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Dear Parishioners,

We'll continue on this week with the history of the Rosary.

Catholics were not the first to pray with beads. And while the exact origin of prayer beads is unknown, men and woman of many faiths and cultures (Hindus, Greeks, Buddhists, and more) have (and do) use beads to pray. In fact, the word bead in English is actually derived from an Old English word that means prayer. The use of prayer beads almost universally is to allow the person to keep track of the number of prayers that have been said, while at the same time focusing on the deeper meaning of the prayers themselves.

While praying with beads certainly wasn't an original idea, it's a powerful reminder that everything before the coming of Jesus was preparing for that moment and that God yearns to transform everything into something holy, even something as ordinary as a small rope with some beads on it.

Today, Roman Catholics use a rosary made up of 59 beads. The 6 large beads are used for praying the Our Father prayer, and the 53 smaller beads are used for praying the Hail Mary prayer. Other prayers of the rosary include the Apostles' Creed, the Glory Be, and the Hail, Holy Queen. There are 5 decades, or groups of 10 small beads, that make up the main portion of the rosary.

It is widely believed that in 1214 St. Dominic had a vision of Mary. She is said to have presented him with the rosary, both the beads and the prayers to be prayed. Dominic had a tremendous devotion to Mary and the rosary, which he promoted wherever he traveled to preach. He encouraged Catholics to gather in small groups to pray together what was an early form of the rosary together. These were quite possibly the first expressions of the prayer groups and small group communities that are still having a powerful impact today.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Anthony Marcella, a Third Theologian for the Archdiocese of NY, will be speaking for the Seminary Collection Appeal this weekend. Please give him a warm welcome.

The second collection for St. Joseph's Seminary will be the weekend of September 29/30. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

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Liturgical Ministers for September 29th/30th, 2018

| MASS | LECTOR | MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 4:00PM | B. HECKMAN | A. WITKOWSKI, H. ECKES | E. AND A. WITKOWSKI |
| 8:30AM | J. SMITH | J. TAYLOR, R. BABEY | T. LAMOREAUX, E. TRUJILLO |
| 11:30AM | H. MARINARO | J. SNELLINGER, T. MARION, B. DENNINGTON | A. EPPS, S. MASCI, DJ PERRIN |

40 Days For Life :St. Mary's Day is Saturday, September 29th. Final Sign ups will be this weekend, Sept. 22/23. Please see Nancy Smith in the Narthex after all Masses or call 856-4610.

If you or anyone you know is interested in completing their sacraments or joining the Church through the RCIA process, please call the parish office and speak to Deacon Rich 856-8212 x 113

Please join the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on October 13, 2018 at noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Orange Square, Broom Street/Pike Street, Port Jervis, NY. For info contact Nancy Smith at 845-856-4610.

Family Rosary Program sponsored by The Knights of Columbus and FAITH. Interested in are fresher on how to say the Rosary? Want to share this beautiful tradition with your children? Join us at our new *Family Rosary Sundays*. After the 8:30 Mass on **October 14th, 21st and 28th** ALL are welcome to stay and say the rosary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: children and parents, please remain in the church for this program, do not walk over to the school. If attending another Mass, please have your child to the church (NOT religious ed building) by 9:15 as class will start in the church for those Sundays. Please stay with your child until the rosary is done. Afterwards the Religious Education teachers will walk their classes to the school to finish out the morning. **Pick up will be from the school.** We hope to see many parish families at the Rosary Program.

Sunday, Oct. 14 is the 2nd annual Port Jervis Life Chain from 1pm until 2:30pm on East Main Street. See or call Nancy for more info. 856-4610.

St. Mary's Little Lambs would like to invite you to participate in our first Touch a Truck fundraiser! This community wide event will be held on Columbus Day, Monday, October 8 from 10 am to 2pm in the St. Mary's Church parking lot, 50 Ball St., Port Jervis. Event admission is \$10 a family.

Kids will interact with a variety of vehicles and the heroes that drive and operate them. They can buy lunch from a food truck, hear sirens, explore vehicles, and meet the people who build, protect, and serve our community. The first hour, 10am-11am, will be "sensory friendly," with no lights, horns, or sirens. Families can learn about a variety of health and safety topics from local guest speakers. There will be raffles and a 50/50.

This event will go on rain or shine! For more information, please call 845-858-4208, email littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com, or visit our Facebook page.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, September 24
9:00am Edward Polanis, by Debbie Cunningham

Tuesday, September 25
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks

Wednesday, September 26 (Cosmas and Damian, martyrs)
9:00am Living and Deceased members of the Radzikowski family, by Agnes and Mary David Latini, by Dick and Barbara Drew

Thursday, September 27 (Vincent de Paul, priest)
9:00am William Hubbard, by Bob, Sharon, and Jillian Fife

Saturday, September 29 (Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels)
4:00pm William Dixon Morrison, by Patrick Leap

Sunday, September 30
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Joseph Cox, by Stephen and Denise



The Sanctuary lamp will burn brightly this week, in the Church, in memory of Edward Polanis, by Catherine Westfall and family.

Please Pray For the Sick: Joseph Portella, Angela Portella, Joann Wilcox, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Elizabeth Brennan, Michael Medaglia, Jackie Mundy, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Louis Harford, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Donald Wolff, Ramonita Irizarry, Theresa Kavanagh, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Fuller, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Helen Andreano, Tito Rivera, Neil Stasilli, Josefina Rodriguez, Joseph Hinkley, Toni Sorrentino, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Susan Upton, Chris Marion III, Loretta Olenick, Layla Grace Foster, Roderick T. Esling, James Lincoln, Danielle Devore, Wayne DeMarco, Marge O'Connor, Mindy Walsh, Arieal Walsh, Raquel Maldonado, Lillian Maldonado Diaz, Tyrell Davis, and Eppie Harford.

Something New* Instead of sitting in your car or running errands during Religious Ed, join us for **Hot Topics**. About 5 times a year, guest speakers will share and educate all parents on a diversity of topics for the overall health and safety of our children. The first one is scheduled for **Sunday, October 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.** NYS Trooper Veeder will present **Social Media and Kids.** What we as parents need to know.

The collection for September 15/16, 2018 was \$5,261.
Thank you for your continued generosity.