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Dear Parishioners,

The celebration of Lent, in the context of the Year of Faith, offers us a valuable opportunity to meditate on the relationship between faith and charity: between believing in God – the God of Jesus Christ – and love, which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit and which guides us on the path of devotion to God and others.

Faith is this personal adherence which involves all our faculties, to the revelation of God’s gratuitous and “passionate” love for us, fully revealed in Jesus Christ. The encounter with God who is Love engages not only the heart but also the intellect: “Acknowledgement of the living God is one path towards love, and the ‘yes’ of our will to his will unites our intellect, will and sentiments in the all-embracing act of love. But this process is always open-ended; love is never ‘finished’ and complete”. Hence, for all Christians, and especially for “charity workers”, there is a need for faith, for “that encounter with God in Christ which awakens their love and opens their spirits to others. As a result, love of neighbor will no longer be for them a commandment imposed, so to speak, from without, but a consequence deriving from their faith, a faith which becomes active through love”. Christians are people who have been conquered by Christ’s love and accordingly, under the influence of that love they are profoundly open to loving their neighbor in concrete ways. This attitude arises primarily from the consciousness of being loved, forgiven, and even served by the Lord, who bends down to wash the feet of the Apostles and offers Himself on the Cross to draw humanity into God’s love.

The entire Christian life is a response to God’s love. The first response is precisely faith as the acceptance, filled with wonder and gratitude, of the unprecedented divine initiative that precedes us and summons us. And the “yes” of faith marks the beginning of a radiant story of friendship with the Lord, which fills and gives full meaning to our whole life. But it is not enough for God that we simply accept His gratuitous love. Not only does He love us, but He wants to draw us to Himself, to transform us in such a profound way as to bring us to say with Saint Paul: “it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

When we make room for the love of God, then we become like Him, sharing in His own charity. If we open ourselves to His love, we allow Him to live in us and to bring us to love with Him, in Him and like Him; only then does our faith become truly “active through love”; only then does He abide in us.

Essentially, everything proceeds from Love and tends towards Love. God’s gratuitous love is made known to us through the proclamation of the Gospel. If we welcome it with faith, we receive the first and indispensable contact with the Divine, capable of making us “fall in love with Love”, and then we dwell within this Love, we grow in it and we joyfully communicate it to others.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Fr. Newcomb will continue the series on Evangelization on Monday’s in the Saint Peter and Paul Meeting Room at 6:30pm
5 March: Sacraments and the Spirit **12 March:** Leadership in the Church
2 April: Charisms of the Spirit **9 April:** Joy in Persecution **16 April:** The Belly of the Beast

S.M.A.R.T. will be selling Lenten Soup \$8/QT this weekend in the Narthex to raise funds for CampVeritas

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church.

We will have Palm Crosses for sale for \$10 next weekend in the Narthex.

Liturgical Ministers for March 10th/11th, 2018

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	J. SMITH	T. WEBB, A. WITKOWSKI, H. ECKES	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	W. CARMODY, S. RIORDAN	T. LAMOREAUX, K. CASE
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, M. ADAMCIK, N. SMITH	Z. ADAMCIK, K. EPPS, M. LAUTURE



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour next Saturday night.

Spring Forward!

The 2nd collection next weekend is for Catholic Relief Services.

Please give it your prayerful consideration.

February 14th started the 40 Days For Life Spring Campaign. It will end March 25th. St. Mary's day is Saturday, March 17th on Coates Drive, Goshen, NY. Sign ups will be in the Narthex the weekends of March 3/4 and March 10/11th. You can protect mothers and children by joining our parish and others worldwide, through PRAYER and FASTING, at this peaceful Vigil in Goshen. Just one hour of your time is needed. Nancy 856-4610.

We are offering transportation from Water's Edge & Machackemach Village for those who would like to attend Mass on Sat. evenings & do not have transportation beginning Pick up will be at 3:30pm. Please call the parish office no later than Friday morning to schedule your pick up. All that would like transportation to Mass must sign a release form.

Knights of Columbus Co. #471 is having their Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 5pm until 9pm. Traditional Menu of Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with Irish Soda Bread. Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee, Tea and Desserts included. Call Steve for tickets 629-3642. Cost \$30pp.

Tea Time is Spring Time-Step back in time & join **Court Madonna's Garden** for an afternoon of tea and conversation at the Most Sacred Heart Church Hall on Saturday, April 21st from **12pm** to 2:30pm. **Donation:** \$10 Ladies \$5 young ladies

Please RSVP to Barbara 856-2624

Reconciliation Monday will be on March 26th from 3pm until 9pm. You can go to any Church in the Archdiocese of NY to have your confession heard.

Fish and Chips Dinner Ticket Orders March 16, 2018

RSVP no later than March 10/11

Family Name: _____
#of Adult Tickets ___ x \$13.00 = \$___ # of Child Tickets ___ x \$6.00 = \$___ Tel.# _____
Total = \$ _____

of Eat-In ___ # of Take-Out ___

Pick-up your tickets at the door the night of the dinner.

Office Use only: Paid: Cash _____ Check# _____

Dinners are non-refundable

RSVP no later than March 10th

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, March 5**
9:00am Josephine King, by Shawn & Richard Amato
- Tuesday, March 6**
9:00am Harrison Hinkley, by Barbara & Dick Drew
- Wednesday, March 7 (Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs)**
9:00am Frank & Mary Caracciolo, by Agnes and Mary
- Thursday, March 8 (John of God, religious)**
9:00am Lucy & Stephen Pedlock, by Beverly Cordisco, Christine Onofry, and family
- Saturday, March 10**
4:00pm Giuseppe Fiorillo, by Rosa Fiorillo
- Sunday, March 11**
8:30am Catherine Smith, by Mary Rimlinger
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
1:00pm *Latin Mass*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Luis Medina, Debi Cotugno, Guy Gouchenour, Tyler Lynch, Nancy Crumley, Hunter Crumley, Schyler Pittaluga, Martin Vella, Jeanine Lincoln, William Lincoln, Barbara Straub, Robert Cinerar, Sherill Galanakis, Michael Barnes, Ann Iannelli, Angela Portella, Joseph Portella, Francis Cruz, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Andrea Fedoruk, Elizabeth Brennan, Sandy Osbourne, John McKean, William Gaide, Dotty Lynch, Danielle Devore, Chris Marion III, Jesse Smith, Linda Fontano, Jasmine Smith, Bill Smith, Lisa Smith, Lou Harford, Patricia Meinhold, Susan Upton, Devin Upton, Kathy Drane, Kenneth Lynch, Wayne DeMarco, Toni DeMarco Muller, Donald Wolff, Elizabeth Startup Jones, and Anthony Deleva.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society is having their Sausage and Pepper Eat-in or Take-out on Saturday, March 24th starting at 4:00PM until 7:00PM at the Mount Carmel Hall 21 First Street Port Jervis NY 12771. Cost \$6.

Fr. John Palatucci is leading a pilgrimage to various Catholic shrines in France. The trip includes Lourdes, Paris, Lisieux, and the great Monastery of San Mont-Michel. We will also visit Normandy, the site of the Allied landing on June 6, 1944. If interested, please contact Catholic Heritage Tours for more information at 800-290-3876. The itinerary can be viewed online as well www.catholicheritagetours.com/FJPFRR.

The collection for February 24/25 was \$5,716.
Thank you for your continued generosity.