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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we will focus on the word **Amen**. The word Amen is one of a small number of Hebrew words which have been imported unchanged into the liturgy of the Church, propter sanctiorem as Saint Augustine expresses it, in virtue of an exceptionally sacred example. "So frequent was this Hebrew in the mouth of Our Saviour", observes the Catechism of the Council of Trent, "that it pleased the Holy Spirit to have it perpetuated in the Church of God". In point of fact Saint Matthew attributes it to Our Lord twenty-eight times, and Saint John in its doubled form twenty-six times. As regards the etymology, Amen is a derivative from the Hebrew verb aman "to strengthen" or "Confirm".

General as was the use of the Amen as a conclusion, there were for a long time certain liturgical formulas to which it was not added. It does not for the most part occur at the end of the early creeds. In the prayers of exorcism it is the person exorcised who is expected to say "Amen", and in the conferring of sacred orders, when the vestments, etc., are given to the candidate by the bishop with some prayer of benediction, it is again the candidate who responds, just as in the solemn blessing of the Mass the people answer. Similarly in the Sacrament of Penance and in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick it is the priest who adds Amen after the essential words of the sacramental form.

Finally, we may note that the word Amen occurs not infrequently in early Christian inscriptions, and that it was often introduced into anathemas and gnostic spells. Moreover, as the Greek letters which form Amen according to their numerical values total 99 (alpha=1, mu=40, epsilon=8, nu=50), this number often appears in inscriptions, especially of Egyptian origin, and a sort of magical efficacy seems to have been attributed to its symbol. It should also be mentioned that the word Amen is still employed in the ritual both of Jews and Mohammedans.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

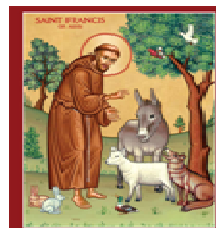


We have begun a weekly holy hour on Mondays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Chapel dedicated for an increase in vocations to diocesan priestly vocations. A priest will be available for Confession at this time as well. Please note, that hopefully this will allow more people an opportunity to go to Confession that might not be available for the Saturday 3-3:45pm time frame. Even if you can only stop in for five minutes, it will not be a wasted five minutes.

Father Newcomb will continue a class on prayer which will use the Formed.org website class on it. The class will start at 6:30pm on Mondays, in the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Meeting Room. Please contact the office if you're planning on attending.

We currently have a few spaces available in our church bulletin for advertisements. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad, please call the parish office. Some of the funds received allow us to do our many building projects like the Most Sacred Heart Hall. Please assist us in this effort in garnering more advertisements.

RCIA classes began on **Wednesday, September 13th**. Classes are held at **7pm** in the parish meeting room. Anyone interested in being received into the Church, complete their sacraments, or interested in learning more about our faith should contact Deacon Rich at the office or join us.



On **Sunday, October 1st** at 1:30pm, Fr. Newcomb will be doing the animal blessing in the church parking lot.

Join us next Sunday, September 24th for the All You Can Eat Breakfast

The 2018 Mass Book is now open. Please note that there are still weekday Masses still available for this year.

2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our Nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join St. Mary's Parish in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Orange Square on Pike St./Broom St., Port Jervis, NY. Please contact your Rosary Capt.-Nancy Smith at 845-856-4610 for more information.

St. Mary's Day for the 40 Days for Life in Goshen, NY, will be on Saturday, September 30th. You can sign-up on September 16/17th & 23/24th of in the Narthex. Any questions call Nancy Smith 845-856-4610.

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a FAST-CASH-RAFFLE and chicken BBQ on Sat. Sep. 23, 2017 from 1PM-5PM at the Council Hall, 63 Seward Avenue. Tickets are \$50 which admit 2 people to the BBQ and a chance at winning 13 cash prizes totaling \$2500. For further information call Steve at (845) 629-3642.

St. Jude's Walk 2017 on Saturday, September 23rd

Where: NYC South Street Seaport Museum Pier 16
 Time: Bus Depart St. Mary's TO BE DETERMINED
 Registration Begins: at 8:00 a.m. Race/Walk: 9:00 a.m.
 Cost: \$10 per walker over age of 6 (5 and under FREE)
 Additional Fees: Each participant taking the bus is required to contribute towards fuel, tolls, driver tip and parking. Estimating no more than \$10 per person.

How to Register to Walk OR Donate use the link : http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?team_id=210670&pg=team&fr_id=73393

You will see a button that says **St. Mary's Join Team** Next LOG IN (use your user name and password from last year) or create a new account. Follow the steps required. You can participate by fundraising only OR walk and fundraise. Click on your choice and then enter the applicable information. Thank you for supporting St. Jude Children's Hospital and team St. Mary's.

All Boy Scouts interested in getting their Catholic religious awards, please call Sue Ward 856-0273 or Vince Livingston 856-6317

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, September 18**
9:00am Mary Platania, by Ann Dilger
- Tuesday, September 19 (Januarius, bishop and martyr)**
9:00am Jacob Gruenbacher, by Helen Marinaro
- Wednesday, September 20 (Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & comps., martyrs)**
9:00am Jean A. Stinard, by Mary Wohlscheid
- Thursday, September 21 (Matthew, apostle & evangelist)**
9:00am Anna Onuschak, by the Giandoni fam.
- Saturday, September 23 (Pius of Pietrelcina, priest)**
4:00pm Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Sunday, September 24**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's Francis Hartmann, by the Hartmann family
11:30am Charles Harrington, by Carol and sons



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in Thanksgiving, by Dan and Theresa Kavanagh

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Donald Wolff, Sue Fitzsimmons, Barbara Straub, Robert Cinerar, Sandy Osbourne, Theresa Kavanagh, John McKean, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Elizabeth Brennan, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Thomas Davies, Pat Arnold, William Gaide, Sue Arnold, Steve Wilkinson, William Thomas, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Dotty Lynch, Jesse G Smith, Charlie Gard, Marge Evans, Kaitlyn Smith, Kathy Barnes, Jerome Smith, Joseph Fritts, Patricia Meinhold, Susan Upton, Devin Upton, Kathy Drane, Jenna Smith, and Danielle Devore.

The collection for September 9/10 was \$5,322.
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for September 23/24, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	K. BOBISH, W. PONDS, L. AVELLA	J. AND J. LEGATO, S. PHILLIPS
8:30AM	M. LATINI	V. AND D. LIVINGSTON	J., S., D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	N. SMITH, T. MARION, B. DENNINGTON, M. ADAMCIK	K. EPPS, M. LAUTURE, J. ENNIS