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Dear Parishioners,

As we continue on with our liturgical understanding, The next two weeks I will focus on what and what the priests wears what he does at Holy Mass:

The amice is a piece of white linen, rectangular in shape, with two long cloth ribbons. The priest places it around his neck, covering the clerical collar, and then ties it by crisscrossing the ribbons in his front (to form a St. Andrew's cross), bringing them around the back, around the waist and tying them in a bow. The practical purpose of the amice is to conceal the normal clerical clothing of a priest, and to absorb any perspiration from the head and neck. In the Graeco-Roman world, the amice was a head covering, oftentimes worn underneath the helmets of the Roman soldiers to absorb sweat, thereby preventing it from flowing into their eyes. The spiritual purpose is to remind the priest of St. Paul's admonition: "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, the Word of God" (Ephesians 6:17). In the Roman Rite, the amice is donned before the alb. While putting it on the priest recites the following prayer: "Impone, Domine, capiti meo galeam salutis, ad expugnandos diabolicos incursus" (Place upon me, O Lord, the helmet of salvation, that I may overcome the assaults of the devil).

The alb is a long, white garment, which flows from shoulders to ankles, and has long sleeves extending to the wrists. (The word alb means "white.") The alb was a common outer garment worn in the Graeco-Roman world and would be similar to the soutane worn in the Middle East. However, those of authority wore albs of higher quality with some kind of embroidery or design. Some modern style albs have collars which preclude the necessity for an amice. The spiritual purpose reminds the priest of his baptism, when he was clothed in white to signify his freedom from sin, purity of new life, and Christian dignity. Moreover, the Book of Revelation describes the saints who stand around the altar of the Lamb in Heaven as "These are the ones who have survived the great period of trial; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (7:14). In the same way, the priest must offer the Mass with purity of body and soul, and with the dignity befitting Christ's priesthood. This is expressed in the prayer the priest says when he dons the alb. The prayer is a reference to Revelation 7:14: "Dealba me, Domine, et munda cor meum; ut, in sanguine Agni dealbatus, gaudiis perfruar sempiternis" (Make me white, O Lord, and cleanse my heart; that being made white in the Blood of the Lamb I may deserve an eternal reward).

The cincture is a long, thick cord with tassels at the ends which secures the alb around the waist. It may be white or may be the same liturgical color as the other vestments. In the Graeco-Roman world, the cincture was like a belt. Spiritually, the cincture reminds the priest of the admonition of St. Peter: "So gird the loins of your understanding; live soberly; set all your hope on the gift to be conferred on you when Jesus Christ appears. As obedient sons, do not yield to the desires that once shaped you in you ignorance. Rather, become holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, after the likeness of the holy One who called you" (I Peter 1:13-15). The corresponding prayer, taking its cue from the first Letter of Peter (1:13), says: "Praecinge me, Domine, cingulo puritatis, et exstingue in lumbis meis humorem libidinis; ut maneat in me virtus continentiae et castitatis" (Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity, and quench in my heart the fire of concupiscence, that the virtue of continence and chastity may abide in me).

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Capuchin Youth Leadership Training, January 13-15, 2017: get in on CYFM's youth Leadership training, join the thousands of teens in this program's 37 year history who have benefitted themselves, their families, their parishes and society. Even teens that don't consider themselves leaders benefit from the authenticity and skill-training offered in this motivational and inspiring program. The Leadership modules include the practical: effective communication, understanding group dynamics and facilitating groups, developing and delivering effective presentations, enhancing self-esteem, and time management; as well as how to combine all those skills for utilization in Evangelization as authentic Christian leaders. They are prepared and transformed into the people that God is calling them to be! Fee \$115.00 per person includes lodging, meals, and materials; application and non-refundable \$60.00 deposit due by 1/10/17. GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS AND ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS! Find more info on web: cyfm.org. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY 10524. (845) 424-3609.



Upcoming TOURING TUESDAY open house dates are: January 10, 2017, January 31, 2017, February 14, 2017, March 14, 2017 and April 4, 2017 from 9-11 am or by appointment.

If you haven't had a chance to visit, we invite you to experience a Catholic school in action by attending an open house event or by scheduling a private tour.

Online via www.applycatholicschoolsny.org or call 646-794-2885

The second collection for this weekend is for Catholic Communications. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

We are looking for volunteers that can cook for St. Joseph's Table on a rotational basis throughout the year. Please see Deacon Rich for details.



Court Madonna No. 114 is hosting their annual **Tricky Tray** on **Sunday, January 15th**. Doors open at 12 noon. Drawing begins at 2:00pm. Tickets are 25 for \$1. For more information contact: Debbie Di Toto, Regent 856-8996 or Barbara Drew, Chairperson 856-2624. *All funds raised benefit Community Charities.*



We will have a bus to Washington, DC on January 27th. The cost is \$40 per person or \$75 per family. Mass will be held at 4:30am and the bus will leave promptly at 5am. For more information contact Nancy Smith 845-856-4610.

Volunteers still needed for staffing the warming station at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Contact Jack Austin at jfaustin@hvc.rr.com or 856-0706 for more information to volunteer. Training is free.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)**
9:00am Dennis Simmons, by Debbie and Kevin Cunningham
- Tuesday, January 10**
9:00am Dennis Simmons, by the Maldonado family
Intentions of Josephine Fiorillo
- Wednesday, January 11**
9:00am Gaspar and Cesarea Cruz, and Melva Z. Navarro, by Maria Esling
- Thursday, January 12**
9:00am Roy Smith, by Karen and Jack Flynn
Jacklyn Lehneis, by Richard Gettenes
- Saturday, January 14**
4:00pm John Oliver, by the family
- Sunday, January 15**
8:30am Anthony Capra, by the Capra family
11:30am Robert Nolan, by Barbara Nolan



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, in memory of Anna DeLeo and Mae Hennessy-Happy Birthday in heaven, by Dan and Theresa Kavanagh.

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, Christina Greeves, Amelia Quinn, Marianne Ripel, Joseph Livingston, Donna Bancala, Teddy Mead, Pat Arnold, Angela Lillo, Pat Muller, Debi Cotugno, Tom Earley, Conner McHugh, Bobby Fett, Sue Arnold, Dennis Perrin, Gary Lopriore, Josephine Fiorillo, Carol Tufano, Jacqueline Leggett, David M. Phillips, Laney Carnahan, and Elizabeth Startup Jones.

The collection for Dec. 31/January 1 was \$6,216.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for January 14th/15th, 2017.

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	J. FLYNN, W. PONDS, B. DENNINGTON	M. LAUTURE, A. WEBB, S. BHIKARRY
8:30AM	P. CAL	T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY, J. HENDRICK, V. LIVINGSTON	T. LAMOREAUX, J. AND D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, J. SNELLINGER	R. TORRES, A. EPPS, S. CUELLO