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Dear Parishioners,

I will continue this week with a little more history on the use of bells from the Old Testament. The reason for ringing bells is, first, to create a joyful noise to the Lord; second, the Church bells ringing signaled those not able to attend Mass that something supernatural was taking place.

The use of bells is mentioned four times in the Old Testament of the Bible. Exodus 28:33-35 describes the vestments worn by the high priest Aaron as he approached the Arc of the Covenant in the Holiest of Holies:

*On its skirts you shall make pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet stuff, around its skirts, with bells of gold between them, a golden bell and a pomegranate, round about on the skirts of the robe. And it shall be upon Aaron when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the holy place before the Lord, and when he comes out, lest he die.*

This description of Aaron’s extremely ornate priestly vestments is repeated in Exodus 39:25-26 and again in Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 45:9 :

*And he encircled him with pomegranates, with very many golden bells round about, to send forth a sound as he walked, to make their ringing heard in the temple as a reminder to the sons of his people.*

The bells were likely included as part of high-priest Aaron’s vestments for two reasons. First, they created a joyful noise to God, which is something man should undertake as described in Psalm 98:4. Secondly, bells were long thought to possess apotropaic powers, or the power to ward off evil spirits. The bells were seen as tools to be used to avert dangers to Aaron before he entered the Holiest of Holies.

Bells were also used to signify adoration to God during early times, as shown in Zechariah 14:20:

*And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, "Holy to the Lord". And the pots in the house of the Lord shall be as the bowls before the altar.*

The ancient cymbals mentioned in Psalm 150:5-6 are said to have resembled water pitchers with wide open necks, similar to the bells of today:

*Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

We currently have a few spaces available in our Church bulletin for advertisements. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad, please call the parish office. Some of the funds received allow us to do our many building projects like the Most Sacred Heart Hall. Please assist us in this effort in garnering more advertisements.

***Liturgical Ministers for August 26/27, 2017***

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
4:00PM	P. CAL	W. PONDS, H. ECKES, A. WITKOWSKI	J. MARCONE, E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	S. RIORDAN, R. BABEY	T. LAMOREAUX, K. EPPS, D. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	B. DENNINGTON, N. SMITH, J. SNELLINGER	S. BHIKARRY, C. CENTAURO, J. ENNIS

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

**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.

**The Annual Backpack Blessing** will take place on Sunday, September 10th at the 8:30am Mass

Starting **Monday September 11th** we will have a weekly holy hour from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Chapel dedicated for an increase in vocations to diocesan priestly vocations. A priest will be available for Confession at this time as well. Please note, that hopefully this will allow more people an opportunity to go to Confession that might not be available for the Saturday 3-3:45pm time frame. Even if you can only stop in for five minutes, it will not be a wasted five minutes.

Also, starting on **Monday September 11th** Father Newcomb will start a class on prayer which will use the Formed.org website class on it. The class will start at 6:30pm in the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Meeting Room. Please contact the office if you're planning on attending.

**Sunday, Sept. 17th** is our **Annual Parish Picnic at Riverside Park**. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. **Please bring your own Non-Alcoholic drinks and an 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**

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bringing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please return the reservation form to the parish office before Monday, September 4th**  
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**Save the Date!** Plan to join us for the first-ever Port Jervis Area Lifechain on October 15th from 1:00-2:30 PM.

Let's stand in prayerful vigil with other local Christians right here on the sidewalks of our own city of Port Jervis to protect the lives of the unborn!"

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, August 21 (Pius X, pope)**  
9:00am Mary Marino, by Deacon Rich and Joanne Marino  
Sean Riordan, by Mike and Carol Braun
- Tuesday, August 22(Queenship of the BVM)**  
9:00am Peter Mager, by the Mager family  
Sean Riordan, by the Little Lambs Staff
- Wednesday, August 23 (Rose of Lima, virgin)**  
9:00am Edward O'Donnell, by Carol Wittine
- Thursday, August 24 (Bartholomew, apostle)**  
9:00am Clara Hughson, by Fannie Colaiaco
- Saturday, August 26**  
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's  
Natalie Rimlinger and Raymond Smith,  
by Mary Rimlinger
- Sunday, August 27**  
8:30am Anna and Leo Gailie, by Darren and Mary Case  
11:30am Joan Henke, by Roger and Yvonne Duryea



*The Sanctuary Light will burn brightly this week in the Church, in memory of Ignatius John Sybrandy, by the Stierle family.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Donald Wolff, Sue Fitzsimmons, Barbara Straub, Robert Cinerar, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, Theresa Kavanagh, John McKean, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Elizabeth Brennan, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Thomas Davies, Pat Arnold, William Gaide, Sue Arnold, Steve Wilkinson, William Thomas, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Dotty Lynch, Jesse G Smith, Charlie Gard, Marge Evans, Melinda Torres, Kaitlyn Smith, Marianne Ripel, Kathy Barnes, and Jerome Smith.

The first day for Religious Instruction is Sunday, September 10th. Classes will begin at 9:30am and run until 11:15am. If you attend the 8:30am Mass and it is running a little longer **DO NOT LEAVE EARLY**. God is speaking to

The collection for August 5/6 was \$6,162.50  
The collection for August 12/13 was \$4,960.50.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.