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Dear Parishioners,

The Liturgy on this Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time presents us with the subject of the Divine call. In a majestic vision Isaiah finds himself in the presence of the thrice-blessed Lord and is overcome by great awe and a profound feeling of his unworthiness. But a seraph purifies his lips with a burning coal and wipes away his sin. Feeling ready to respond to God’s call, he exclaims: “Here I am, Lord. Command me!” The same succession of sentiments is presented in the episode of the miraculous catch of which today’s Gospel passage speaks. Asked by Jesus to cast their nets although they had caught nothing during the night, trusting in his word, Simon Peter and the other disciples obtain a superabundant catch. In the face of this miracle Simon Peter does not throw his arms around Jesus to express his joy at the unexpected catch. Rather, as Saint Luke recounts, he falls to his knees saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man O Lord”. Jesus, therefore, reassures him: “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men”; and leaving everything, he followed Him.

Saint Paul too, remembering that he had been a persecutor of the Church, professed himself unworthy to be called an apostle. Yet he recognized that the grace of God had worked wonders in him and, despite his limitations, God had entrusted him with the task and honor of preaching the Gospel. In these three experiences, we see how an authentic encounter with God brings the human being to recognize his poverty and inadequacy, his limitations and his sins. Yet in spite of this weakness the Lord, rich in mercy and forgiveness, transforms the life of human beings and calls them to follow Him. The humility shown by Isaiah, Peter and Paul invites all who have received the gift of a Divine vocation not to focus on their own limitations but rather to keep their gaze fixed on the Lord and on His amazing mercy so that their hearts may be converted and that they may continue joyfully, “to leave everything” to Him. Indeed, the Lord does not look at what is important to human beings. “The Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart” (1 Sam 16:7) and makes human beings who are poor and weak but have faith in Him fearless apostles and heralds of salvation. Please continue to pray for vocations from our parish to the service of God and His Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

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; 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 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.

***The Second Collection this weekend is for Peter’s Pence.
Please give it your prayerful consideration.***

Liturgical Ministers for February 16/17, 2019

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. LEGATO	N. SMITH, H. ECKES	J. LEGATO, M. FEDRIZZI
8:30AM	J. SMITH	W. CARMODY, J. HENDRICK, T. CALVARIO	T. LAMOREAUX, D. GERARDO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	J. SNELLINGER, T. MARION	K. EPPS, S. MASCI



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

Drew United Methodist will once again have their Lenten Soup lunch Fr. Newcomb will be speaking on Wednesday, March 13th *Cost \$3*.

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.

The Ancient Order Hibernians (AOH) Fr. Emmanuel Hourihan O. Carm. Division 4 is an Irish Catholic men's organization. Our organization is seeking new members. The AOH is a fraternal organization whose motto is Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Our membership strives to fulfil this motto in its interactions with the community. The AOH has existed in this country since 1836, and it is recognized as a staunch defender of the Catholic religion. In order to be considered eligible to join, you must be a practicing Catholic and be able to claim a bit of Irish heritage through either parent. We have several members from Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in addition to members from neighboring parishes. For further information: Contact Kevin Dooner at 845-342-8892, Ed Burke at 845-342-6176 or Ron Heppes at (845) 343-1096, if you are interested in joining.

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

At this second, thousands of NY kids need a foster home. If you or someone you know would make a great foster parent, please have them call us toll-free at 1-800-4-KIDS-27 or visit us online at www.fostercarenetwork.org.

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, February 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)**
9:00am Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Tuesday, February 12**
9:00am Patrick Reilly, by Jim Hinkley and family
- Wednesday, February 13**
9:00am Joy Cain, by Kim Greenfield
- Thursday, February 14 (Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop)**
9:00am Ryan Mead, by Daniel Grogan
- Saturday, February 16**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, February 17**
8:30am Deceased members of the Carmody and Darcy families, by Walt and Eileen
11:30am Lou-ann Dibble, by the Fayerman family

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 Lofredo, Steven Gaesser, Robert Witherow, J.D. Lipa, Alva Bonet, Pamela Long, and Nancy Crumley.

Please Maintain/Add to prayer list

Due by February 17, 2018

The collection for February 2/3 was \$6,292.
Thank you for your continued generosity.