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Dear Parishioners,

In this month of November we remember our dearly beloved dead. Sometimes people ask worthy questions about cremations. The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the 25th of October published a new instruction on the burial of the dead and on the conservation of the ashes in cases of cremation. The instruction reiterates the long held view that the Church is not opposed to the practice of cremation, though it continues to recommend that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. However, the new document insists that ashes should not be kept in private houses and that the scattering of ashes on land or at sea is not permitted.

The following are excerpts from the document:

By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity. She cannot, therefore, condone attitudes or permit rites that involve erroneous ideas about death, such as considering death as the definitive annihilation of the person, or the moment of fusion with Mother Nature or the universe, or as a stage in the cycle of regeneration, or as the definitive liberation from the "prison" of the body. Furthermore, burial in a cemetery or another sacred place adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit and in which "as instruments and vessels the Spirit has carried out so many good works".

Finally, the burial of the faithful departed in cemeteries or other sacred places encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead, while at the same time fostering the veneration of martyrs and saints. Through the practice of burying the dead in cemeteries, in churches or their environs, Christian tradition has upheld the relationship between the living and the dead and has opposed any tendency to minimize, or relegate to the purely private sphere, the event of death and the meaning it has for Christians.

In circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly-stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in His omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased.

The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect, which eventuality is possible, most especially once the immediately subsequent generation has too passed away. Also it prevents any unfitting or superstitious practices.

The ashes may not be divided among various family members and due respect must be maintained regarding the circumstances of such a conservation. It is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects. These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation.

**When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Newcomb



**Court Madonna #114** is sponsoring the Annual Antique Appraisal Day and 6th Annual Holiday Craft Fair with Fall Gold Buying Event on Sat., Nov. 12th. This is a 3- in-1 event in the church hall. Appraisals by Flannery's Auction and Appraisal and Roberson's Auction and Appraisal. \$4 per item. PRS Gold Buyers and Craft Vendors with many hand crafted items. Raffles, bakesale, and food available.

**There will be a Holy Hour for the Election on Monday, November 7th from 8pm-9pm in the Chapel**

Please take advantage of Lighthouse Media's educational tools online. Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). There you can watch movies, download books, etc. St. Mary's access code is **WXXVJT**. This is a **FREE** service!  
 Fr. Newcomb will have discussions on Monday nights in the parish office at 6:30pm on the following dates:  
 November 7th, 14th, and 28th  
 December 5th, 12th, and ending on December 19th.

**St. Mary's Little Lambs** will be having their St. Nicholas Fair on Sunday, December 4th from 9:30am until 2pm. Get your Christmas shopping done while supporting our school. If you are a vendor and interested in a table please contact Eileen at 858-4208.

The Knights of Columbus Assembly #760 is having their annual Turkey Dinner dance and Raffle on Saturday, November 12th. From 5pm to 9pm. Meal includes Beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$25 per person. For reservations call Bob Dennington at 858-5991 or the council at 856-4084.



We are continually accepting donations of non-perishable items in the Narthex for our Christmas Food Baskets. Please place items in the blue bins in the Narthex.

**Chopping of the Greens:** S.M.A.R.T. members, please consider helping out on **Weds, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** as we chop down and bundle branches for the Advent Wreaths. Please meet at the parking lot at 3:45 p.m. Once done we return to the church hall to cut and bundle the branches for the advent wreath making event on Sat., Nov. 16th. Bring your own clippers! Please email Danielle at [faithinportjervis@gmail.com](mailto:faithinportjervis@gmail.com) if you can come for all or part of the process.

*Banns of Marriage:*  
*Brian Joseph Cimbak*



*Rachel Marie Webb*

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, November 7**  
 9:00am Sandra Lee Guercio, by Deacon Richard and Joanne Marino  
 Evelyn Bradley Negro, by the Senior Choir
- Tuesday, November 8**  
 9:00am William Nachand, by the family  
 Dennis Aumick, by Walt and Eileen Carmody
- Wednesday, November 9 (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)**  
 9:00am Julius Tenke, by Ed and Helen Eckes
- Thursday, November 10 (Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church)**  
 9:00am Elizabeth A. Hawkins, by Edward Hawkins
- Saturday, November 12**  
 4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, November 13 (Stewardship Sunday)**  
 8:30am Eva and John Lawrow, by Mary Rimlinger  
 11:30am Josef Kucher, by the family



*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church in Thanksgiving, by the Kavanagh family.*

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Chapel for the deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of the Archdiocese of New York, by the Past Regents Chapter.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, 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, Robert Cinerar, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Steve Wilkinson, Grace Maillot, Joseph Cox, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, Ashley Avella, Robert Semerano, Christina Greeves, Amelia Quinn, Marianne Ripel, Dennis Curtin, Joseph Livingston, Donna Bancala, Leonard Schweizer, Teddy Mead, Pat Arnold, Angela Lillo, Nick James, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Kavanagh, Tom Earley, Conner McHugh, Bobby Fett, Sue Arnold, and Dennis A Perrin.

The collection for October 29/30 was \$6,225.  
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

***Liturgical Ministers for November 12/13, 2016***

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	J. SENKIEW, A. WITKOWSKI	V. AND E. WITKOWSKI, A. EPPS
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	S. RIORDAN, R. BABEY, A. AND N. STASILLI	T. LAMOREAUX, J. MARCONE, E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	M. ADAMCIK, T. MARION, N. SMITH	Z. ADAMCIK, J. ENNIS, M. LAUTURE