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Dear Parishioners,

This week we will focus on the Gloria. The Gloria was not created originally for the Mass. It is an heirloom from the treasure of ancient church hymns. Indeed it is a precious remnant of a literature now mostly lost but once certainly very rich. These hymns imitated and borrowed from biblical themes. Indeed they may even be said to take after the tradition established by Mary who proclaimed her Magnificat by borrowing heavily from the biblical themes with which she was so familiar. So too Zacharia in his Benedictus. Few of these early hymns of the Church remain however. One other hymn which does remain is the Te Deum and it, unlike the Gloria has retained its existence apart from the Mass. The roots of the Gloria may be found as early as the 4th Century where a text very close to our present text is found. Likewise another text from the 7th Century is also very close. Again, this hymn was not originally part of the Mass but was probably sung as the Te Deum is today, as a thanksgiving hymn for feasts and celebration. It was sometimes included in the Mass as a hymn as early as the 6th Century and perhaps even earlier by some accounts. But definitely by the 6th Century Pope Symmachus permitted its use on Sundays and feasts of martyrs but only at a mass presided over by a Bishop. Pope Gregory allowed its use at the Easter Mass even if the Celebrant be only a priest. It was not until the 11th Century that the distinction allowing it only for Bishop's masses was dropped. This was due to continual requests that it be allowed. Today, the Gloria is said at all masses of a festive character outside of penitential seasons.

A full analysis of the hymn could be a textbook in itself. However suffice it to say that it is understood to be a hymn of praise which is almost ecstatic in quality. This is not as well brought out in the present English translation for use in our country. However, a look at the Latin text is helpful. Lastly, it is good that the Gloria be sung if possible. Reciting the Gloria is comes in a very poor second. It is kind of like reciting the National anthem. We just don't do this because the very festivity and honor of the song requires it be sung. The Gloria is like this. If at all possible it should therefore be sung. However this is not always possible and it ends up being recited. It should at least be recited in a vibrant and pious manner to avoid the possibility of the text becoming wooden and dull.

In the end, these introductory rites of procession, penance and praise all serve to establish the fact that we are in the presence of God. Casting aside our sin and sorrow we enter God's presence with reverence, confidence and joy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Results from this spring **40Days for Life** campaign (March 25-April 9)

This spring was the largest 40 Days for Life campaign ever in 10 year history!

10- Abortion clinics workers experienced conversions and quit their jobs with Planned Parenthood, **140** cities participated in spring 2017, **341** world wide participated in **30** different countries, **100,000** people participated, **4,800** different churches, **637** lives were saved this spring that we know of.

40 Days for Life over these past nine and half years:

750,000 participated, **4,876** local campaigns, **715** cities, **44** nations, **13,305** lives saved, **154** abortion workers quit, **85** closed abortion centers.

St. Mary's Parish had 24 participants. Thank you to those who came. I hope more will come for the fall campaign.

Nancy Smith, Respect Life-Coordinator 856-4610.

The Port Jervis and Milford Knights of Columbus Councils will be hosting a charity golf outing on Wednesday May 24, 2017 at the High Point Country Club in Montague N.J. The cost is \$100 per golfer and includes green fees, cart, lunch on the course, raffles, prizes and a buffet dinner at the Erie Trackside Manor. Registration is at 11:00 A.M. with a noon shotgun start. Those interested should contact Steve at (845)629-3642.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Court Madonna # 114 and the Knights of Columbus Co. #471 for setting up, cooking, and serving the communion breakfast last Sunday!



The Ascension of the Lord Mass schedule:
Wednesday, May 24th at 7pm and Thursday, May 25th at 9am.

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 began Monday, May 1 and will close Wednesday, May 31. **Early or late registrations will NOT be accepted.** For information, please contact director, Eileen Carmody at 845 858-4208

Open House at St. Mary's Little Lambs- St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center is having an Open House today, Sunday, May 21 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Little Lambs is inviting the members of our parish to visit the classrooms, meet some of the staff, and learn how Little Lambs is raising standards in Catholic education.

Little Lambs has begun accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year. For more information, parents of prospective students are encouraged to visit the Open House or contact director, Eileen 858-4208 or little-lambs@stmarysportjervis.com

The 9am Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th, will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery. Please bring your own lawn chair. The parish office is closed that day.



This year we will be participating in the baby bottle fundraiser to benefit the Good Council Home. Please take a bottle, fill it with change, and return it no later than father's day which is Sunday, June 18th.

Deanery Choir at the 2017 Milford Music Festival: Join The Deanery Choir on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 PM in St. Patrick's Church, 111 West High Street, for a program of Praise, Pop and Patriotic music, *This Is My Father's World*. This presentation is part of the *Milford MusicFest*, the annual festival of music that takes place in and around Milford, PA from June 23-25. No tickets or admission fee required. Come enjoy the music of The Deanery Choir. We hope to see you there!

On **Friday, June 23rd** we will have a Mass at 7pm for the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart followed by the dedication of our Church hall to be named The Most Sacred Heart Hall. Kindly RSVP **NO LATER** than June 16th if you plan on attending.

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Family Name: _____

No. of Adults: _____ No. of Children: _____

Due by June 16th

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ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, May 22 (Rita of Cascia, religious)**
9:00am Gladys Kesterson, by Dr. Jane Brooks
Rose A. Ciccone, by Bob and Nancy Dunn
- Tuesday, May 23**
9:00am Bob and Bobby Cotter, by John and Mary Jane Millspaugh
- Wednesday, May 24**
9:00am John Scarpitta, by Norma and John
7:00pm Tom Earley, by Chuck and Janet Tyborowski
- Thursday, May 25 (Ascension of the Lord)**
9:00am Fritz Klostermeier, by Irene Klostermeier
- Saturday, May 27**
4:00pm Dennis Simmons, by Mary Rimlinger
- Sunday, May 28**
8:30am Frank Semerano, by the Nicholas Nicolette family
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's John A. Carroll, by the Carroll family

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 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, 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, Richard Schindler, Amelia Quinn, Jennifer Utz, Sue Arnold, Sue Fitzsimmons, and Tyler Snype.

The collection for May 13/14 was \$5,537.50.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for May 27/28, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	W. PONDS, J. FLYNN, K. BOBISH	N. WEBB, A. WEBB, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	P. CAL	W. CARMODY, V. LIVINGSTON	D., A., E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. LATINI	T. MARION, J. SNELLINGER, N. SMITH	M. FEDRIZZI, DJ PERRIN, S. BHIKARRY