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Dear Parishioners,

The chair of the priest and deacon is a notable element in every Church and it is good to look at why. The U.S. bishops also touch on this subject in their official guidelines, "Built of Living Stones," Nos. 63-65. Apart from repeating the norms contained in the Missal, it adds some further considerations:

"§ 63 The chair reflects the dignity of the one who leads the community in the person of Christ, but is never intended to be remote or grandiose. The priest celebrant's chair is distinguished from the seating for other ministers by its design and placement. 'The seat for the deacon should be placed near that of the celebrant.' In the cathedral, in addition to the bishop's chair or 'cathedra,' which is permanent, an additional chair will be needed for use by the rector or priest celebrant.

Every diocese in the Catholic world has a cathedral it is the chief church of the diocese, the bishops church. It is not uncommon to hear someone refer mistakenly to an especially large or magnificent church as a cathedral. But it isn't size or décor that matters, its the bishop. That said, there is one physical feature that sets a cathedral apart from all the other churches in the diocese: the bishops throne, which is usually set on a raised platform within the sanctuary. The Latin word for a raised chair or throne, cathedra, is the source of our English word, cathedral.

There is a chair up for the bishop in every diocese, in every local church. From his chair the bishop gathers the people, like a shepherd bringing together a flock. He instructs, encourages, sometimes admonishes, but is always called to challenge them. It is here that the people drink of the rich reserves of the Catholic tradition. It is here that the mystery at the heart of the Catholic faith - the mystery of Christ himself present and active through the gift of the Spirit - is celebrated in its fullness. The cathedral church requires that it not only be a noble sacred space but also a noble sacred space that is large enough to gather large numbers of people for diocesan liturgical celebrations and events.

The Body of Christ, the Church, comes to a full stature when its members gather for prayer and worship together with their bishop, his presbyters, deacons, and other ministers at the altar, united to every local church in the world and to the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, as their head. It is here that the unity of the church becomes visible. This is the prime expression of the Church as one, holy, catholic and apostolic, the marks of the Church affirmed week by week as the Catholic people throughout the world profess the Creed together. Every bishop's ministry is to preserve communion - the bonds of faith over and below - among all those who come together at the Table of the Word and Sacrament as Christians have done since the time of the apostles. The cathedral is to invite all of us to a future full of hope and promise even while keeping our minds and hearts rooted in the truth that has been handed on to us from generation upon generation, like God's mercy rolling down through the ages.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

Fr. Newcomb will be having discussions on Symbolon Part II in the Parish Office Building in the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Meeting Room @ 6:30pm the following

Mondays:

**20 February** Session 2: The Eucharist; **27 February** Session 3: Walk through the Mass  
**6 March** Session 4: Penance & Anointing of the Sick; **13 March** Session 5: Matrimony & Holy Orders  
**27 March** Session 6: A Catholic Moral Vision ; **3 April** Session 7: A Love that Lasts  
**17 April** Session 8: A Love that Lasts ; **24 April** Session 9: Catholic Social Teaching  
**1 May** Session 10: Catholic Social Teaching

*Liturgical Ministers for February 25/26, 2017.*

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	K. BOBISH, H. ECKES, W. PONDS	N. AND A. WEBB, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	J. SMITH	D. AND V. LIVINGSTON, S. RIORDAN	J., S., D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	J. SNELLINGER, N. SMITH, T. MARION	S. CUELLO, J. ENNIS, K. EPPS, A. ST. LOUIS

Join us next weekend for the  
*All You Can Eat Breakfast* in the Church Hall.



### Tea Time is Spring Time

Step back in time & join  
**Court Madonna's Garden**  
for an afternoon of tea and conversation.

**Date:** Saturday, April 1st

**Time:** 12pm to 2:30pm

**Donation:** \$10 Ladies \$5 young ladies  
Please RSVP to Barbara 856-2624

### Upcoming FAITH Events:

**Saturday, March 4th** Lenten Event

**Friday, April 7th** Fish and Chips Dinner

**Saturday, April 22nd** 2nd Annual Parish Dance



**Save the Date! FUN RAISER Wine Tasting.**  
**Friday, April 28th** from 6pm to 9pm in the  
church hall. Tickets \$20. Contact Cheryl 856-  
8793 ;Barbara 856-4801; or the parish office.

**Lottery tickets for March** are now available at the par-  
ish office. Tickets are \$10 each for the month.  
All proceeds go towards Church improvements.



**G.E.M.S.** will be selling Palm Crosses for  
\$10 each. Please see the children after all  
Masses soon or call the parish office.

**Save the Date:** St. Mary's Little Lambs  
pasta and meatball dinner on **Saturday,**  
**March 18** from 4:30-6:30.



**Camp Veritas** is a 1 week play and pray sleep away camp for  
teens going into 7th to 12th grades. There will be 3 sessions  
July 16-22 at Mt. St. Mary's in Newburgh; July 23-29th at  
SummitLake Campin Emmitsburg, MD; and August13-19 at  
Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro. Early bird rate is \$400 by 4/1/17.  
After is \$450. There is no additional charge for the dance and  
basketball program options at Mt. St. Mary's only. Volunteers  
(must be over 18 years old) are needed and free. More details  
can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

A monthly Mass of Healing is held at The National Shrine of  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middletown, NY on the last  
Thursday of each month. This month's Healing Mass will be  
held on February 23rd at 7:00pm. Please call Carol Bezak,  
Shrine Director at 845-343-1879 Ext. 22 for more information.

Harmony Farms in Goshen, NY is offering Community Sup-  
ported Agriculture. Members can receive 9 to 11 different  
vegetables for 22 weeks. For more information contact Sr.  
Ellenrita Purcaro 347-538-7759 or email [harmonyfarm-  
csa@gmail.com](mailto:harmonyfarm-csa@gmail.com)

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

**Monday, February 20**

9:00am Viola Somarelli, by Diane Stierle  
Mary Smith, by Jack and Dorean Reilly

**Tuesday, February 21 (Peter Damian, bishop  
and doctor of the Church)**

9:00am Ida Lissner, by Dr. & Mrs. Craig  
Onofry and family

**Wednesday, February 22 (Chair of Peter the  
apostle)**

9:00am Kevin Cunningham, by Dick and  
Barbara Drew

**Thursday, February 23 (Polycarp, bishop and  
martyr)**

9:00am Joan Henke, by Kate Conroy

**Saturday, February 25**

4:00pm Maria Kucher, by Hannelore Kucher

**Sunday, February 26**

8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's  
Dennis Simmons, by Doreen and Ron  
Semerano

11:30am Deceased members of the Darcy and  
Carmody families, by Walt and Eileen  
Carmody

**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 Lin-  
coln, Mary Platania, Angela Grillo, Ruth Lewis, Anthony  
Medaglia, Maureen Hildebrandt, Robert Cinerar, Andrea  
Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Steve Wilkin-  
son, 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, Josephine Fiorillo, Carol Tufano,  
Jacqueline Leggett, David M. Phillips, Laney Carnahan,  
Elizabeth Startup Jones, Michael Costescu, Lisa Baisley,  
Scott Smith, Jim Muller, Charles Hildebrandt, Joe Formis-  
ano, Erin Zappolo, Theresa Kavanagh, and Jim Bisardi.

Hospice of Orange and Sullivan County will be having  
training sessions on Wednesdays starting April 19, from  
10am until 5pm. For more information contact Debra Ep-  
stein 565-4849 or email [debrae@hospiceoforange.com](mailto:debrae@hospiceoforange.com)

The collection for February 11/12 was \$3,553.50.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.