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Dear Parishioners,

This week we will tackle why I almost exclusively pray the Roman Canon at Mass. The greater use of Eucharistic Prayer I can be argued for on the merit of its antiquity alone. Consider the following:

- The Roman Canon, nearly identical to what it is today, dates back to the 400's or 500's AD.
- Compare this with the Canon of Scripture, the Church's authoritative declaration of which sacred books comprise the Old and New Testaments, which dates back to the councils of Hippo (393AD) and Carthage (397 & 419AD) respectively.
- About the same time the Church definitively declared the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God (Theotokos/God bearer) at the Council of Ephesus in 431AD.
- Finally, the Rule of St. Benedict, that foundational document of western monasticism, was written sometime in the mid 500's.
- This then is the same time period from which we have received the Roman Canon in its present form.

Ponder that for a moment.

When a priest offers the Holy Mass, and speaks the very words found in Eucharistic Prayer I, he is addressing God just as Holy Mother Church has done for well over a millennium and a half. How then do we not extend a similar deference to the Roman Canon as we do other developments and declarations of comparable age?

A common argument made by some against the use of Eucharistic Prayer I is its length. At approximately 800 words EP I is more than double the length of the more commonly used EP II. However, the additional words only extend Mass by two minutes. Two minutes. That's it.

I pray your Lent is going well. Please remind people of Reconciliation Monday which will be on the Monday of Holy Week the 10th of April. Fr. Csete and I will be hearing confessions from 3pm to 9pm in the Church. This is a great time for people to come back to this great Sacrament.

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:

- 17 April** Session 7: A Love that Lasts
- 24 April** Session 8: A Love that Lasts ;
- 1 May** Session 9: Catholic Social Teaching
- 8 May** Session 10: Catholic Social Teaching



**G.E.M.S.** will be selling Palm Crosses for \$10 each this weekend , April 1/2 in the Narthex. Please see the children after all Masses or call the parish office.

**G.E.M.S.** will meet on Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30pm in the St. Paul and St. Peter meeting room.

Anyone who knows someone who lives in Port (at Water's Edge and the other apartment across the way especially) does not have a car and is physically able to come to Mass for Easter and would like a ride please call the office. We now have a parish van and any individuals who would like to ride in it will need to sign a waiver to absolve Saint Mary's from any liability. The van will also be available for Saint Joseph's Table on Good Friday. The van would pick up at 11am at Water's Edge for the 11:30am Mass. For Saint Joseph's Table it would pick up at 4:45pm.

**FUN RAISER Wine Tasting**

**Friday, April 28th** from 6pm to 9pm in the church hall. Tickets \$20. Contact Cheryl 856-8793 or Barbara 856-4801. Tickets also available at the parish office. Appetizers and Desserts included in ticket price. There will also be a 50/50 raffle!

If anyone would like to contribute a dessert please call:

Sophie 649-6364 or Dawn 858-9210.



**Fish and Chips Dinner Ticket Orders**

**April 7, 2017**

#of Adult Tickets \_\_\_ x \$13.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

# of Child Tickets \_\_\_ x \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Eat-In Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

# of Take-Out Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick-up your tickets at the door the night of the dinner**

All are invited to attend the *Tenebrae* at St. Mary's Church, in Port Jervis at 50 Ball Street. The celebrations will be at 10 AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 13, 14, and 15.

**About the Tenebrae:** The word Tenebrae can be translated to "darkness" or "shadows" Centered around the Matins, scriptural readings and Lauds of the last three days of Holy Week. The traditions regarding this service go back at least to the ninth century. Originally celebrated after midnight, the candles were extinguished only the "Christ Candle" remained. The participants would leave the church in darkness meditating on Christ's betrayal, agony and death.

**St. Mary's Little Lambs** would like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the delicious meal prepared by the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph the Worker Council at our recent Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser. They earned \$234.00 to be used towards the renovation of their kitchen and a bathroom.

Please join us in St. Mary's Church Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 7 as our Little Lambs reenact the events of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Following the pageant, we will have a simple Lenten snack of pretzels and juice.

**Dance Through The Decades**

**Saturday, April 22nd  
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
Take a step back in time and dance to the music of the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s as DJ G. plays your favorites from yesterday and today.  
Bring a covered dish to share.  
Beer, Wine and snacks provided.  
Shine Up those dancing shoes

**Dance Through The Decades Reservation Form 2017**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of children (12 & under) \_\_\_\_\_

We will bring \_\_\_\_\_ to share as our covered dish.

\$15 per family Please make checks payable to **St. Mary's Church** Return to parish office or in offering basket **by April 15th**

The collection for March 25/26 was \$4,557.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, April 3**  
9:00am Eleanor Kowal, by Ron and Dorean Semerano  
Clara Hughson, by Joseph Hughson
- Tuesday, April 4 (Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church)**  
9:00am Anthony Capra, by the Capra family
- Wednesday, April 5 (Vincent Ferrer, priest)**  
9:00am Mary Napolitano, by Amelia Quinn
- Thursday, April 6**  
9:00am Intentions of Rachel Cimbak and Olivia Webb, by mom, dad, and siblings
- Friday, April 7 (John Baptist de la Salle, priest)**  
11:30am Jane Ewanciw, by John and CathyJo Ewanciw  
Tom Earley, by Mark, Jean, and Michael Fox
- Saturday, April 8**  
4:00pm Joseph Kucher, Jr., by mom and family
- Sunday, April 9**  
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's  
Edgar G. Purcell, by Rayola McLaughlin  
11:30am Thomas Osowick, Sr., by Osowick family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Aedan Roach, Jim Roach, Robyn Radzikowski, Joseph Brennan, Elizabeth Brennan, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, John McKeon, William Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Jeanine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Maureen Hildebrandt, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Grace Maillet, Joseph Cox, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, Marianne Ripel, Pat Arnold, Debi Cotugno, Conner McHugh, David M. Phillips, Scott Smith, Jim Muller, Charles Hildebrandt, Joe Formisano, Theresa Kavanagh, Jim Bisardi, Fontano family, Kevin Smith, Ron Evans, Barbara Straub, Flossie Brown, Mae Prill, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, and Steve Wilkinson.

**Oppose Assisted Suicide-**Legislation has been introduced in the New York State Legislature that would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of pills at the request of a terminally ill patient. While proponents call these bills "death with dignity" and "patient self-determination," in reality they are unnecessary, flawed and dangerous. Legalizing assisted suicide would endanger elderly, disabled, and vulnerable people. It will send the message to others that suicide is acceptable and lead to an increase in suicides. It will leave people with depression and other mental illnesses untreated. And it will turn doctors and other health professionals from healers into killers. Please inform yourself about the dangers in this bill by visiting [NewYorkersForLife.org](http://NewYorkersForLife.org).

**Liturgical Ministers for April 8/9, 2017 (Palm Sunday)**

| MASS    | LECTOR                 | MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION               | ALTAR SERVERS                       |
|---------|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 4:00PM  | M. ESLING, J. SMITH    | K. BOBISH, H. ECKES, N. SMITH, C. WITTINE | DJPERRIN, S. BHIKARRY, M. FEDRIZZI  |
| 8:30AM  | J. HENDRICK            | D. AND V. LIVINGSTON, J. SNELLINGER       | D., E., A. TRUJILLO                 |
| 11:30AM | M. LATINI, H. MARINARO | M. ADAMCIK, T. MARION, L. AVELLA          | K. & A. EPPS, S. PHILLIPS, J. ENNIS |