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Dear Parishioners,

This week we will continue on with Brantley Milligan’s four reasons for marrying young:  
Here is a non-exhaustive list with four reasons why it was a great decision:

1) We are getting to enjoy our sexual primes together in a healthy, fulfilling, and constructive way. Young people have sex drives. This is a great thing! So it’s sad that our culture is basically designed to ensure one’s sexuality is frustrating, empty, and/or destructive. Education extends far past physical maturity, making it practically difficult for people to make normal use of their sexuality by getting married and having kids. But people still have sex drives, so they fornicate, degrading themselves and using others. Despite people’s best efforts, sometimes the procreative act (surprise!) still procreates, and women get stuck raising a child with someone they don’t love or alone, or lose hope and decide the best course of action is to kill their child.

My wife and I aren’t perfect, but we’ve been blessed with the opportunity to enjoy our sexuality in a healthy, fulfilling, and constructive way. We have the security of marriage and we’re not disrupting the natural process with contraception, so we’re letting our sexuality lead to what it was meant to lead to naturally: children. And here’s the secret: it’s all very joyous, exciting, and fun.

2) We were first time parents during our physical primes. Taking care of young children takes an incredible amount of energy, patience, and stamina – something that will only decrease as we get older. There’s a reason God made it so most people can’t conceive children after a certain age! A couple’s first child is even more work since they don’t have experience. Lord willing, we may continue to have kids, but hopefully we’ll be able to fold new children into an already formed family culture, rather than working through the initial shock as we’re entering into middle age.

3) We used our best chance to have children, and we have a greater chance for having a large family. There are a limited number of a years that a couple can conceive a child. The longer a person waits, the more likely it is that they may become infertile before they are able to have children. By starting young, we gave ourselves the best shot at having children in the first place. And since we have many reproductive years ahead us, we at least have a chance at having a large family. If we had started ten years later, that may have not been an option even if we wanted it.

4) We have direction and responsibility. “Adults don’t make babies, babies make adults,” the old saying goes, and there’s a lot of truth to that. Although people should obviously have a certain amount of maturity before getting married, it’s true that marriage and family have had a very positive maturing effect on us. Taking care of children is an incredibly huge responsibility, and one that can’t be compartmentalized. Raising children requires sacrifice in every area of one’s life – and that’s a good thing. That’s the paradox of love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

**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.**

***Liturgical Ministers for July 21st/22nd, 2018***

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	T. WEBB, K. BOBISH, H. ECKES	N. AND A. WEBB, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	M. LATINI	T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY	E. AND A. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, N. SMITH, M. ADAMCIK	Z. ADAMCIK, M. LAUTURE, S. PHILLIPS

**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, and Joseph Hinkley.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Monday, July 16 (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)**  
9:00am Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks  
Living and Deceased members of the Corrado fam., by Agnes and Mary

**Tuesday, July 17**  
9:00am James T Wohlscheid, by Mary Wohlscheid

**Wednesday, July 18 (Camillus de Lellis, priest)**  
9:00am Frederick Puglisi, Mike and Carol Braun

**Thursday, July 19**  
9:00am Sean Riordan, by mom and dad

**Saturday, July 21**  
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's

**Sunday, July 22**  
8:30am William Skip Halstead, by Hartmann family  
11:30am Giuseppe Fiorillo, by Rosa Fiorillo



*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church,  
in memory of Fred Billman, Jr., by wife Nancy*



**Prayer List Update– Please Maintain/**  
**Add:**

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**Return no later than July 29**



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.



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!**



Once again, FAITH is running a School Supply Drive 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.



**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, NY 12771

The collection for was \$5,762.50  
Thank you for your continued generosity.