

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

I first want to thank F.A.I.T.H. (especially Danielle and Ruby) the Catholic Daughters and all who helped make our parish feast day party a great success. I think everyone had a wonderful time and I pray that we can make it a yearly function. All of the goodies were delicious. Thank you again.

An area which has come up in our parish advisory meetings as well as a committee of concerned parishioners recently has met with me about our Church Hall. We would like to put in a chair lift so that parishioners and members of our community could more easily get down to the Church Hall. Beyond the chair lift we would like to re-configure the men’s bathroom so that it would be handicap accessible, I am putting out a box in the narthex for anyone who might wish to contribute to this endeavor. The committee is also looking into government grants since we have our monthly Saint Joseph’s Table. Also, S.M.A.R.T. plans to have a talent show in the spring as a fundraiser for this effort.

The Christmas and New Years schedule is as follows:

**Christmas Eve
4:00pm
(Homily geared for children)**

**10:00pm
(Musical Prelude at 9:30pm)**

**Christmas Day
10:00am**

**New Years Eve
5:15pm**

**New Years Day
9:00am**

**Adoration
Noon - 8pm
(in the Chapel)**

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Father Newcomb*

The parish office will close at noon Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. It will also be closed on Christmas Day and Monday, December 28th.

We will be decorating our Church on **Monday, December 21st**, starting at 5pm. Multiple hands make light work.



The St. Mary’s choirs will hold their annual bake sale this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, to help fund the musicians for our Christmas Masses.

Monetary donations also accepted.



Please join Little Lambs on **Tuesday, December 22nd** in the Church Hall for our Christmas Pageant. Pageant begins at 10:30. A milk and cookie reception will follow the pageant. Please note the Silent Auction has been postponed.

Fr. Ivan Csete will celebrate the next Hungarian Mass on Sunday, January 3rd at 1:30pm at St. Mary's Church

Essay Contest! All children in grades 7 through 12 are invited to enter. The theme is "Dignity of the Elderly". For guidelines and more information, call the parish office. *Deadline is January 4th.*



CDA #114 will be hosting their annual **Tricky Tray** on Sunday, January 17th. Doors open at noon and drawing begins at 2pm. **Tickets are 25 for \$1!** Proceeds will benefit Community Charities.



St. Joseph's Church in Matamoras, PA will be hosting a 2 day Scrapbooking Event. Friday, January 15 pm-10pm and Saturday, January 16 8am- 10pm. Cost \$65 for 2 days, \$20 for Friday, \$45 for Sat. which includes meals and much more! For more information contact Stephanie 570-840-5150 or Luann 570-604-1446.

Our parish will once again have a bus to Washington, DC for the March for Life on January 22nd. We are offering seats for \$25. If you cannot make the trip, please consider sponsoring another person who may not be able to go due to financial reasons.

Empowering Port Jervis at 11 Fowler Street will once again provide a safe and warm place for the homeless to go and provide warm beverages and soup. They are in need of volunteers to continue to run the warming station this winter. If you would like to volunteer, please call Evan 718-576-0219 or 845-856-3991.

Little Lambs Upcoming Events: Catholic Schools week is January 31 through February 6th. The Open House for registrants for the 2016/17 school year will be Monday, February 1st from 4:30pm until 7pm (Snowdate will be February 8th).

Correction: The collection for Dec.5/6 was \$7,083.

The collection for December 12/13 was \$6,321.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, December 21 (Peter Canisius, priest and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Maikowski and Kreckel families, by Pauline Kreckel
Ann Ropke, by Jim and Claire Polanis
- Tuesday, December 22**
9:00am Charles Harrington, by Amelia and Bill Quinn
- Wednesday, December 23 (John of Kanty, priest)**
9:00am Burke Catholic Faculty and Staff, by the Buczek family
Michael Fuller, by Barbara Guinn
- Thursday, December 24**
4:00pm Anthony Capra, by the Capra family
10:00pm Richard Harford, by Ray and Donna Calvario
- Friday, December 25 (Nativity of the Lord)**
10:00am Stephanie and Allen Tooley, by the family
- Saturday, December 26 (Stephen, 1st martyr)**
4:00pm Michelle Marino, by Deacon Rich and Joanne Marino
- Sunday, December 27 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Living and deceased members of the Macchiarolo and Morelli families, by Maria Macchiarolo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, Andrea Fedoruk, Sandy Osbourne, John McKean, Lisa Donahue, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Maureen Hildebrandt, William Quinn, Vada Glass, Mary Ellen Piper, Jeannine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Tonya Addy, Gloria Hicks, Thomas Gumaer, Jr., Ashley Avella, Amelia Quinn, Leon Logan, Theresa Kavanagh, Angela Grillo, Grace Maillet, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Mary E. Smith, Fontano family, Sally Hanstine, Diana Kuhn, and Dennis Simmons.

Liturgical Ministers for December 26/27

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. LOTHIAN	K. FLYNN, J. FLYNN, W. PONDS	J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	M. LATINI	N. ARROYO, V. LIVINGSTON, S. RIORDAN	T. LAMOREAUX, S. MOREJON, Z. ADAMCIK
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, D. LIVINGSTON, N. SMITH	S. PHILLIPS, J. ENNIS, K. EPPS