carter, Maureen Cadena, John Little, Jr., Michael Ellet, Joseph Cox, Gladys Wells, Ruth Lewis, and Steve Wilkinson.

Liturgical Ministers for April 16/17

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	P. CAL	K. FLYNN, J. FLYNN, A. WITKOWSKI	S. PHILLIPS, V. WITKOWSKI, E. WITKOWSKI
8:30AM	M. LATINI	A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI, V. LIVINGSTON, D. LIVINGSTON	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	D. COTUGNO	E. DECKER, M. ADAMCIK	A. COLLADO, R. COLLADO, Z. ADAMCIK