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Dear Parishioners,

Our Lord wants us to play a part in His mission to save mankind, and has provided apostolic zeal as an integral component of the Christian vocation. The person who decides to follow Jesus, as we have done, becomes an apostle with very definite responsibilities for helping others find the narrow door that leads to heaven. All Catholics, whatever their age or background, in all circumstances of their lives, are called to bear witness to Christ all the world over.

Apostolic zeal, the desire to draw many people to Our Lord, does not require us to do anything odd or peculiar, and much less to neglect our family, social or professional duties. It is precisely in those situations, in our family, at work, with our friends, in everyday human relationships, that we find scope for an apostolic activity which may often be silent, but which is always efficacious.

In the middle of the world, where God has placed us, we have to bring Christ to others: with our example, putting our faith into practice; by being always cheerful; by our refusal to be perturbed by the difficulties which are the normal lot of mankind; by with our word, always being ready to encourage and thereby letting people to go to the greatness and the wonder of finding and following Jesus; in some cases it can be by helping people to go to the Sacrament of forgiveness, and in others, by putting a new heart into people who perhaps have been at the point of abounding the Master.

Let us ask ourselves today in our prayer if the people who know us can readily recognize us as disciples of Christ. Are we not only Christians, but seen to be Christians? Let us consider how many we have helped to take a decisive step on the path to heaven. How many have we spoke to about God, or invited to a reconciliation. Are we the soul that infuses the life of Christ into society wherever we happen to be?

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

***Sunday, Sept. 18th is our Annual Parish Picnic at the Sparrowbush firehouse. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring your own Non-Alcoholic drinks and item according to your last name (enough for approximately 8 people).***

**Last names:   A-G Appetizer or Snack  
                  H-P Dessert  
                  Q-Z Salad or Vegetables**

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

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please return the reservation form to the parish office before Monday, September 7th**

A monthly Healing Mass is held on the last Thursday of every month at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY. The next Healing Mass will be held on Thursday, July 28th at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879.



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual School Supply Drive**

F.A.I.T.H. is organizing our 4th annual **School Supply Drive.**

Look for the Tree of Knowledge in the narthex beginning the weekend of August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st. Select your apple (red apples have a list of supplies needed and green apples can be returned to the office or in the offering baskets with a monetary donation). Return your donations by the weekend of August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st. All purchased donations can be left in the bins in the narthex. FAITH will deliver all donations the first week of September. In working closely with the schools, we have modified the supplies requested to reflect what is needed most by the children of our community.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity*

**The 2017 Mass book is now open.**

**St. Mary's Little Lambs**, which is a NYS Licensed facility, is now accepting registrations for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes in the fall. There are full and half day programs still available.

For information contact:  
Eileen Carmody,  
director: 845 858-4208.

If anyone would like an old St. Mary's School desk, please call the parish office.

To see pictures of the parish dance, please go to <http://www.bobbycurreristudios.com/St-Mary>

Beginning September 1st, the parish office hours will be from 9:30am until 3pm.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, August 22 (Queenship of the B.V.M.)**  
9:00am Marion Rohner, by Mary Wohlscheid  
Raymond Kahmar, by Erika and Joseph Cox and family
- Tuesday, August 23 (Rose of Lima, Virgin)**  
9:00am Nicolina Macchiarolo, by Maria Macchiarolo  
Living and deceased members of the Brady family, by Eleanor Brady
- Wednesday, August 24 (Bartholomew, apostle)**  
9:00am John Konchan, by Ed and Helen Eckes
- Thursday, August 25(Louis;Joseph Calasanz, priest)**  
9:00am Michael Piccolo, by Nancy Smith and family
- Saturday, August 27**  
4:00pm Anthony Capra, Sr. by the family
- Sunday, August 28**  
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's  
11:30am Nicholas and Marie Iwanciw, by Olga Fedoruk



*The Sanctuary lamp will burn brightly this week in the church "In Thanksgiving", by the Kavanagh family.*

**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, Steve Wilkinson, Grace Maillet, John Little, Joseph Cox, Dennis Simmons, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, Ashley Avella, Fr. Ivan Csete, Robert Semerano, Christina Greeves, Barbara Drew, Amelia Quinn, Marianne Ripel, and Dennis Curtin.

The collection for August 13/14 was \$4,426.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

***Liturgical Ministers for August 27/28, 2016***

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	L. AVELLA, H. ECKES, W. PONDS	N. WEBB, A. WEBB, B. BIRKENSTOCK
8:30AM	P. CAL	V. LIVINGSTON, D. LIVINGSTON, S. RIORDAN	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	J. SENKIEW, J. SNELLINGER	J. MALDONADO, S. MASCI, S. PHILLIPS