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Dear Parishioners,

This third Sunday of Advent I thought I would spend some time on the state of the parish. In the fall of 2015 we spent a good deal of time on an increased giving campaign and for the most part, many of you stepped up to the plate. I can happily say that we are able to pay all of our bills. Thanks be to God.

I wanted you to be aware of all of the projects that have been completed in the last year, thanks to your generosity and for us tightening our belts. The largest project we completed this summer was the complete replacement of the rectory roof. This was a huge project. In years past, parts of the roof had been leaking, and so this project was very necessary and was able to be done without asking for any money from you. The next most prominent project was the chairlift. I thank many of you who gave very generously for it. It has been a very worthy addition for our parish and especially for all of our events in the Church Hall. Soon, we will be fixing the floor and the project will be completed. Also, in the Church Hall, we replaced all four sump pumps and created a new dry well in the kitchen entrance, so that we will avoid future flooding. Then, we repaired the school garage roof, that had a huge hole in it. Again volunteers stepped up to the plate and it was nicely completed. Currently we are replacing seven windows in the parish office building (the old convent) where Fr. Csete resides. All of these projects were completed under the direction of our plant manager Deacon Rich Marino. He takes the call of service to God and His Church very seriously. Without all of his hard work and the reasonableness that Jim Rohner and Neversink Lumber charge us for all of our supplies, these necessary projects would not have been able to have been done.

For the coming year, there are some projects that I think we need to address sooner rather than latter. For our safety and for the good of the parish I think we need to have a camera system setup for our campus. Gina can watch to make sure every area is safe, especially the Chapel. It is always good to be proactive I believe. Also, I would like us to replace most of our bulbs in the school and elsewhere with LED bulbs. This project will save us a lot over the long hull. With these things in mind we will take up a second collection for maintenance on Christmas. This will also I hope, spread the burden of maintaining our parish to not just a few, but many. Please prayerfully consider what you maybe able to contribute. Again, thank you for all that you do and for the many hard working volunteers who give of their time and their skills to our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

**The second collection this weekend is for the Retired Religious. Please give it your prayerful consideration.**

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 18th** after the 11:30 Mass. All are welcome to assist!



On Thursday,  
**December 15th**  
at 4pm, we will  
be collecting,



*turkeys, hams, and chickens* in the church  
hall.

***Help us fight hunger in our community.***



**Breakfast with Santa**

hosted by the Knights of Columbus

**Place: St. Mary's Church Hall**

**Date: December 11, 2016**

**Time: 8am-12pm**

Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, hot chocolate

\$7 for adults/ \$5 for kids ***\*Under 3 free\*\****

All donations will benefit the **St. Mary's Food Pantry**. Please bring your camera for a photo opportunity with Santa! For more information call: Anthony 845-856-8996.

Join us for an evening of carols. We will begin at St. Joseph's Place at 4:30pm, followed by Water's Edge. We will then gather for pizza in the church hall and continue about town. Join us for all or part of the evening. Email Danielle at faithinport-jervis@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

In the spirit of Christmas, we are continuing our tradition of a "GIVING TREE." We are supporting both the local Elks Lodge and the Port Jervis High School Rotary Interact Club in their efforts to provide winter outerwear items for needy children and teens in our community. A donation of \$10 or more would be greatly appreciated; every \$50 will sponsor one child. Doves are on the Christmas tree in the narthex for your convenience. They may be returned in the attached envelope, in the collection basket or at the parish office, by Monday, December 12. Checks may be made payable to St. Mary's.

*Thank you for your support!*



**CHRISTMAS 2016**

Christmas Mass will be celebrated:

**Saturday, December 24th**

**4pm** (with a special homily for the children), and a

**10pm** Mass (with a candlelit procession to the crèche

and music for congregation, choir, organ and brass)

**Sunday, December 25th 10:00am**

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On Saturday, December 31, 2016 and Sunday, January 1, 2017, we will follow the regular weekend schedule.

The collection for December 3/4 was \$6,708.50.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, December 12**  
9:00am Anita Grillo, by Joe, Stephen, and Chris  
7:00pm *Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe*
- Tuesday, December 13 (Lucy, virgin and martyr)**  
9:00am Joseph Kucher, by the Prager family  
Jane Ewanciw, by Toni Marion
- Wednesday, December 14 (John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church)**  
9:00am Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks  
Jane Ewanciw, by Irene Klostermeier
- Thursday, December 15**  
9:00am George Berthiaume, by Marion and family
- Saturday, December 17**  
4:00pm Joseph Kucher, by Mom and family
- Sunday, December 18**  
8:30am Maria Klostermeier, by Irene Klostermeier  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's



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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Joann Wilcox, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, 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 Maillet, 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, Pat Muller, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Kavanagh, Tom Earley, Conner McHugh, Bobby Fett, Sue Arnold, Dennis Perrin, Gary Lopriore, Josephine Fiorillo, and Carol Tufano.

***Liturgical Ministers for December 17/18, 2016***

| MASS    | LECTOR      | MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION        | ALTAR SERVERS                             |
|---------|-------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 4:00PM  | L. AVELLA   | J. FLYNN, W. PONDS, D. MURO        | J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO, J. MARCONE          |
| 8:30AM  | J. HENDRICK | V. AND D. LIVINGSTON, S. RIORDAN   | J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ              |
| 11:30AM | M. ESLING   | J. SNELLINGER, N. SMITH, T. MARION | DJ PERRIN, A. EPPS, S. MASCI, M. FEDRIZZI |