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Dear Parishioners,

This week I will center on the history of the Penitential Rite. It is a rather surprising fact to many that, strictly speaking, there is no history to the penitential rite in the Mass prior to Vatican II. The inclusion of the penitential rite as a communal gesture is an innovation in the new order of the mass. “But Father, but Father!” you might say, “I remember the old Mass and hearing the priest and servers recite the confiteor and strike their chest three times!” True there was a confiteor in the Tridentine Liturgy but this was a private devotional gesture between the priest and the servers done at the foot of the altar which was actually prior to the actual beginning of Mass. Thus the introduction of this element into the Mass itself and as a communal gesture is new. Some have suggested a historical precedent may be found in Protestantism. Communal confession of sins was first introduced into protestant communion services of the 16th century. Others, however, see its roots in the Eastern liturgies wherein a penitential act at the beginning of Mass is almost universal and very ancient in origin. The form of this practice varied however and was sometimes linked to the incensing at the beginning of mass. Even as early as the Didache (written ca 90-100 AD) a confession of sins is prescribed before the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist: “On the Lord’s day gather together, break bread and give thanks after confessing your transgressions so that your sacrifice may be pure. Let no one who has a quarrel with his neighbor join you until he is reconciled, lest your sacrifice defiled. For this is that which was proclaimed by the Lord, “In every place and time let there be offered to Me a clean Sacrifice”

The History of the Confiteor (I Confess). The history of this part of the Mass is somewhat convoluted. The remote history may be found in the Western Liturgy in the silent worship which the Pope made when he first came to the altar. Later (by the 7th century) this silent prayer became more elaborate with the directive being that the celebrant lie prostrate before the altar. Likewise, the nature of the prayer came to be more specified. The celebrant was directed to pour forth prayers for himself or for the sins of the people. The general term for this was the apologiae and may be called the forerunner of the confiteor. Thus a penitential theme is introduced. By the 11th century the Confiteor had developed as a specific dialogue between the Celebrant and those immediately around him. Thus he not only acknowledges his sinfulness before God but also before those who serve him and asks their mediation on his behalf. The actual text of the confiteor, was taken from those used in sacramental confession. The oldest confiteor formulas were simple and brief. For example here is an 11th Century version from Cluny, “I confess to God and before all His saints and you, Father, that I have sinned in thought word and deed through my fault. I ask you to pray for me. They confessed before God and the heavenly Church (i.e. the saints) as well as asking intercession from the Church on earth. In the Gothic period there grew a practice of listing some of the Saints by name. This is evident in the confiteor used in the Tridentine Mass. The shorter, simpler version of the confiteor now prescribed is closer to the oldest formulas although the angels and the Mother of God are still specifically mentioned in addition to the general phrase “all the saints.” One other difference today from the Tridentine Mass is that there is no longer a separate recitation of the confiteor for priest and the servers. Now the communal aspect of the act is stressed even while the personal aspect is retained: I confess.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

The 2nd collection this weekend is to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

There will be First Friday Adoration in the chapel on May 5th following the 11:30 Mass. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. 2 adorers must be present at all times.

The 2nd collection next weekend May 6th/7th will be for the Mother’s Day Novena.

There will be a parent meeting at 10am next Sunday, May 7th, in the Church Hall for those parents of children in the 7th grade religious education class that plan to have their child confirmed in the fall of 2018.

Liturgical Ministers for May 6/7, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	J. SMITH	J. FLYNN, A. WITKOWSKI, C. WITTINE	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	D. LEGATO	T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY, N. SMITH	T. LAMOREAUX, J. AND J. LEGATO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION, H. MARINARO	A. EPPS, M. FEDRIZZI, S. MASCI

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

1 May Session 9: Catholic Social Teaching

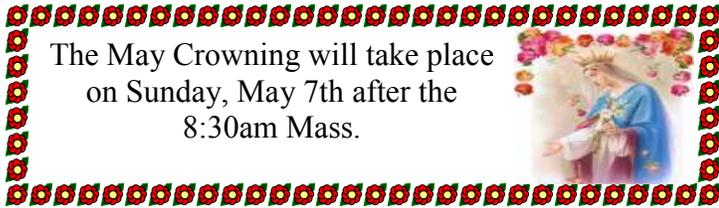
8 May Session 10: Catholic Social Teaching



Join us today for the *All You Can Eat Breakfast* in the Church hall.

G.E.M.S. will meet on Tuesday, May 2nd in the St. Paul and St. Peter's meeting room at 6:30pm. All children in grades 5 through 8 are invited to join us.

Boy Scout Troop #173 is having a clothing drive from 9-5:30 and car wash (\$5) on Saturday, May 6th from 9am until 1pm in the church parking lot. They are collecting clothes, linens, shoes, toys, and stuffed animals. Please bag like items together. For more information contact Dawn 858-9210.



The May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 7th after the 8:30am Mass.



The Knights of Columbus Council #471 will be selling carnations after all Masses on Mother's Day, May 14th for \$1/each.

St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center holds a Summer Day Camp with the theme, "Sightseeing with Jesus." Daily activities include Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and water play. We hope to aid the children of our school and parish and the surrounding community in continuing their spiritual growth during the summer months while providing a safe and fun recreational summer program. Our camp will be open to children ages three to eight. Registration for Summer Camp will open Monday, May 1 and close Wednesday, May 31. **Early or late registrations will NOT be accepted.**

For information, please contact director, Eileen Carmody at 845 858-4208

Over Advent and Lent you might have noticed an activity sheet inserted in our bulletin. These were sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Court Madonna #114.

In today's society, there are many different types of families, each of which is equally viable as a supportive caring unit. A family is two or more people, who consider themselves family and who assume obligations, functions and responsibilities generally essential to a healthy family life style.

A true family provides its members with emotional and spiritual kinship through: shared values, beliefs, traditions, common experiences, activities and, unconditional love.

Courts should continue to strengthen family relations by interacting with one another in service and work of the family community. Families praying together, working together, and playing together will fully encompass the

Circle of Love Program.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday,
9:00am

May 1 (Joseph the Worker)

Living and Deceased members of the Armitrano family, by Eleanor Brady Julius Tenke, by Regina Tenke and

family

Tuesday,
of the
9:00am

May 2 (Athanasius, bishop and doctor Church)

Ines Feliciano, by Carmen LaGatol

Wednesday,

May 3 (Philip and James, apostles)

9:00am

Tom Earley, by Debbie Cunningham

Thursday,

May 4

9:00am

Sharon Horan, by Marlene and family

Friday,

May 5

11:30am

Deceased residents of the Milford Sr.

Care, by the Adamcik family

Anna Acton, by Carol and Ronnie Eyth and family

Saturday,

May 6

4:00pm

Louis, Rose, and Laurence Sarno, by Mike and Mary McCarthy

Sunday,

May 7

8:30am

Thomas Viserta, by Cindy, Kathy, Jeff, Kevin, and Jimmy

11:30am

The parishioners of St. Marys

Margaret White, by Thomas and

Barbara Collins

1:30pm

Hungarian Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Aedan Roach, Jim Roach, Robyn Radzikowski, Elizabeth Brennan, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, John McKeon, William Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Jeanine Lincoln, Mary Platanina, 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, Fontano family, Kevin Smith, Ron Evans, Barbara Straub, Flossie Brown, Mae Prill, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Steve Wilkinson, Eric Santiago, Adam Kowal, Jayne Kowal, and Richard Schindler.

The 2nd collection on May 13/14 is for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The updated Easter Collection is \$14,132.
The collection for April 22/23, 2017 was \$5,604.
Thank you for your continued generosity.