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Dear Parishioners,

I would ask to you to pray about some new committees we would like to form here in Port Jervis. These committees are designed to assist me in the proper administration of the parish. To be part of any of these committees, please contact the office.

The first committee that we need is a snow removal committee. We have many shovels and two snow blowers, as well as the dump truck plow. Do to Deacon Rich moving and Antonio Collado being out for the season due to illness, we are in need of some volunteers to assist us with cleanup after a storm. The more people we have signup the easier the cleanup will be. We have a lot to cleanup here, since we have all of Ball Street and Hammond Street to clean, the front steps and the ramp. Financially I do not feel comfortable hiring this work done, I pray we will have many willing volunteers.

The second committee is a security committee. This committee would assist and be divided amongst our three weekend Mass and be willing to attend one class on shelter in place and other techniques to protect us from a possible intruder. I would hope this committee would never have to use their skills, but it is always wise to be prepared.

The third and final committee at this time; would be an evangelization committee. I know Father Dennis and Father George both spent resources, time and effort on this important area in the past. My idea is to keep it simple, at least at first. It would basically just involve calling families of recently baptized children, newly married couples, R.C.I.A. converts and any families that are not in our Religious Education program any more. Ask them how they are doing and if we can do anything for them.

Advent is a great time to await our Savior’s return, pray over if God maybe calling you to assist our parish in any or all of these efforts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



**Save the Date!** Join us on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm to celebrate family.

There will be crafts, games, and ice cream!

**ALL FREE!**

Please contact Rose at 845-856-8602 or Gina at

917-733-4307 if you plan on attending

**BEFORE** January 28<sup>th</sup>.

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In the spirit of Christmas, we are continuing our tradition of a “**GIVING TREE.**” We are supporting both the local Elks Lodge and the Port Jervis High School Rotary Interact Club in their efforts to provide winter outerwear items for needy children and teens in our community. A donation of \$10 or more would be greatly appreciated; every \$50 will sponsor one child. Doves are on the Christmas tree in the narthex for your convenience. They may be returned in the attached envelope, in the collection basket or at the parish office, by Monday, December 18. Checks may be made payable to St. Mary’s. Thank you for your support!

***Liturgical Ministers for December 15th/16th, 2018***

| MASS    | LECTOR      | MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | ALTAR SERVERS                     |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 4:00PM  | D. LEGATO   | W. PONDS, N. SMITH          | J. LEGATO, J. MARCONE             |
| 8:30AM  | J. HENDRICK | T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY     | T. LAMOREAUX, D. GERARDO          |
| 11:30AM | M. ESLING   | J. SNELLINGER               | S. MASCI, DJ PERRIN, A. ST. LOUIS |

*The second collection this weekend will be for the Retired Religious. Please give it your prayerful consideration.*

Christmas Food Baskets



**Thank you to all the donations thus far.** Please deposit food items in the red bins in the Narthex or stop by the parish office during the week. We are hoping to fill 100 boxes this year!



We will be collecting hams and turkeys on Monday, December 17th from 4pm to 6pm.



We will once again have a bus to Washington, DC for the March for Life on Friday, January 18, 2019. Pilgrim Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am by Cardinal Dolan.

Donations to defray the cost of the bus would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nancy Smith to sign-up or any questions 856-4610.



There will not be religious instruction the weekend of December 23rd and December 30th.

The search begins for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York. To enter couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. To register, please call the parish office. The deadline is Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Thank you to all who supported SMART's Pie Buy. They sold 84 pies, and able to adopt a family for Christmas.

Take advantage of access to **Formed** for another year! You can create your own account **FREE** of charge at: [www. Formed.org](http://www.Formed.org) and use our parish access code **WXXVJT** to gain access to multiple programs, movies, ebooks, and audios.

Tri-State Pregnancy Center offers a FREE Motherhood Bible study, every Monday from 10-11. Held at the pregnancy center on 105 Wheatfield Dr in Milford. Children are welcomed! Coffee, light refreshments and good fellowship! No need to sign up, just come! Questions-call Natasha Smolinski at 570-491-5151 office.

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, December 10**  
9:00am Mark Ponterio, by Pat Santini  
Souls in Purgatory, by Lisa and Robert McDonough
- Tuesday, December 11**  
9:00am Jerry Dilger, by Ann and Richard Dilger
- Wednesday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)**  
9:00am Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks  
Intentions of Thomas Major, by Rosemary and Paul Brislin
- Thursday, December 13 (Lucy, virgin and martyr)**  
9:00am Mario Martinez
- Saturday, December 15**  
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, December 16**  
8:30am Joseph Kucher, by Prager family  
11:30am Joseph Cox, by Erika Cox and family

### Please Pray For the Sick:

Angela Portella, Joann Wilcox, Walter Szpakowicz, 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, 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, Tyrell Davis, Eppie Harford, Christine Nowak, Jesivel Abreu, Stacie Holman, Cody Bain, Robert Cinerar, and Dominic Loffredo.



Little Lambs will have their Christmas pageant on Friday, December 21st at 10am in the Most Sacred Heart Hall.

The collection for December 1/2 was \$6,073.50.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.