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Dear Parishioners,

After recently witnessing a marriage of two twenty one year olds getting married and the true virtuous joy they had on their faces I would like to share this article with you:

By: BRANTLY MILLEGAN

My wife and I married the summer before our senior year of college and conceived a child just a few weeks later. On purpose. And it was one of the best decisions of our lives. We actually sort of fell into it all. No, we're not from a strange cult, and neither of us were pressured by our parents to do what we did (I can assure you we received opposite pressure). Not too long before, we almost certainly would have said we agreed with the conventional wisdom that marrying and starting a family while still in college was a bad idea. But then we fell in love.

The powerful winds of romantic love compelled us to get engaged with the plan to get married the summer before our senior year. But as I've WRITTEN ELSEWHERE, we did so with the implicit plan of contracepting (everyone does, what else would we do?). While trying to determine which kind of contraception to use, we came across Catholic arguments against it, and, to our own surprise, were convinced that the use of contraception is immoral. We were fine with NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING, but we were also convinced that the primary purpose of marriage is family and should only be avoided by a married couple for good reasons.

In any case, we ended up very joyfully deciding to simply be open to having kids from the beginning. If we had not planned on using contraception originally, we probably wouldn't have gotten engaged when we did, but like I said, we sort of fell into the whole thing.

All this is to say, neither of us set out to be young married parents. But by God's grace, I'm very proud to say that, with my 26th birthday coming up next month, we've been married four and a half years, we have two children, and a third one is due this summer.

And it's been some of the best years of our lives! We don't regret any of it but rather see all the great blessing we could have missed out on if we had followed the normal cultural path and (possibly indefinitely) postponed marriage and children.

Next week I will share his four reasons.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Please return your **Bakeless Bake Sale** donations in the collection basket or to the parish office.

Thank you!

All donations to benefit our
Respect Life Committee.

Support a beating heart!

We are in need of 3 people to step up to be on the parish advisory council for a 3 year term.

We thank Loretta Avella, Antonio Collado, and Joyce Senkiew for their 3 years of service.

Please call the parish office to submit your name.

Thank you to those that gave so generously to James and Elsie for Thomas Pio.
We raised well over \$1,400, he is home and doing well, but of course can still use our prayers.

Liturgical Ministers for July 14th/15th, 2018

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00PM	D. LEGATO	T. WEBB, A. WITKOWSKI, W. PONDS	J. LEGATO, E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	R. BABEY, T. CALVARIO	T. LAMOREAUX, D. GERARDO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	T. MARION, J. SNELLINGER, B. DENNINGTON	M. FEDRIZZI, S. MASCI, DJ PERRIN



The Annual Fireman's parade is July 14th.
Confessions will be heard from 4pm until 4:45 and Mass will be at 5pm.



Once again, FAITH will be running a School Supply Drive starting the weekend of July 7th until July 22nd. Simply select a red or green apple from the Narthex. Red apples will have a specific list of supplies the schools are in need of and green apples give you the option of a monetary donation. Supplies are distributed to ASK, HBE, the Middle School, and our very own Little Lambs. All are greatly appreciated. FAITH is always looking for more help planning and hosting different parish events. Please contact Danielle at daninyg89@frontiernet.net for more information.



This year's trip to Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom is on **Thursday, August 2nd** Children who have faithfully served our church through S.M.A.R.T., Altar serving, or in the choir are invited to attend. Please call the parish office for a permission form. All permission forms are due back **NO LATER** than **July 12.**

St. Mary's Little Lambs is accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. There are limited spaces for the PREK-4 program, and various slots available for the PREK-3 program. Please contact: Eileen Carmody, Director at (845) 858-4208 to schedule an appointment or to register.

The Cardinal's Appeal Campaign is still ongoing. \$19,756 has been pledged of our parish goal which is \$38,000.



The Mt. Carmel Society will be having a sausage and pepper, Meatball take out Saturday July 21st 2018 from 4PM to 7PM at the Hall located at 21 First street Port Jervis

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Prayer List Update- Please Maintain/Add:

Return no later than July 29

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ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, July 9 (Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and companions, martyrs)**
 9:00am John E. Onuschak, by MaryAnn Giandoni and family
- Tuesday, July 10**
 9:00am Nicholas Moscatiello, by Sue and Bob Dennington
 Elizabeth Kelleher, by Dick and Barbara Drew
- Wednesday, July 11 (Benedict, abbot)**
 9:00am In Thanksgiving, by James Froehlich
- Thursday, July 12**
 9:00am Jane Ewanciw, by Ewanciw family
- Saturday, July 14**
 5:00pm Mary Oliver, by the family
- Sunday, July 15**
 8:30am Denise Di Toto McKay, by Mom and family
 11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the chapel in memory of Dick Harford, by Eppie Harford.

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, Sue Arnold, Steve Wilkinson, William Thomas, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Dotty Lynch, Jesse G Smith, Marge Evans, Kaitlyn Smith, Jerome Smith, Joseph Fritts, Patricia Meinhold, Susan Upton, Devin Upton, Kathy Drane, Wayne DeMarco, Danielle Devore, Jennifer Utz, Jacqueline Hamilton, Tonya Cannon, Ryan O'Connor, Peter Billman, Helen Andreano, Tito Rivera, Maryann Gasko, Chris Marion III, Carson Fuller, Neil Stasilli, Debi Cotugno, Louis Harford, Ramonita Irizarry, Josefina Rodriguez, & Alvin Ulbrich.

The collection for June 30th/July 1st was \$5,364.50
 Thank you for your continued generosity.