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Dear Parishioners,

On Easter day the Church tells us that Jesus Christ made that journey to the ends of the universe for our sake. In the Letter to the Ephesians we read that He descended to the depths of the earth, and that the one who descended is also the one who has risen far above the heavens, that He might fill all things. The vision of the Psalm thus became reality. In the impenetrable gloom of death Christ came like light – the night became as bright as day and the darkness became as light. And so the Church can rightly consider these words of thanksgiving and trust as words spoken by the Risen Lord to His Father: “Yes, I have journeyed to the uttermost depths of the earth, to the abyss of death, and brought them light; now I have risen and I am upheld for ever by your hands.” But these words of the Risen Christ to the Father have also become words which the Lord speaks to us: “I arose and now I am still with you,” He says to each of us. My hand upholds you. Wherever you may fall, you will always fall into my hands. I am present even at the door of death. Where no one can accompany you further, and where you can bring nothing, even there I am waiting for you, and for you I will change darkness into light.

These words of the Psalm, read as a dialogue between the Risen Christ and ourselves, also explain what takes place at Baptism. Baptism is more than a bath, a purification. It is more than becoming part of a community. It is a new birth. A new beginning in life. The passage of the Letter to the Romans which we have just read says, in words filled with mystery, that in Baptism we have been “grafted” onto Christ by likeness to his death. In Baptism we give ourselves over to Christ – he takes us unto himself, so that we no longer live for ourselves, but through Him, with Him and in Him; so that we live with Him and thus for others. In Baptism we surrender ourselves, we place our lives in His hands, and so we can say with Saint Paul, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” If we offer ourselves in this way, if we accept, as it were, the death of our very selves, this means that the frontier between death and life is no longer absolute. On either side of death we are with Christ and so, from that moment forward, death is no longer a real boundary. Paul tells us this very clearly in his Letter to the Philippians: “For me to live is Christ. To be with him (by dying) is gain. Yet if I remain in this life, I can still labour fruitfully. And so I am hard pressed between these two things. To depart – by being executed – and to be with Christ; that is far better. But to remain in this life is more necessary on your account”. On both sides of the frontier of death, Paul is with Christ – there is no longer a real difference. Yes, it is true: “Behind and before you besiege me, your hand ever laid upon me”. To the Romans Paul wrote: “No one ... lives to himself and no one dies to himself... Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s”.

Happy Easter!
Father Newcomb

Fr. Newcomb, Fr. Csete, Deacon Rich and the parish staff would like to you wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter



To date our parish has received
79 pledges totaling \$13,173.
Our goal is \$35,500.
Any amount is welcome.
Please give it your prayerful
consideration.

Clean up at *St. Mary's Cemetery* has commenced. If you have not already done so, kindly remove any Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves. As a reminder no personal effects/ decorations are allowed on or around the gravesite. Anything left will be discarded beginning this week.

Liturgical Ministers for April 27/28, 2019

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	K. BOBISH, J. FLYNN	N. AND A. WEBB
8:30AM	P. CAL	W. CARMODY, T. CALVARIO, S. RIORDAN	A. AND E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, N. SMITH	M. LAUTURE, S. MARCONE, S. MASCI

Little Lambs is now accepting registrations for the 2019-20 school year. Children must turn three years old by December 1, 2019 for the Pre-K 3 class, and four by December 1, 2019 for the Pre-K 4 class. Classes meet 2, 3, or 5 days a week. There are full and half day programs available. Call Eileen Carmody 845-858-4208 for more information.



Join us next weekend for the All You Can Eat Breakfast. Bring a friend!

Our Divine Mercy Service will be next Sunday, April 28th Adoration and confessions will begin at 2pm until 3pm. The Chaplet will be prayed at 3pm.

Boy Scout Troop #173 will be having a clothing drive and car wash on Sat., May 4th 9am-2pm in the church parking lot.



There will be a second collection next weekend for the Mother's Day Novena.



All Are Welcome at the 4th Annual St. Mary's Parish Dance. This is year we will celebrate New Orleans Style with our very own Mardi Gras Bash! Saturday, May 11th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Most Sacred

Heart Hall \$15 PER FAMILY. Kindly RSVP to Danielle at danilegyoungliving@gmail.com by **May 6th**. We will need to know how many people are in your party and what dish you are bringing. This is a pot-luck style celebration. PLEASE bring a covered dish with enough to share with everyone. You may also call the parish office to respond.

The Brechbiel family will be going to Lourdes in June. They have offered to take any petitions with them. You can find the slips in the Narthex and at the parish office, where you may return them.

Save the Date! March for Life Monday, June 3rd to Albany, NY. Free Transportation. For more info., call Oneida 796-0228, Jane 292-4647, or Linda 292-0709.

The Archdiocese's *Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass* will be on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2:00 PM at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2019. His Eminence, Cardinal Dolan will be officiating. All who wish to attend this Mass must call Gina at the parish and have a ticket for admission. **Registration closes on May 13th.**



Save the Date!

Fruit of the Vine– Wine Appreciation 101. **Friday, June 21st 6pm until 9pm.**

Tickets are available at the parish office. \$25.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, April 22
9:00am William Simons, by Catherine Westfall

Tuesday, April 23
9:00am Sally John, by the Banks family

Wednesday, April 24
9:00am Kathleen Galligan, by Vince and family

Thursday, April 25
9:00am Alvin Ulbrich, by wife Pat

Saturday, April 27
4:00pm William, Dorothy, and Dennis McCarthy, by Mike and Mary Ann McCarthy

Sunday, April 28
8:30am Patrick Maillet, by Anne Lyons
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
1:00pm *Latin Mass*
3:00pm Divine Mercy Sunday

Please Pray For the Sick: Angela Portella, Ramonita Iri-zarry, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Fuller, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Helen Andreano, Robert Witherow, J.D. Lipa, Nancy Crumley, Valentina Hall, Ryan O'Connor, Dorothy Lynch, Allen Lynch, Sarah Madison, Mary Ohl, Andrea Fedoruk, Donald Wolff, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Elizabeth Brennan, Susan Upton, Chris Marion, III, Walter Szpakowicz, Genevieve Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Carmella Balsamello, Wayne DeMarco, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Francis Cruz, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Cinerar, Dennis Horner, Jackie Mundy, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Donetta S. Burley, James Lincoln, MaryLynn Beam, Antonino Mazzara, Ryan O'Connor, Arline Walsh, Kos Tocci, Florence Fink, John Hinkley Gloria Hinkley, Enid Decker, James E. Tirpak and James J. Tirpak

CYFM's Outreach & Mission Programs bring people face to face with those in need & often ignored. Help us make real change happen; teens, college students & adults are all welcome! Encounter transformation in yourself & those served. "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve..." Mt 20:28. **Apply NOW, deadline is 4/22/19! 2019 Capuchin Outreach Program:** June 25 - July 1: participants serve the sick, needy, and the young right here in the Hudson Valley area. **2019 Capuchin Appalachian Mission** July 6 - July 14: serving the sick, needy and young in one of the most impoverished regions of the USA, Harlan Co., KY. These popular programs fill quickly so don't delay, apply today! Info & application at cyfm.org under "Outreach" Can't make it? Join as **Companion In Mission** We're all in this together. Your prayerful and financial support bring Christ to hundreds of people each summer, donate at cyfm.org under "Outreach" CYFM 781 Route 9D Garrison, NY 10524 (845) 424-3609. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @CYFMGarrison

The collection for April 13/14 was \$7,446.50.
Thank you for your continued generosity.