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Dear Parishioners,

The liturgical year is a great journey of faith made by the Church, always preceded by her Mother the Virgin Mary. This year, during the Sundays in Ordinary Time, the path is marked by readings from Luke’s Gospel. Today it brings us to “a level place”, where Jesus stops with the Twelve and where a crowd of other disciples and people who had come from everywhere gather to listen to Him. This is the setting for the proclamation of the “Beatitudes”. Jesus, lifting up His eyes to His disciples, says: “Blessed are you poor.... Blessed are you that hunger.... Blessed are you that weep.... Blessed are you when men hate you... when they cast out your name” on account of Me. Why does He proclaim them blessed? Because God’s justice will ensure that they will be satisfied, gladdened, recompensed for every false accusation in a word, because from this moment He will welcome them into His Kingdom. The Beatitudes are based on the fact that a Divine justice exists, which exalts those who have been wrongly humbled and humbles those who have exalted themselves. In fact, the Saint Luke, after repeating four times “blessed are you”, adds four admonitions: “Woe to you that are rich.... Woe to you that are full now.... Woe to you that laugh now” and: “Woe to you, when all men speak well of you”, because as Jesus affirms, the circumstances will be reversed; the last will be first, and the first will be last.

This justice and this Beatitude are realized in the “Kingdom of Heaven”, or the “Kingdom of God”, which will be fulfilled at the end of times but which is already present in history. Wherever the poor are comforted and admitted to the banquet of life, there God’s justice is already manifest. This is the work that the Lord’s disciples are called to carry out also in today’s society. This is especially done, with those that are called to take care of the sick and poor; May Our Lady of Lourdes, protect, inspire and guide us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

In observance of President’s Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, February 18th.



Court Madonna No. #114’s Annual Tricky Tray will be **TODAY Sunday, February 17th**. Doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2PM.

Tickets are 25 for \$1!

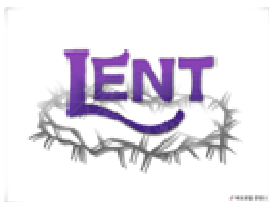
No admission Fee!

Contact: Barbara Drew 856-2624

All proceeds to benefit Community Charities.



Drew United Methodist will once again have their Lenten Soup lunches on Wednesdays during Lent. Fr. Newcomb will be speaking on Wednesday, March 13th at Noon. *Cost \$3.*

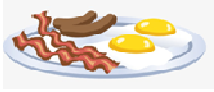


Experience Lent through your child’s eyes this year. You’ll attend with your child on Sunday, March 3rd during Religious Education classes in the Most Sacred Heart Hall.

Attendance will be taken and at least one parent must attend.

Liturgical Ministers for February 23rd/24th, 2019.

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	B. HECKMAN	K. BOBISH, H. ECKES	J. MARCONE, J. LEGATO
8:30AM	J. SMITH	A. WITKOWSKI, S. RIORDAN, J. TAYLOR	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
11:30AM	M. ESLING	N. SMITH, J. SNELLINGER	J. ENNIS, M. FEDRIZZI, M. LAUTURE



Next Weekend is the All You Can Eat Breakfast. Bring a friend.

On Sunday, February 24th, members of SMART will be going iceskating. Everyone in the parish is welcome to join in the family fun. Meet at 1pm in the Church parking lot to go to Ice Time in Newburgh for their open skating from 2pm to 4pm. If you don't skate there is no fee. Adults are \$10, kids are \$5.

Save the Date! Our Annual Fish & Chips Dinner will be on Friday, March 15th. Cost \$13/adult \$6 Children.



Little Lambs is in need of 2 printers. If you have a used printer that you are not using please consider donating it to the school.

Boy Scout Troop #173 would like to thank everyone for supporting their Chili Fundraiser that enables boys to sustain out troop activities. With your help they raised over \$400. **THANK YOU!**

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

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.

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.

The Ancient Order Hibernians (AOH) Fr. Emmanuel Hourihan O. Carm. Div. 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 fulfill 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. For further info: 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.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, February 18**
9:00am Patrick Mickey Reilly, by Linda and Pete Kowal
- Tuesday, February 19**
9:00am Elizabeth and Andrew Beirne, by Sheila Connelly Volker
- Wednesday, February 20**
9:00am Deceased members of the Gore family, by Dolores Gore
- Thursday, February 21 (Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am David Simmons III, by Agnes Devore
- Saturday, February 23 (Polycarp, bishop and martyr)**
4:00pm Alex and Anna Lackner, by Ann Retallick
- Sunday, February 24**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Barbara Jarvis, by mother and family
1:00pm Florence and Frank Kiernan, by Paul and Rosemary Brislin

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. Essling, 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, Nancy Crumley, Valentina Hall, and Ryan O'Connor.

Please Maintain/Add to prayer list

Ministers of the Holy Communion are needed to assist with the distribution of Communion to the patients of Bon Secours Community Hospital and St Joseph's Place residents. If you would like to be part of this rewarding ministry, contact the pastoral care office at 845-858-7000 X 6161 Charlene_kuklis@bshsi.org. Full training is provided.

The collection for was \$4,754.50
Thank you for your continued generosity.