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Dear Parishioners,

This week we focus on why the communicant is normally favored in receiving Holy Communion. Three criteria must be met to be denied Holy Communion. For a person may be in grave sin, and the priest must know this outside the confessional. But unless the sin is manifest, i.e. a sin the priest knows, and one which is clearly known by most of the congregants, and unless he is sure they have not repented and received absolution prior to this Holy Communion, he ought not publicly deny the Sacrament. He may wish to confer with the person discretely and confidentially later to give further counsel, but he ought not otherwise deny the Sacrament unless he is sure their sin is grave, manifest and unrepented.

As I hope you can see, the primary burden of discernment in these matters falls in the recipient of Holy Communion. As Scripture says, Let a man examine himself.....

Those looking for showdowns at the altar rail or communion station ought to realize that Church law and policies, as well as prudential judgments, frown on such things. Priests and other ministers of Holy Communion need to remember they are not omniscient, and may authentically be mistaken in their assessment of those who approach the Sacrament.

Hence, doubts are to be resolved in favor of the communicant. Where there are concerns on the part of the minister of Holy Communion (i.e. a priest or deacon), he ought to approach the communicant privately and discretely and either give counsel, or clarify the facts. If an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion has doubts they should consult with the priest or pastor. Confrontations and showdowns at the moment of Communion should be avoided, and should be very rare, if the norms are proclaimed and followed.

There are some who may wish to applaud if Communion is denied to certain people in a public way. But confrontations “at the rail” usually flow from a failure of catechesis, and/or a failure to follow policy in more remote and discrete settings such as the confessional, the pulpit and the catechetical setting . Denials and showdowns are to be lamented not celebrated. And though they do rarely happen, the goal is to avoid them altogether.

These norms along with a wider appreciation of their purpose may help in avoiding errors either by the clergy or by the faithful. Ultimately the norms for the worthy reception of Holy Communion and all the Sacraments , flow from a reverence that God is Holy, that He and his Sacraments are neither to be mocked, nor to be necessarily withheld from the faithful who desperately need them.

Perhaps it is well to end with a passage from St. Paul about Holy Communion:

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world. So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other. If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions (1 Cor 11:27-35)

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Liturgical Ministers for July 29/30, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	B. HECKMAN	H. ECKES, L. AVELLA, K. BOBISH	S. PHILLIPS, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	M. LATINI	S. RIORDAN, J. TAYLOR	T. LAMOREAUX, J. AND D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION, N. SMITH	S. CUELLO, A. ST. LOUIS, K. EPPS

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



For the last several years, St. Mary's has held a school supply drive to support our local schools. Please consider choosing a red apple with a list of needed supplies or a green apple for a monetary donation from the Narthex. Please bring back the supplies or monetary donations between July 29th and August 6th. We thank you for your continued support.

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

Mark your calendars!

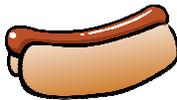
The 2018 Mass Book will open on:

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

Wednesday, 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 janetgrms@gmail.com

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 ext 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, July 24 (Sharbel Makhluf, priest)**
9:00am Mary Platania, by Irene Klostermeier
- Tuesday, July 25 (James, apostle)**
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Wednesday, July 26 (Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**
9:00am Adam Scopino, by Nancy Smith
- Thursday, July 27**
9:00am Mary Platania, by Toni Marion
- Saturday, July 29 (Martha)**
4:00pm James Hart, by Dick and Barbara Drew
- Sunday, July 30**
8:30am Anna Onuschak, by the Giandoni family
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
Frank Semerano, by Catherine Westfall



The Sanctuary lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, in memory of Clara Hughson, by Joyce and Ken Thiele.

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 was \$4,894.50
The collection for July 15/16 was \$4,719.50
Thank you for your continued generosity.