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Dear Parishioners,

This week we continue on with reception of Holy Communion our focus is on the minister distributing Holy Communion. Therefore, the minister of Holy Communion is to:

1. Presume the integrity of the persons presenting themselves for Holy Communion.
2. Trust in this fact is to be presumed unless proven clearly, otherwise.

It may be the case that one, whom the Minister (priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister), sees come forward has in fact been to confession, and/or renounced previous sinful practices. I was once told of a situation wherein a person who had been in an invalid marriage, in fact, had the marriage validated. Yet, on coming forward was told by the priest to stand aside. Though the couple was reconciled to the Church, the minister of Communion presumed their incapacity and dismissed them. This caused embarrassment and anger. When in doubtful situations, however, the priest ought to give Communion and perhaps seek counsel, and to counsel the person later.

On the prohibition of Holy Communion to Public Sinners.

Those who have been excommunicated or interdicted, after the imposition or declaration of the penalty, and others obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion (Canon # 915).

Thus, if a person has been publicly excommunicated (rare today!) They are to be denied Holy Communion if they come forward. There are other forms of excommunication (often called *Latae Sententiae* (or automatic) excommunications) that are more secret and unknown to the general public. For example, if one procures abortion they are automatically excommunicated. But such an excommunication is usually not publicly known and the Minister who may know of this, third hand or simply in a counseling situation, ought not deny Communion only based on that. For confidentiality is to be preserved even if it is outside the Seal of Confession (which can never be violated). In cases such as this, where an excommunication is not publicly declared, the Minister of Communion, ought not publicly deny Communion, but speak privately to the person to ensure that the *Latae Sententiae* excommunication is, or has been, lifted in the Confessional setting.

But if one is clearly and publicly been excommunicated they should be publicly refused Holy Communion. (Rare today!)

Further, if a person publicly attempts to use Holy Communion for purposes beyond the Spiritual intent, they can be denied. (For example, a troublesome group known as “Act-up” has sometimes disrupted Catholic Masses, coming forward in public ways, often wearing symbolic insignia or “stoles” and demanded Holy Communion. They are rightly refused Holy Communion for they deny its significance by their action, and politicize the reception of Communion, calling it a right rather than a privilege, and a confession of the true faith. Thereby they publicly forfeit the presumption that they approach communion worthily or with proper disposition of faith). Canon 915:

Prohibits the reception of Holy Communion to those who are excommunicated.

Permits the public denial of Holy Communion to those whose sin is grave, and manifest, and in which they are obstinately persevering in the sinful state.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Liturgical Ministers for July 22/23, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	P. CAL	W. PONDS, J. FLYNN, A. WITKOWSKI	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	V. LIVINGSTON, T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY	T. LAMOREAUX, E. AND A. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	H. MARINARO, N. SMITH, M. ADAMCIK	DJ PERRIN, Z. ADAMCIK, S. BHIKARRY



The Mount Carmel Society will have their annual procession from their hall to our Church today for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Procession will begin at 8:00am. They will be joining us for the 8:30am Mass.

St. Mary's Food Pantry will run on *Friday, July 21st* from 10am until noon.

St. Mary's Little Lambs has begun accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year.

For more information, parents of prospective students are encouraged to contact director, Eileen Carmody at 858-4208 or littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com

There are Announced Mass Intentions available for Weekday Masses for this year.

Mark your calendars!

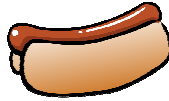
The 2018 Mass Book will open on:

Wednesday, September 12th from 9:30am-12:30pm

Thursday, September 13th from 9:30am-12:30pm and from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Save the Date!

Sunday, Sept. 17th is our ***Annual Parish Picnic*** at **Riverside Park.**



There is an alternative to artificial methods of birth control and artificial reproductive technologies. You are invited to learn about the Creighton Model Fertility Care System and NaPro Technology, a new reproductive science that is highly effective to achieve or avoid pregnancy. It also offers couples who are experiencing infertility, the hope of achieving pregnancy while following the teachings of the Church.

For more information contact:

Janet Galbo 325-7063 or email janetgerms@gmail.com

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, July 17**
9:00am James Wohlscheid, by Mary Wohlscheid
- Tuesday, July 18 (Camillus de Lellis, priest)**
9:00am Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Wednesday, July 19**
9:00am Helen Devereux, by William and Mary McGurn
- Thursday, July 20(Apollinaris, bishop and martyr)**
9:00am Anna Krasinski, by Sophie and Genevieve
- Saturday, July 22**
4:00pm Regis Foster, by wife and children
- Sunday, July 23**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's John J. Coady, by the family
11:30am Renata and Joseph Cox, by Erika, Joe, and 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, 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, 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, Amelia Quinn, Jennifer Utz, Sue Arnold, Sue Fitzsimmons, Wayne Demarco, Pat Essing, William Thomas, Thomas Davies, and Bill Simons.

Sick List Update

Please maintain/remove/add

(Due by July 24th)

The collection for July 7/8 will be reported in next week's bulletin.