

Dear Parishioners,

Now that we have ended our Christmas celebrations I want to thank the many parishioners that assisted us in having a beautiful Christmas here in Port. First, of course, we thank almighty God who is the source of all beauty and goodness. I thank Karen Flynn for organizing all of the flowers and decorations for the Church. Karen organizes the Church decorations not just at Christmas and Easter, but throughout the year. Her sidekick Jack also assisted us well with Tony Collado, Mike Cuello, Aidan Webb and of course Deacon Rich; in setting up the nativity inside of the Church. The latter crew of many families assisted us in the evening to put up the trees and align the flowers. The Church looked beautiful.

Our choirs always show their love of God through their time, talent and efforts. It was a bittersweet time musically; as we enjoyed the beauty, but also realized that we would be moving on without our steadfast organist, cantor and music director; Dr. Hubbard. The brass that was added to the Christmas Masses added a beautiful solemnity to the liturgy.

I continue to be impressed with our staff here at Saint Mary's. Gina and Peggy keep the office running well and make sure the bills are paid and letters signed. Deacon Rich takes such pride in our buildings. He puts his sweat, along with his aches and pains into maintaining them so well. He also makes time to run R.C.I.A., teach the Confirmation Class and work with families on baptismal and marriage prep. Our religious education program prepares our children well in the essentials of the faith and if you ever need an uplift, visit our Little Lambs program. The children are so filled with joy, fervor and love; in learning about Our Lord and Savior.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your great generosity to the Christmas collection. I know that many of you sacrificed a great deal, and it is a great testimony to your faith and love of God. We implore Our Lady, who directed her Son to bless the wedding at Cana, continue to intercede for us in 2016, for our Church, our community of Port and our nation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



Court Madonna #114 will be hosting their annual
Tricky Tray today **Sunday, January 17th.**

Doors open at noon and drawing begins at 2pm.

Tickets are 25 for \$1! Proceeds will benefit Community Charities.

The second collection next weekend will be for the bus to the Pro-Life March.

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.

St. Mary's 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 (Snow date will be February 8th).



A FAITH Event
Families Actively Interacting
Through Him

A Lenten Journey
Saturday, February 6th

12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Mary Church Hall - \$5 per family
Pay at the door

Join us for lunch and an afternoon of fun-family activities, games and more!

Kindly RSVP by Monday, February 1st to
faith@stmarysportjervis.com

Include your name and the number of people attending.

In an effort to raise funds for the stairlift and other renovations needed to the church hall to allow everyone access to all our events, G.E.M.S. will be taking orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts and coffee. Please see one of the children after all Masses next weekend (January 23rd/24th) and at the breakfast the weekend of January 30th/January 31st. You can also order at the parish office. If anyone is interested in taking orders for us, please call the parish office or stop by and pick up an order form. We appreciate everyone's support.



Join us on **Sunday, January 31st** for our monthly breakfast in the Church hall.



Fr. Paul Mullen, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul parish in Dingman Township in cooperation with other agencies is launching "Working Pike". They are hoping to enable more people to find employment to provide for themselves and their families. For more information on how you can volunteer, call Arlette 570-257-0030.

Seniors looking for fellowship may join others at the Far-num House, 21 Ulster Place, for monthly meetings and lunch. For more information call 858-4054.

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.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, January 18**
9:00am Anthony M Capra, by the family
- Tuesday, January 19**
9:00am Dominick Santini, by Bill and Catherine Simons
Michael Decker, by the Rosary Group
- Wednesday, January 20 (Fabian, pope and martyr; Sebastian, martyr)**
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks
Deceased members of the Murphy family, by the family
- Thursday, January 21 (Agnes, virgin and martyr)**
9:00am Luann McCarthy, by Jim and Joann Wilcox
- Saturday, January 23 (Vincent, deacon and martyr; Marianne Cope, virgin)**
4:00pm Antoinette Salva, by Joanne and Jim Wilcox
- Sunday, January 24 (Ecumenical Sunday)**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am June Livingston, by the family

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, 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, Dennis Simons, Rachael Gaesser, Anthony Medaglia, Emily Ackerman, Bob Ritchie, and Jose Maldonado.

We are now selling Lottery Tickets for the month of February.

The collection for January 10th/11th was \$4,298.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for January 23/24

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	K. FLYNN, J. FLYNN	N. WEBB, A. WEBB, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	M. LATINI	A. WITKOWSKI, T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY, J. HENDRICK	V. AND E. WITKOWSKI, E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	J. SNELLINGER, T. MARION, R. DENNINGTON	K. EPPS, A. EPPS, S. PHILLIPS