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Dear Parishioners,

Peace always comes when there is deep contrition. *Go in peace.* These are the words the priest says to us after forgiving our sins. Faith and humility saved the woman; with contrition she began a new life. As Saint Gregory the Great says: *That woman represents us when, after having committed a sin, we turn back to God with all our heart and imitate her in our cries of penance.* Contrition makes us forget ourselves and return to God through a deep act of love. Contrition is also a sign of the depth of our love and calls down God’s mercy upon us. As the prophet Isaiah says: *This is the man to whom I will look, he that is humble and contrite in spirit.* Our worst defects and failings ought not dishearten us, even if they are many and frequent, provided we are humble and repentant.

We cannot forget that our faults are real. We cannot blame them on society, or on difficult circumstances in life, or think them inevitable, excusing ourselves and shrinking our responsibility. To do so would be to shut the door on forgiveness and any real meeting with Jesus, as happened with Simon, the Pharisee. *More than the sin itself, says Saint John Chrysostom, what displeases and offends God is the sinner’s not feeling any sorrow for his sins.* There will be no sorrow for sin if we make excuses for our weaknesses. On the other hand, we should make a good examination of our conscience and not be content with acknowledging that we are sinners in some vague undefined way. Jesus knows our hearts well and wishes to purify and cleanse them.

Let us ask God to engrave on our hearts this consoling teaching so that we continue our effort to be holy and reach God’s love. In this adventure of love we should not be depressed by our falls, not even serious falls, if we go to God in the sacrament of penance, contrite and resolved to improve. A Christian is not a neurotic collector of good behavior reports. Jesus Christ our Lord was moved as much by Peter’s repentance after his fall as by John’s innocence and faithfulness. Jesus understands our weaknesses and draws us to Himself on an inclined plane. He wants us to make an effort to climb a little each day. He seeks us out, just as He did the disciples of Emmaus, whom He went out to meet. He sought Thomas, showed Himself to him and made him touch with his fingers the open wounds in His hands and side. Jesus Christ is always waiting for us to return to Him; He knows our weaknesses.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



*Vacation Bible School* will run the week of July 18th-22nd. Cost is \$10 per family. Children 4-12 are invited to join us for some *Barnyard Fun!* Visit or call the parish office to register.

**Registration deadline is June 20th.**

This year’s trip to Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom will be on Thursday, July 28th. Children who have faithfully served our church through S.M.A.R.T., G.E.M.S., Altar serving, or in the choir are invited to attend. Please call the parish office for a permission form.

**All forms must be returned to Fr. Newcomb no later than Thursday, July 17th.**

*Liturgical Ministers for June 18/19*

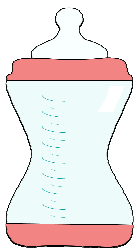
MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. COTUGNO	H. ECKES, K. FLYNN, J. FLYNN	S. PHILLIPS, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	M. LATINI	R. BABEY, S. RIORDAN, A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, J. SENKIEW	J. ENNIS, K. EPPS, Z. ADAMCIK

St. Anthony's in Yulan, NY will be celebrating the ***Feast of St. Anthony*** today, June 12th from 12-6pm. There will be rides, games, food for purchase and a live band. For more information contact Fr. La Grutta 557-8512.

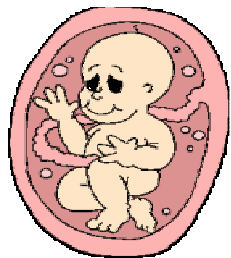
**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #114-** Please join us on Sunday, June 26th for the installation of Court Madonna's new officers, to be held after the 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's Church. There will be a luncheon reception in the Church Hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel has a designated Holy Door for the Jubilee Year of Mercy and is located at 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY, just a short drive from Sussex County and the surrounding Orange County area. For further information, please call Carol Bezak, Director, at 845-343-1879 or email [cbezak@carmelites.com](mailto:cbezak@carmelites.com) or visit the shrine website [ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com](http://ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com).

Congratulations to the May winners of the **PARISH LOTTERY!** We are now selling tickets for the month of July They are \$10 each and entitle paid members to participate in daily prizes. The winning number is determined by the NYS Lottery evening drawing. One number above wins \$10, one number below wins \$10. Daily drawing is worth \$75; each Wednesday drawing is worth \$100. Please visit the parish office to purchase tickets.



If you have not already done so, please consider taking a baby bottle from the narthex and filling it up with change to help support the Tri State Pregnancy Center. Every penny counts! ***Please return all bottles by next Sunday, June 19th.***



Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails and I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my mom and dad. Thanks to you and your prayers, I'll see them soon.

**VENDORS WANTED FOR FLEA MARKET:** St James the Greater of Montague is have their annual Flea Market on Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 am to 4:00pm . Indoor/Outdoor spaces available . Contact Betsy Gardner at 845 325 2525 or [Gardnerabstract@aol.com](mailto:Gardnerabstract@aol.com) for questions or to reserve a space.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, June 13 (Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church)**  
 9:00am Dr. Marie Connors, by Amelia and Bill Quinn  
 Deceased members of the Delaney family, by the family
- Tuesday, June 14**  
 9:00am Richard Harford, by Enid Decker and family
- Wednesday, June 15**  
 9:00am Joseph John Di Toto, by mother and brother
- Thursday, June 16**  
 9:00am Susan Hinkley, by James Hinkley and family  
 Frieda and Christopher Marion, by granddaughter Toni
- Saturday, June 18**  
 4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, June 19**  
 8:30am For all fathers, living and deceased  
 11:30am For all fathers, living and deceased



*The Sanctuary lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church in memory of Elizabeth and Susan Hinkley, by Dick and Barbara Drew.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Bob Ritchie, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Jose Ramos, Aedan Roach, Jim Roach, Robyn Radzikowski, Joseph Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, John McKeon, William Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Jeanine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Angela Grillo, Ruth Lewis, Anthony Medaglia, Maureen Hildebrandt, Jose Maldonado, Tonya Addy, Raquel Maldonado, Robert Cinerar, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Steve Wilkinson, Grace Maillet, John Little, Joseph Cox, Dennis Simmons, Joe Bellotto, and William Gaide.

The collection for June 4/5 was \$6,538.50  
 Thank you for your continued generosity.