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Dear Parishioners,

Our lives on earth are brief. The greater part of it is spent in pain and suffering. Every life passes like the wind; barely a trace is left behind. In the best of cases, one might amass a great fortune only for it soon to be left to others. What does all this pain and effort add up to? Is it all for nothing? As we are reminded in the first reading: *Vanity of Vanities! All is vanity.*

In the face of this emptiness and inconsistency, all this pointlessness, God is the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

Nevertheless, the human heart has a tremendous capacity to seek the things of the world without paying any attention to the transcendent meaning of life. The human heart tends to become attached to world goods as the one and only goal in life, forgetting what is really important. In today’s Gospel, the Lord takes advantage of a question about inheritances to teach us about the true worth of things in the light of eternity. He brings up the subject of death, of our own death to make His point.

The Lord teaches us that putting our hearts into the pursuit of wealth and worldly well-being is foolishness. Neither happiness nor authentic human life itself are founded on worldly goods. The rich man discloses his ‘value system’ in his mental dialogue. He sees himself in a very secure position because he has great resources. He bases his stability and his happiness on this wealth. For him, as for many people, living is a matter of enjoying as much pleasure as possible. It is to do as little as need be, to eat, to drink, ‘to have a good time’, to lay up ample goods for many years. This is his ideal. In his life there is no reference to God, much less other people. He sees no need to share his goods with others less fortunate than himself.

We can ask ourselves today during this time of prayer, ‘Where is my heart?’ Because we know that our destination is Heaven, we have to make positive and concrete acts of detachment with regard to what we own and what we use. How much do we share our goods with the needy? How much time and wealth do we contribute to apostolic works?

I want to thank all of those volunteers who made our summer Bible Camp another great success. Gina and Peggy made sure it was well organized and that every camper had a great time. I look forward to next year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Please welcome Fr. Joseph Biliyock back to our parish. He will be with us through the month of September.

A monthly Healing Mass is held on the last Thursday of every month at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY. The next Healing Mass will be held on Thursday, July 28th at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879.

The 2nd collection this weekend is for the Missionary Co-operation Plan/Propagation of the Faith. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

There is a 2nd collection the weekend of August 6th and 7th for the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.

If anyone would like an old St. Mary’s School desk, please call the parish office.

Liturgical Ministers for August 6th/7th, 2016

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. LEGATO	C. WITTINE, J. SENKIEW	J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	W. CARMODY, T. HOPPEY, S. RIORDAN	T. LAMOREAUX, B. BIRKENSTOCK, E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	J. SNELLINGER, M. ADAMCIK, B. DENNINGTON	Z. ADAMCIK, J. ENNIS, K. EPPS

St. Mary's Little Lambs, which is a NYS Licensed facility, is now accepting registrations for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes in the fall. There are full and half day programs still available. For information contact: Eileen Carmody, director: 845 858-4208.



Come out and support St. Mary's Little Lambs at the Aug. 7 Hudson Valley Renegades Game at 5:00 p.m.

It's Pirates & Princesses Night!

\$15.00/gen.admission + gift + hot dog + drink \$17.00 reserved seating + gift + hot dog + drink Visit gades-groups.com Enter the password: 3littlelambs For more information call 845 838-0094.



4th Annual School Supply Drive

F.A.I.T.H. is organizing our 4th annual **School Supply Drive.**

Look for the Tree of Knowledge in the narthex beginning the weekend of August 6th and 7th through August 20th and 21st. Select your apple (red apples have a list of supplies needed and green apples can be returned to the office or in the offering baskets with a monetary donation). Return your donations by the weekend of August 20th and 21st. All purchased donations can be left in the bins in the narthex. FAITH will deliver all donations the first week of September. In working closely with the schools, we have modified the supplies requested to reflect what is needed most by the children of our community.

Thank you in advance for your generosity

Sunday, Sept. 18th is our **Annual Parish Picnic at the Sparrowbush firehouse.** Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. *Please bring your own Non-Alcoholic drinks and item according to your last name (enough for approximately 8 people).*

**Last names: A-G Appetizer or Snack
H-P Dessert
Q-Z Salad or Vegetables**

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Children: _____

Bringing: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please return the reservation form to the parish office before Monday, September 7th

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, August 1 (Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Deceased members of the Marion family, by Toni Marion
- Tuesday, August 2 (Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; Peter Julian Eymard, priest)**
9:00am Ken and Julia Guinn, by Barbara Guinn and family
Marion Rohner, by Sophie Crawford – Rosso and Boy Scout Troop #173
- Wednesday, August 3**
9:00am Living and deceased members of the Greenfield family, by mom
- Thursday, August 4 (John Vianney, priest)**
9:00am Intention of Fr. Raj Arokiasamy
- Friday, August 5 (Dedication of the Basilica of Mary Major)**
11:30am Anna Onuschak, by Dorean and Jack Reilly
Marion Rohner, by Catherine Westfall
- Saturday, August 6 (Transfiguration of the Lord)**
4:00pm Regis Foster, Sr., by Ann, Regis, and Jennifer
- Sunday, August 7**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Luann McCarthy, by Doreen and Ron Semerano
1:30pm *Hungarian Mass*

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 Platanina, Angela Grillo, Ruth Lewis, Anthony Medaglia, Maureen Hildebrandt, Jose Maldonado, Tonya Addy, Raquel Maldonado, Robert Cinerar, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Steve Wilkinson, Grace Maillet, John Little, Joseph Cox, Dennis Simmons, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, Ashley Avella, Fr. Ivan Csete, Robert Semerano, Christina Greeves, Barbara Drew, and Amelia Quinn.

The collection for July 23/24 was \$4,618. Thank you for your continued generosity.