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Dear Parishioners,

We are in need of a few new lectors for our parish. If you are interested, please join us Monday, May 9th in the Church at 6:30pm.

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have gathered together to hear the Word of God proclaimed within the celebration of the liturgy. Over the centuries, various groups of persons have been entrusted with this task of reading the Word of God. For example, in the second century, the church began to develop a number of "minor orders." Those who received these orders were responsible for performing various ministerial functions in the liturgy, including that of reading the Word of God. In the first centuries of the Church's history, these lectors were often laymen. However, by the early middle ages, those who were enrolled in the minor order of lector were predominantly clerics studying for the priesthood.

In 1972, as a part of the post-conciliar liturgical renewal, Blessed Pope Paul VI replaced the minor orders with the ministries of lector and acolyte (*Ministeria quaedam*). Following the ancient tradition of the Church, these ministries were reserved to men. However, those who exercised these ministries were no longer to be ordained, but simply instituted into these roles.

### Qualifications to serve as a Lector

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states that lectors should be "truly suited to carrying out this function," and that they should be "carefully prepared" (GIRM, 101). In the Archdiocese of New York, in order for an individual to be regarded as "truly suited" for this role, it is required that the lector be:

- At least 14 years old;
- A Catholic who has received First Holy Communion and Confirmation, as well as one who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be assumed;
- Free from any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- Reverential, respectful of his/her faith, and of good moral character;
- Possessed of the necessary ability and talents to proclaim the Word of God in a clear, dignified, and effective manner; and
- If married, be in a valid marriage according to the law of the Catholic Church. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

***The second collection next weekend is for the Mother's Day Novena.***



There will be 1st Friday adoration in the Chapel from noon until 8pm on May 6th. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

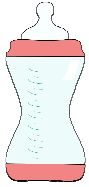
**MAY 7 – World Apostolate of Fatima Shrine**, 674 Mountain View Rd., Washington, NJ 07882 ***“You, at least, try to console me..” Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR***, renowned author/speaker, explains the ***Five First Saturdays***, leads the Rosary/15 min. meditation *requested by Our Lord and Our Lady*, and celebrates Holy Mass. **10:30** Confessions; **11:30** Rosary w/15 min. meditation; **12:00** Holy Mass; **1:00** Benediction; **2:00** Holy House: confessions; “Last Vision of Fatima” talk; *The Day the Sun Danced* movie; **3:00** *Divine Mercy Chaplet*. All invited. Share in the graces received in consoling Our Mother. Receive the *Year of Mercy* indulgence at our designated Door of Mercy. [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com); 908-689-1700

***Support Boy Scout Troop 173.*** The Scouts will be holding a ***Used Clothing Collection*** on ***Saturday, May 7th*** from 9-2 and 5:30-6:30 and ***Car Wash*** from 10-1 at St. Mary's parking lot. They will receive a donation per poundage they collect. Please put clothing items in well tied plastic bags, shoes must be bagged separately. They are collecting: Wearable and used clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, linens (sheets, towels, blankets, curtains), stuffed animals, and hard toys. Contact Sophie Crawford-Rosso 856-4780, for more information.

***Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 9am and 7pm on Thursday, May 5th in the Church.***

**The Ladies Social Night** meets every 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the church hall from 6pm-8pm. Call Ann Ponds for more information 856-5691.

**COURT MADONNA #114 & THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS No.471**, will be having a joint fundraiser on Sat., May 7th at the KOC Seward Ave. hall, during the Citywide Yardsale (rain date May 8th) from 9am-4pm. The Knights will be selling Breakfast Sandwiches and Hot Dogs, the Jr. Catholic Daughters will be having a Bake Sale, and Court Madonna will be doing a Yard Sale - please drop off useable, clean items Wed. May 4th and Thur. May 5th between 5-7pm at KOC Bldg. No clothing or electronics Call Joyce 856-8875 or Debbie 856-8996 for more information.



This year our parish will once again participate in the **Tri-State Pregnancy Center's "Baby Bottle Boomerang"**. Please consider taking a baby bottle from the display on Mother's Day, Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>, and generously fill it with change over the next few weeks. Then, return your full baby bottle on Father's Day, Sunday June 19th. It's that simple! Look for the baby bottle display in the Narthex. The Tri State Pregnancy Center has helped support women & families in crisis pregnancies for over 20 years, by offering free pregnancy tests, referrals, peer to peer counseling, an Earn While You Learn Program & a fully stocked boutique. Your financial support will help the center as we work toward expanding our services to provide ultrasounds. Remember, with the "Baby Bottle Boomerang" fundraiser, every penny counts! The Tri-State Pregnancy Center is located at 105 Wheatfield Drive in Milford, PA.

**St. Mary's Little Lambs "Sightseeing with Jesus" Summer Day Camp** will run 6/24-6/24, 6/27-7/1, 7/5-8, and 7/11-15. Full and half days available. Registrations being accepted 5/1 through 5/31 only. Call Eileen for more information 858-4208. Little Lambs will have a *May Crowning on Friday, May 6th* at noon



**Save the Date!** Vacation Bible School will run the week of July 18th-22nd. Cost is \$10 per family. Children 4-12 are invited to join us for some **Barnyard Fun!** Visit the parish office to register. **Deadline is June 20th for all registrations.**

**Sick List Update**

**Please maintain/add the following name(s) to the sick list for the next two months:**

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**Please return by May 6th, 2016.**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, May 2 (Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church)**  
 9:00am Alfred Andreano, by Rich and Diane Quick  
 Marion Rohner, by Sally Von Sauers and Nelly Arroyo
- Tuesday, May 3 (Philip and James, apostles)**  
 9:00am Frank and Marie McIntire, by Dolores Gore
- Wednesday, May 4**  
 9:00am William Quinn, by Jerry and Linda Schierloh
- Thursday, May 5 (Ascension of the Lord)**  
 9:00am William Quinn, by Barbara Guinn  
 7:00pm Living and deceased members of the Amitrano family, by Eleanor Brady
- Friday, May 6**  
 11:30am William Quinn, by Carol Harrington
- Saturday, May 7**  
 4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day)**  
 8:30am All mothers, living and deceased  
 11:30am All mothers, living and deceased

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Ida Lissner, Joann

Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Nick Moscattello, 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, Bob Ritchie, Jose Maldonado, Raquel Maldonado, James Roach, 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.

The collection for April 23rd/24th was \$5,827.50  
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Liturgical Ministers for May 7/8**

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	W. PONDS, J. SENKIEW, C. WITTINE	S. MOREJON, J. MARCONE, S. PHILLIPS
8:30AM	M. LATINI	T. CALVARIO, A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI	T. LAMOREAUX, E. TRUJILLO, E. WITKOWSKI
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, D. LIVINGSTON, M. ADAMCIK	A. COLLADO, R. COLLADO, Z. ADAMCIK