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Dear Parishioners,

This week we will look at why the readings were chosen for Holy Mass. The decision on revising the Lectionary for Mass was to draw up and edit a single, rich, and full Order of Readings that would be in complete accord with the intent and prescriptions of the Second Vatican Council. At the same time, however, the Order was meant to be of a kind that would meet the requirements and usages of particular Churches and celebrating congregations. For this reason, those responsible for the revision took pains to safeguard the liturgical tradition of the Roman Rite, but valued highly the merits of all the systems of selecting, arranging, and using the biblical readings in other liturgical families and in certain particular Churches. The revisers made use of those elements that experience has confirmed, but with an effort to avoid certain shortcomings found in the preceding form of the tradition.

The course of readings in the Proper of Seasons is arranged as follows. Sundays and festive days present the more important biblical passages. In this way the more significant parts of God's revealed word can be read to the assembled faithful within an appropriate period of time. Weekdays present a second series of texts from Sacred Scripture and in a sense these complement the message of salvation explained on festive days. But neither series in these main parts of the Order of Readings - the series for Sundays and festive days and that for weekdays - is dependent on the other. The Order of Readings for Sundays and festive days extends over three years; for weekdays, over two. Thus each runs its course independently of the other.

The sequence of readings in other parts of the Order of Readings is governed by its own rules. This applies to the series of readings for celebrations of the Saints, ritual Masses, Masses for various needs and occasions, votive Masses, or Masses for the dead.

The omission of verses in readings from Scripture has at times been the tradition of many liturgies, including the Roman liturgy. Admittedly such omissions may not be made lightly, for fear of distorting the meaning of the text or the intent and style of Scripture. Yet on pastoral grounds it was decided to continue the traditional practice in the present Order of Readings, but at the same time to ensure that the essential meaning of the text remained intact. One reason for the decision is that otherwise some texts would have been unduly long. It would also have been necessary to omit completely certain readings of high spiritual value for the faithful because those readings include some verse that is pastorally less useful or that involves truly difficult questions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

The second collection for next weekend is for the Catholic Missions Among Black and Indian People.

There will be ***First Adoration*** on June 2nd in the chapel. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex.



The 9am Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery. Please bring your own lawn chair.

The parish office will be closed.



This year we will be participating in the baby bottle fundraiser to benefit the *Good Council Home*.

Please take a bottle, fill it with change, and return it no later than father's day which is Sunday, June 18th.

Formed.org is a **FREE** service for all parishioners. You may **REGISTER** on formed.org under our parish's subscription with the parish access code **WXXVJT**.

To register:

Go to formed.org and scroll down to Register located on the right
Enter your parish code and your email address.

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're interested.

St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center holds a Summer Day Camp with the theme, "Sightseeing with Jesus." Daily activities include Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and water play. We hope to aid the children of our school and parish and the surrounding community in continuing their spiritual growth during the summer months while providing a safe and fun recreational summer program. Our camp will be open to children ages three to eight. Registration for Summer Camp began Monday, May 1 and will close Wednesday, May 31. **Early or late registrations will NOT be accepted.** For information, please contact director, Eileen Carmody at 845 858-4208

Little Lambs has begun accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year. For more information, parents of prospective students are encouraged to visit the Open House or contact director, Eileen 858-4208 or littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com

On **Friday, June 23rd** we will have a Mass at 7pm for the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart followed by the dedication of our Church hall to be named *The Most Sacred Heart Hall*, and fellowship. Kindly RSVP **NO LATER** than June 16th if you plan on attending.

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Family Name: _____

No. of Adults: _____ No. of Children: _____

Due by June 16th

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This year's trip to Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom is on Monday, July 31st. 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.

Deanery Choir at the 2017 Milford Music Festival: Join The Deanery Choir on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 PM in St. Patrick's Church, 111 West High Street, for a program of Praise, Pop and Patriotic music, *This Is My Father's World*. This presentation is part of the *Milford MusicFest*, the annual festival of music that takes place in and around Milford, PA from June 23-25. No tickets or admission fee required.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)**
9:00am All Who Have Served Our Country
Caitlin Nelson, by John and Mary Jane Millspaugh
- Tuesday, May 30**
9:00am Jean Orlando, by Roger and Yvonne Duryea
- Wednesday, Mary 31 (Visitation of BVM)**
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Thursday, June 1 (Justin, martyr)**
9:00am Living and deceased members of the Mooney family, by Eleanor Brady
Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Friday, June 2 (Marcellinus and Peter, martyr)**
11:30am Sonia Gatzke, by Ed and Kathleen
- Saturday, June 3 (Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs)**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's John and Mary Oliver, by the family
- Sunday, June 4 (Pentecost Sunday)**
8:30am Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks
11:30am Frances Lovelace, by the family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Aedan Roach, Jim Roach, Robyn Radzikowski, Elizabeth Brennan, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, John McKeon, William Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Jeanine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Maureen Hildebrandt, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Grace Maillet, Joseph Cox, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, Marianne Ripel, Pat Arnold, Debi Cotugno, Conner McHugh, David M. Phillips, Scott Smith, Jim Muller, Charles Hildebrandt, Joe Formisano, Theresa Kavanagh, Fontano family, Kevin Smith, Ron Evans, Barbara Straub, Flossie Brown, Mae Prill, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Steve Wilkinson, Eric Santiago, Adam Kowal, Jayne Kowal, Richard Schindler, Amelia Quinn, Jennifer Utz, Sue Arnold, Sue Fitzsimmons, and Tyler Snype.

The collection for May 20th/21st was \$5,276.50.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for June 3rd/4th, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	P. CAL	C. WITTINE, H. ECKES, J. SNELLINGER	S. PHILLIPS, J. KLOTZ
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	R. BABEY, T. CALVARIO	T. LAMOREAUX, J. MARCONE, D. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	M. ADAMCIK, B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION	Z. ADAMCIK, C. CENTAURO, K. EPPS