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Dear Parishioners,

The relationship between faith and reason is a serious challenge to the currently dominant culture in the world. The modern development of the sciences brings innumerable positive effects, as we all see, that should always be recognized. At the same time, however, it is necessary to admit that the tendency to consider true only what can be experienced constitutes a limitation of human reason and produces a terrible schizophrenia now acclaimed, which has led to the coexistence of rationalism and materialism, hyper-technology and unbridled instinct.

It is urgent, therefore, to rediscover anew human rationality open to the light of the divine Logos and His perfect revelation which is Jesus Christ, Son of God made man. When Christian faith is authentic, it does not diminish freedom and human reason; so, why should faith and reason fear one another if the best way for them to express themselves is by meeting and entering into dialogue? Faith presupposes reason and perfects it, and reason, enlightened by faith, finds the strength to rise to knowledge of God and spiritual realities. Human reason loses nothing by opening itself to the content of faith, which, indeed, requires its free and conscious adherence.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, with farsighted wisdom, succeeded in establishing a fruitful confrontation with the Arab and Hebrew thought of his time, to the point that he was considered an ever up-to-date teacher of dialogue with other cultures and religions. He knew how to present that wonderful Christian synthesis of reason and faith which today too, for the Western civilization, is a precious patrimony to draw from for an effective dialogue with the great cultural and religious traditions of the East and South of the world.

Let us pray that Christians, especially those who work in an academic and cultural context, are able to express the reasonableness of their faith and witness to it in a dialogue inspired by love. Let us ask the Lord for this gift through the intercession of Saint Thomas Aquinas and above all, through Mary, Seat of Wisdom.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



**Boy Scout Troop #173 is having a Chili Takeout Fundraiser**  
**after all Masses**  
**Saturday, February 2nd after the 4pm Mass and on Sunday, February 3rd**  
**(Boy Scout Sunday)**  
**in the Most Sacred Heart Hall from 9:30am-1pm.**  
**\$8 a Quart!**

Court Madonna No. #114's Annual Tricky Tray will be on **Sunday, February 17th**. Doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2PM. Tickets are 25 for \$1! No admission Fee! Contact: Barbara Drew 856-2624



All proceeds to benefit Community Charities.

***Liturgical Ministers for February 9th/10th, 2019.***

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	J. FLYNN, K. BOBISH	N. AND A. WEBB
8:30AM	P. CAL	S. RIORDAN, J. TAYLOR, D. LIVINGSTON	A. AND E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	T. MARION, B. DENNINGTON	DJ PERRIN, M. REINHARDT, A. ST. LOUIS

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Calling all princesses and princes! You are invited to dress up for a Snow Princess Coronation Ball. The Ball will be held on Saturday, February 16 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Most Sacred Heart Hall. All royalty in attendance will get to partake in a snack fit for a king, and work on a winter craft. At the Coronation Ceremony each participant will be given a tiara or crown. To attend this special event, please RSVP by calling 845 858-4208 or email at [littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com); give the number of girls, boys, and adults attending, as well as your phone number. Seating is limited. The fee for attending is \$15.00 per royal family. Doors to the castle will open at 9:45 a.m. This fundraiser is a benefit for St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center.

St. Mary's Little Lambs is once again participating in the Little Caesar Pizza Fundraiser. Just in time for Lent, you can stock up on Frozen Cheese Pizzas for your meatless Fridays. Order online and you can have your order delivered to your home or to the school. Go to [PizzaKit.com](http://PizzaKit.com) to register. Click on "Products", then "Shop". Enter our online Fundraiser ID#362636 and start shopping. Orders must be received by Thurs., Feb. 14th, and will be delivered to the school and ready for pickup on Monday, February 27th at 2:30 p.m. Orders can also be placed at the parish office. For more information call the school 858-4208.

Experience Lent through your child's eyes this year. You'll attend with your child on Sunday, March 3rd during Religious Education classes in the Most Sacred Heart Hall. Attendance will be taken and at least one parent must attend.

On March 22nd the movie "Unplanned" will be released. It features 40 Days for Life and shares the power of peaceful prayer in front of abortion facilities that has led to: Saving 15,000 babies from abortion, closing down 99 abortion facilities, helping 178 workers quit the abortion industry, Activating 750,000 individuals and 19,000 churches to stand for life. Abby Johnson was a "Planned Parenthood Employee of the Year" and involved in 22,000 abortions. This was before she saw one herself. After that Abby walked into 40 Days for Life office of Shawn Carney, President and asked for help from the very same pro-life volunteers who had been praying for her for years. Let's support our efforts to save children's lives by going to see the movie.

There will be a healing service on Sunday, March 10 at 3pm at St. Thomas the Apostle. Call 973-948-2296 for more info.

**Save the Date! Our Annual Fish & Chips Dinner will be on Friday, March 15th.**

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, February 4**  
9:00am Joan Ann Wilcox, by Donna Muro and Linda Korycki
- Tuesday, February 5 (Agatha, virgin and martyr)**  
9:00am Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Wednesday, February 6 (Paul Miki and companions, martyrs)**  
9:00am Joan Ann Wilcox, by Aggie Devore and Toni Marion
- Thursday, February 7**  
9:00am Patrick Reilly, by Jean Brock
- Saturday, February 9**  
4:00pm Monika Haering, by Hannelore Kucher
- Sunday, February 10**  
8:30am Joseph Portella, by Barbara Sessock  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Angela Portella, 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, Robert Cinerar, Dominic Loffredo, Steven Gaesser, Robert Witherow, J.D. Lipa, Alva Bonet, Pamela Long, and William Morrison.

**Please Maintain/Add to prayer list**

**Due by February 17, 2018**

The collection for January 26/27 was \$6,303.50  
Thank you for your continued generosity.