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Dear Parishioners,

I wish more of you could have joined us for the wonderful concert we had on the 22nd. It made for a very pleasant afternoon. I thank Dan Bradley for arranging everything, his wife for adding to the concert with her beautiful voice, Jimrae for his exquisite playing, the bell choir from Saint Patrick's in Milford, the Deanery Choir from our Pennsylvania area churches and most especially for our own adult and youth choirs. I strongly encourage those that might be interested in assisting in our parish to think about joining our choirs. One of the things that stood out for me is that there were no male voices in the deanery choir. We are fortunate to have a few male voices in our choir, but we could use some more. Remember, Saint Augustine told us that when we sing, we pray twice.

As most of you know our Chapel was broken into in the early morning on the 24th. Thankfully we contacted a professional cleaning crew A.S.A.P. Our local police officers were very helpful. Whenever violence is committed sadness naturally comes over us. Drug addiction is a real epidemic in our area. I have many libertarian leanings in my political philosophy, but a major contention I have with them is over drugs. Pure libertarians say let all drugs be legal for the most part. Many state that people will have to take personal responsibility for their actions. That sounds all well and good, but I have witnessed the devastating effects drugs have had on many individuals and families. In my opinion drugs should never be legalized and those involved with the drug trade should be severely punished. The sad fact is that drug rehab rarely works and so the medical community I think, needs to examine a whole new approach to how they treat addiction. Sorry for my rant, but I am still dealing with the raw emotions of this whole event. Continue to pray for our nation and give thanks to God for all that He gives us and for the glory He deserves in our hearts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

***The 2nd Collection this weekend is for the Catholic Missions Among Black and Indian People.
Please give it your prayerful consideration.***

Today at 7pm, is the Baccalaureate service for the students graduating high school this year. Please keep all the graduates in your prayers.

St. Joseph's Table will be serving our community a hot meal on Friday, June 10th from 5pm until 7pm.

The Pastoral Council is comprised of nine parishioners who meet bi-monthly with the pastor to discuss the general direction of the parish. A term is 3 years long; 3 parishioners are selected each year at Mass. Please call the parish office if you are interested.

St Mary's will be offering one more Monday night discussion on the "***Celebration of the Christian Mysteries***". The last one is June 6th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the St. Mary's School building. *All are welcome.* For more information call Teresa at the religious education office at 858-4208

Open House at St. Mary's Little Lambs- St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center is having an Open House the weekend of June 4th and 5th. Little Lambs is inviting the members of our parish to visit the classrooms, meet some of the staff, and learn how Little Lambs is raising standards in Catholic education. The Open House will take place on Saturday, June 4 from 5-6 p.m., and on Sunday, June 5 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Little Lambs has begun accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information, parents of prospective students are encouraged to contact director Eileen Carmody at 845-858-4208 or

littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com



If you have not already done so, please consider taking a baby bottle from the narthex and filling it up with change to help support the Tri State Pregnancy Center. Every penny counts!

St. Antony's in Yulan, NY will be celebrating the **Feast of St. Anthony** on Sunday, June 12th from 12-6pm. There will be rides, games, food for purchase and a live band. For more information contact Fr. La Grutta 557-8512.



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. **Registration deadline is June 20th.**

Congratulations to the May winners of the **PARISH LOTTERY!** We are now selling tickets for the month of July. They are \$10 each and entitle paid members to participate in daily prizes. The winning number is determined by the NYS Lottery evening drawing. One number above wins \$10, one number below wins \$10. Daily drawing is worth \$75; each Wednesday drawing is worth \$100. Please visit the parish office to purchase tickets.

This year's trip to Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom will be on Thursday, July 28th. Children who have faithfully served our church through S.M.A.R.T., G.E.M.S., Altar serving, or in the choir are invited to attend. Please call the parish office for a permission form. **All forms must be returned to Fr. Newcomb no later than Thursday, July 17th.**

VENDORS WANTED FOR FLEA MARKET: St James the Greater of Montague is have their annual Flea Market on Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 am to 4:00pm . Indoor/Outdoor spaces available . Contact Betsy Gardner at 845 325 2525 or Gardnerabstract@aol.com for questions or to reserve a space.



To date our parish has received **\$34,224.02** in pledges/gifts toward the 2016 *Cardinal's Appeal*, from **136 families**. **It is not too late to make a gift.**

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, June 6 (Norbert, bishop)**
9:00am Ralph and Josephine Rodi, by Joseph and Angela Portella
- Tuesday, June 7**
9:00am Alfred Andreano, by Irene Klostermeier
- Wednesday, June 8**
9:00am Deceased members of the Caracciolo family, by Agnes and Mary
- Thursday, June 9 (Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Anne Dwyer, by Sharon, Maureen, Barbara, and Dan Vincent Coda, by Fran Brennan
- Saturday, June 11 (Barnabas, apostle)**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, June 12**
8:30am Joseph Hartmann, by the Hartmann family
11:30am Helen and Arthur Murphy, by Helen Marinaro

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Bob Ritchie, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Jose Ramos, Aedan Roach, Jim Roach, Robyn Radzikowski, Joseph Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, John McKeon, William Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Jeanine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Angela Grillo, Ruth Lewis, Anthony Medaglia, Maureen Hildebrandt, Jose Maldonado, Tonya Addy, Raquel Maldonado, Robert Cinerar, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Steve Wilkinson, Grace Maillet, John Little, Joseph Cox, Dennis Simmons, and Joe Bellotto.

The collection for May 28/29 was \$4,111.50. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for June 11/12

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	W. PONDS, D. SIMMONS, T. WEBB	J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	P. CAL	A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI, T. HOPPEY	T. LAMOREAUX, E. TRUJILLO, J. MALDONADO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION, D. LIVINGSTON	S. MASCI, S. MOREJON, A. EPPS