

Dear Parishioners,

We will continue learning more about Purgatory this week, centering on prayers. The Heroic Act of Charity is especially powerful, calling to mind as it does an especially powerful intercessor with our Lord, His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary:

**Heavenly Father, in union with the merits of Jesus and Mary, I offer to You for the sake of the poor souls all the satisfactory value of my works during life, as well as all that will be done for me after death. I give You my all through the hands of the Immaculate Virgin Mary that she may set free whatever souls she pleases, according to her heavenly wisdom and mother's love for them. Receive this offering, O God, and grant me in return an increase of Your grace. Amen.**

Also, as Patrick Madrid, the well known author and lecturer, has noted, the degree of grace with which we bear our own misfortunes, offering them up to God for the forgiveness of sins, can shorten whatever time in purgatory we ourselves might face.

Here are two other good prayers for souls in purgatory:

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory. May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."**

Keep in mind, however, that for the souls in purgatory there is great joy as well as pain. They know for certain they are bound for heaven! Saint Catherine of Genoa wrote of the "flame of love" in purgatory removing what she called "the rust and stain of sins" and filling souls there with an intense longing for God's eternal embrace. Talk about a burning desire!

Remember that our prayers for souls in purgatory, along with our sacrifices and sufferings bared with grace, can shorten their time there (and perhaps ours as well). Christmas is known to be one of the biggest days of the year for the release of souls from purgatory to heaven. What better gift can we give them than our prayers?

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



You can pick up your Apple and Pumpkin Pies this weekend in the narthex. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's *S.M.A.R.T.* youth group.



*Liturgical Ministers for November 24/25, 2018*

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. LEGATO	J. FLYNN, W. PONDS	J. LEGATO, M. FEDRIZZI
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	J. TAYLOR, T. CALVARIO	A. AND E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, J. SNELLINGER	A. ST. LOUIS, S. CUELLO, S. MASCI



Please join us next weekend for  
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**All You Can Eat  
Breakfast**

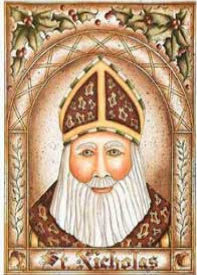
Christmas  
Food Baskets



We have begun collecting non-perishable food items for the

**Christmas Food Baskets .**

Please deposit food items in the red bins in the Narthex or stop by the parish office during the week. We are hoping to fill 100 boxes this year!



**SAVE THE DATE!** for *St. Mary's Little Lambs' annual St. Nicholas Faire!* Join us Sunday, December 2 from 9:30am to 2:00pm in St. Mary's Most Sacred Heart Hall. With so many amazing vendors you'll find something for everyone on your list! We have consultants from Mouse Works Hand-

made Crafts, Ildiko Vass's Hungarian Food, Dawn's Eternal Roses, Brischler Creations, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Renewal by Anderson, and more! Kids can meet St. Nick and visit our **FREE** Children's Craft Table while you shop! Breakfast served beginning at 9:30. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:15. Bake Sale all day! All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center.

Sounds of the Season, St. Mary's Annual Christmas Caroling is Tuesday, December 4th. All are welcome. Meet at Bon Secours hospital main entrance at 4:15. Caroling begins at 4:30 in St. Joseph's Place. By 5:15 we are caroling in the main building at Water's Edge.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception and our parish feast day is Saturday, December 8th. Let's celebrate after the 4 pm Mass, in Most Sacred Heart Hall. Beer, wine, appetizers and dessert will be served. Kindly RSVP to the parish office or by Wednesday, December 5th. To volunteer, email Danielle at

[danilegyoungliving@gmail.com](mailto:danilegyoungliving@gmail.com)

Take advantage of access to **Formed** for another year! You can create your own account **FREE** of charge at: [www. Formed.org](http://www.Formed.org) and use our parish access code **WXXVJT** to gain access to multiple programs, movies, ebooks, and audios.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, November 19**  
9:00am Joseph Portella, by the Little Lambs Staff
- Tuesday, November 20**  
9:00am Olga Agnes, by Deacon Richard and Joann Marino  
Andrew Witkowski, by the family
- Wednesday, November 21 (Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**  
9:00am Dominic Biondi, by Dick and Barbara Drew  
Deceased members of the O'Brien family, by the O'Brien family
- Thursday, November 22 (Cecilia, virgin and martyr)**  
9:00am Mario Martinez
- Saturday, November 24**  
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, November 25 (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)**  
8:30am Mary McLaughlin, by Rayola McLaughlin  
11:30am John J. Coady, by Cheryl Lovelace  
1:00pm *Latin Mass*

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Angela Portella, Joann Wilcox, Walter Szpakowicz, Elizabeth Brennan, Michael Medaglia, Jackie Mundy, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Louis Harford, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Donald Wolff, Ramonita Irizarry, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Fuller, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Helen Andreano, Tito Rivera, Neil Stasilli, Josefina Rodriguez, Joseph Hinkley, Toni Sorrentino, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Susan Upton, Chris Marion III, Loretta Olenick, Layla Grace Foster, Roderick T. Esling, James Lincoln, Danielle Devore, Wayne DeMarco, Marge O'Connor, Mindy Walsh, Arieal Walsh, Raquel Maldonado, Tyrell Davis, Eppie Harford, Christine Nowak, Jesivel Abreu, Stacie Holman, Cody Bain, and Robert Cinerar.

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. Catholic Charities will direct the funds directly back to parishes and community-based organizations to fund local projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. More information about the collection can be found at [www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org).

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd.  
Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

The collection for November 10/11 was \$5,171.50  
Thank you for your continued generosity.