

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

Love is a word with many connotations. I often think of that famous Tina Turner song, "What's love got to do it with it" unless one is able to comprehend the love God has for us, I submit that no one can know true love. This truth calls us to a radical conversion of heart.

One of my favorite stories told about the late Cardinal Dulles is when he was at a lecture and before he entered the auditorium he went to the men's room and he came out with two pieces of paper towel and he used them to cover up part of a sign in front of the auditorium. He covered up the word "is", the sign had read Love is God, but when His Eminence was finished it read, "Love God."

How do we love God? I always find the simple things can have the greatest impact, especially outward signs. When we come into the Church we genuflect (unless we have knee problems). That simple genuflection shows an act of love. Then, when we get to the pew we kneel down and offer our prayers. After holy Mass we make our quiet thanksgiving. All of these things assist us in loving God. An important thing to remember is, that when we fail to do these little things we are also outwardly showing how important God is or is not to us and to others. All of us can get into bad habits, and this time of year of spring cleaning and our Lord ascending to Heaven, may be a wise time to reflect on how we outwardly show our love for God. As we know from our tradition, outward signs mean a lot, I think especially for visitors and for children. I pray that we show our love of God by our example, so that many might want to learn about how to love God themselves. Our Lord as we know, speaks to us in the quiet, and this practice takes great discipline. For most of us we are surrounded by noise, the car radio, cell phone, tv, ipod, computer and general conversation. When we enter the Church our focus needs to be directed toward God. This only happens if we do not allow other distractions in, so we do not have any conversations with our friends and neighbors inside the Church, we direct our children to learn the beauty of quiet, peaceful prayers before and after Mass. These little things will add up, and they can continue to assist us in loving God as a community.

This weekend we honor our mothers, both those living and deceased. Know that throughout the month of May, we will remember our mothers at Mass. Mothers are often the spark that allow their children to love God.

Continuing on with practical matters, as I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, anyone who might wish to memorialize a candle stick, please contact the office. In this month of our Lady, Mother of God, may she continue to assist us in loving God with our whole heart, mind and soul.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Newcomb



**Bread For The World and Catholic Charities NY** would like to invite you to the Feed Our Children hunger awareness presentation in the church hall after every Mass the weekend of May 16th and 17th. Refreshments will be provided. For more information about the program visit [www.bread.org/OL](http://www.bread.org/OL).

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** is having a sausage and pepper, and meatball sandwich dinner on Saturday, May 16th from 3pm until 7:30pm. Take-out and sit-down available. Sausage and pepper \$7 and meatball sandwiches \$6. It will be held at their hall located at 21 First Street in Port Jervis.

**The Knights of Columbus Council #471** will be selling carnation flowers for \$1 after Masses for Mother's Day.

**Holy Cross** is hosting a *Ladies Confraternity Women's Breakfast* on Saturday, June 6th, The speaker is Sr. Beverly from the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate. They will be discussing how we can share our faith with loved ones, especially those who have left the Church and about the work she and her fellow sisters do in the community. They will begin with Mass at 9am followed by breakfast in their parish hall. Call Janet to RSVP 845-325-7063 or email [jolsc5@yahoo.com](mailto:jolsc5@yahoo.com).

***May 14th is the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9am and at 7pm in the Church.***

**S.M.A.R.T.** will be having their second annual car wash on Saturday, May 30th from 9am until 1pm. Cost per car is \$5. Come out and support our teens!

**S.M.A.R.T. Car Wash**  
**Pre-Order Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Car(s) #: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

**No Refunds**

**The Parishes of the Pike County Deanery** invite you to join us May 11th, 12 and 13th. All shows begin at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Church, 111 E. High Street, Milford, Pennsylvania. These programs are fitting for all ages and faith denominations and they are free and open to the public; however, donations are encouraged to offset the cost of these performances. Fellowship will follow after each performance in the Parish Hall, where Mr. Runyeon will be available to greet audience members and sign autographs. Videos of the play will be on sale. For more information contact St. Patrick's parish office 570-296-7451.

**Holy Cross** is sponsoring a *Fruit of the Vine Wine Tasting* fundraiser on Friday, May 15th from 7pm to 10pm. Tickets are \$20. For tickets and more information contact the rectory at 355-4439.

**The Port Jervis and Milford Knights of Columbus Councils** (#471 & #13935) are hosting their annual charity Golf Outing on Wednesday May 27, 2015 at the High Point Country Club in Montague, NJ. 11:00 AM registration, scramble format, lunch on the course, a buffet dinner to follow at the Erie Trackside Restaurant, raffles and prizes, cost is \$100 per golfer by May 15th. Please call Steve Riordan (845) 629-3642 or Tom Hogan (570) 296-7210.

Would you like to learn more about St. Francis and grow in your relationship with Christ? Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappinger Falls, NY is hosting an information night on May 28th at 6pm. If you're over 18 and would like more information, call 564-4985.

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, May 11**  
9:00am Jean Schoonover, by Roy and Caroline Smith  
Carolyn Wontz Galvin, by Jack and Dorean Reilly
- Tuesday, May 12 (Nereus and Achilles, martyrs; Pancras, martyr)**  
9:00am Patricia Soletro, by Deacon Wayne and Lyse Von Doehren
- Wednesday, May 13 (Our Lady of Fatima)**  
9:00am Raymond Gansarski, by the family
- Thursday, May 14 (Ascension of the Lord)**  
9:00am Stephen Pedlock, by Beverly Cordisco, Christine Onofry and family  
Josef Kucher, by Nancy Smith
- Saturday, May 16**  
4:00pm Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Sunday, May 17**  
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's  
11:30am Carl Case, by Dan and Theresa Kavanagh

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Anna Onuschak, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Kelly Quick, Denise Paz, Sandy Osbourne, Jose Maldonado, Angela Grillo, Amanda Evelech, Anna Jenks, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Mike Fuller, Vada Glass, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Owen Brennan, Richard Samek, Agnes Murray, John McKean, Andrea Fedoruk, Betty Corcoran, Lisa Donahue, Charles Fitz-Randolph, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Angela Lilo, Ana-Lucia Stasilli, Jeremiah Stasilli, Radomski family, Hiegle family, Nick Cirillo, Bobby Kochka, Dominic Fontana, and Mary Platania.

**Just Energy** is an energy supply company that has been working with our Church. They are currently offering a \$25 cash bonus for new customers. If you would like to save money on your energy supply needs, please contact Miriam Stiefel 845-228-3401 or email [affinty@justenergy.com](mailto:affinty@justenergy.com). Mention St. Mary's Church.

The collection for May 9/10 was \$5,500.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Liturgical Ministers for May 16/17

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	M. O'CONNOR, W. PONDS, T. WEBB	K. EPPS, N. WEBB, A. WEBB
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI, M. ADAMCIK, BABEY	T. LAMOREAUX, K. CULLENY, J. MALDONADO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	L. BUCZEK, B. DENNINGTON	A. COLLADO, R. COLLADO, J. ENNIS