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Dear Parishioners,

In every part of the world, the human spirit is sincerely open to the truth, let no heart be closed to the omnipotence of this redeeming love! Jesus Christ died and rose for all; He is our hope – true hope for every human being. Today, just as He did with His disciples in Galilee before returning to the Father, the risen Jesus now sends us everywhere as witnesses of his hope, and He reassures us: I am with you always, all days, until the end of the world (cf. Mt 28:20). Fixing the gaze of our spirit on the glorious wounds of His transfigured body, we can understand the meaning and value of suffering, we can tend the many wounds that continue to disfigure humanity in our own day. In His glorious wounds we recognize the indestructible signs of the infinite mercy of the God of whom the prophet says: it is He who heals the wounds of broken hearts, who defends the weak and proclaims the freedom of slaves, who consoles all the afflicted and bestows upon them the oil of gladness instead of a mourning robe, a song of praise instead of a sorrowful heart (cf. Is 61:1,2,3). If with humble trust we draw near to Him, we encounter in his gaze the response to the deepest longings of our heart: to know God and to establish with Him a living relationship in an authentic communion of love, which can fill our lives, our interpersonal and social relations with that same love. For this reason, humanity needs Christ: in Him, our hope, "*we have been saved*" (cf. Rom 8:24).

How often relations between individuals, between groups and between peoples are marked not by love but by selfishness, injustice, hatred and violence! These are the scourges of humanity, open and festering in every corner of the planet, although they are often ignored and sometimes deliberately concealed; wounds that torture the souls and bodies of countless of our brothers and sisters. They are waiting to be tended and healed by the glorious wounds of our Risen Lord (cf. 1 Pet 2:24-25) and by the solidarity of people who, following in his footsteps, perform deeds of charity in his name, make an active commitment to justice, and spread luminous signs of hope in areas bloodied by conflict and wherever the dignity of the human person continues to be scorned and trampled. It is hoped that these are precisely the places where gestures of moderation and forgiveness will increase!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



On Mother's Day Weekend, May 12th/13th, we will have a Baby Shower in the Narthex. There will be a place for donations to be dropped off . Nancy Smith has been in touch with the Pregnancy Center and these are the items they need: Diapers-sizes 4,5,6 (no pull ups), shampoo, baby lotion, baby powder, baby wipes, Gift cards: Shop Rite and Wal-Mart,

“There is a special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe scheduled for next weekend, April 28th/29th. During the time of communist reign in many countries, practicing the faith became illegal, church buildings were confiscated, and people were forced to hide and secretly share the truths of the Gospel. After decades of institutional oppression and persecution, vatholics still struggle to rebuild not only their physical places of worship, but also their Church ministries and communities. With your support of this collection, the Church is providing resources to these communities to breathe new life into the faith once again.... Be assured that your donations make a difference for those still struggling in the aftermath of communism so, please prayerfully consider how you can support this special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe”. +Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Liturgical Ministers for April 28th/29th, 2018.

| MASS | LECTOR | MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 8:30PM | B. HECKMAN | J. FLYNN, H. ECKES, W. PONDS | N. AND A. WEBB |
| 8:30AM | P. CAL | W. CARMODY, V. LIVINGSTON | T. LAMOREAUX, K. CASE, D. TRUJILLO |
| 11:30AM | H. MARINARO | T. MARION, M. ADAMCIK, D. LIVINGSTON | Z. ADAMCIK, C. CENTAURO, J. ENNIS |

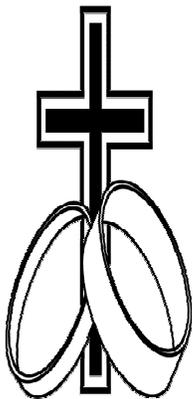
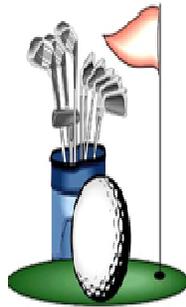
This year our parish will once again be participating in the Tri-State Pregnancy Center's baby bottle fundraiser. The fundraiser is simple and fun! Please consider picking up a baby bottle from the display on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13th. Fill it with loose change over the next few weeks, and return it on Father's Day, Sunday June 17th. The Tri-State Pregnancy Center is located in Milford, PA and has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 25 years. Look for the baby bottle display in the Narthex.



We will soon begin Spring Clean-up at St. Mary's Cemetery. All Christmas decorations need to be removed, including solar lights, and any additional decorations. We will start to implement the spring rules and all obtuse decorations will be removed from the cemetery beginning May 1st.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! The Knights of Columbus Co. #471 is partaking in a Charity Golf Outing on Wednesday, May 23rd at the Highpoint Country Club.

For more information call:
Steve 629-3642



Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 3. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the parish office to register.

Deadline is May 14th.

Bon Secours has a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to volunteer contact:

Charlene Kuklis 858-6161.

Neversink Engine Company #1 on Orange Street is having a Fish Fry (Chicken tenders as well) on Saturday, June 2nd from 5pm-7pm. Cost \$13.

For tickets contact:

Dave Moore 381-7889 or
Mark Clavelli 269-8459.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, April 23 (George; martyr; Adalbert, bishop and martyr)**
9:00am Celine Compagnon DeRuffiere, by Amelia Quinn
- Tuesday, April 24 (Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr)**
9:00am Kathleen Galligan, by Vince and family
- Wednesday, April 25 (Mark, evangelist)**
9:00am Intentions of Noah Webb, by the Legato family
- Thursday, April 26**
9:00am Bill Brockett, by Teresa Lothian
- Saturday, April 28**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, April 29**
8:30am Peter Lawrow, by Mary Rimlinger
11:30am Anna Brink, by the family



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week, in the Church, in memory of Rapann Greiner, by Catherine Westfall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Debi Cotugno, Guy Gouchenour, Tyler Lynch, Nancy Crumley, Hunter Crumley, Martin Vella, Jeanine Lincoln, William Lincoln, Barbara Straub, Robert Cinerar, Sherill Galanakis, Michael Barnes, Angela Portella, Joseph Portella, Francis Cruz, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Andrea Fedoruk, Elizabeth Brennan, Sandy Osbourne, John McKean, William Gaide, Dotty Lynch, Al 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, Anthony Deleva, Laurie Reese, Walter Szpakowicz, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Neil Stasilli, Cay Aponte, Lillian Maldonado, and Jacqueline Hamilton.

Denton Presbyterian Church in Slate Hill is sponsoring a trip to Sight & Sound on Thursday, August 23rd. Adults \$110 Children 3-12 \$75. Price includes bus, lunch, and tickets. Contact: Shanna 800-1391 for more information.

The collection for April 14/15 was \$5,445.
Thank you for your continued generosity.