

Dear Parishioners,

Having reached adulthood, Jesus began his public ministry by going to the River Jordan to receive from John a baptism of penance and conversion. What might seem paradoxical in our eyes actually happened. Did Jesus need penance and conversion? Of course not. Yet the One who is without sin put himself among sinners to have himself baptized, to make this act of penance. The Holy One of God joined those who recognized they were in need of forgiveness and asked God for the gift of conversion, that is, the grace to return to him with their whole heart, to belong totally to him. Jesus chose to join the ranks of sinners, to be in solidarity with them, expressing God's closeness.

Jesus shows his solidarity with us, with our efforts to convert and to be rid of our selfishness, to break away from our sins in order to tell us that if we accept Him in our life He can uplift us and lead us to the heights of God the Father. And Jesus' solidarity is not, as it were, a mere exercise of mind and will. Jesus truly immersed Himself in our human condition, lived it to the end, in all things save sin, and was able to understand our weakness and frailty. For this reason He was moved to compassion, He chose to "suffer with" men and women, to become a penitent with us. This is God's work which Jesus wanted to carry out: the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and give medicine to the sick, to take upon Himself the sin of the world.

What happened at the moment when Jesus had himself baptized by John? In the face of this act of humble love by the Son of God, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit showed Himself in the form of a dove, while a voice from on high expressed the pleasure of the Father who acknowledged His Only- Begotten, His beloved Son. This was a real manifestation of the Blessed Trinity, that bears witness to the divinity of Jesus, of His being the promised Messiah, the One whom God sent to set his People free in order to save them.

In this way the prophecy of Isaiah came true: the Lord God comes with might to destroy the work of sin and His arm rules in order to disarm the Evil One. However, let us bear in mind that this arm is the arm stretched out on the cross and that Christ's power is the power of the One who suffered for us; this is the power of God, different from the power of the world; thus God comes with power to destroy sin.

Indeed Jesus acted as the Good Shepherd who tended His sheep and gathered His flock, so that none might stray (cf. Is 40:10-11), and layed down His life so that it might have life. It is through his redeeming death that man is liberated from the dominion of sin and reconciled with the Father; it is through his resurrection that man is saved from eternal death and enabled to triumph over the Evil One.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



**We still have available seats for the bus to Washington, DC for the March for Life on Friday, January 18, 2019. Cost \$45 per person, \$80 per couple. Under 18 FREE. Pilgrim Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am by Cardinal Dolan. Contact Nancy Smith 856-4610.**

*As the Christmas Season ends we thank Daniel Bradley, the musicians and choirs for all of their hard work to assist us in worshipping the newborn Savior.*

*Also, thank you to all those who assisted us in decorating the Church under the leadership of Karen Flynn.*

***Liturgical Ministers for January 19th/20th, 2019.***

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
4:00PM	T. WEBB	H. ECKES, N. SMITH	N. AND A. WEBB
8:30AM	J. SMITH	A. WITKOWSKI, S. RIORDAN, T. CALVARIO	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	J. SNELLINGER, B. DENNINGTON	Z. ADAMCIK, K. EPPS, M. LAUTURE



Court Madonna No. #114's Annual Tricky Tray will be on Sunday, January 20th.

Doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2PM. Tickets are 25 for \$1! No admission Fee! Contact: Barbara Drew 856-2624  
All proceeds to benefit Community Charities.

Take advantage of access to *Formed* for another year! You can create your own account **FREE** of charge at: [stmarysportjervis.formed](http://stmarysportjervis.formed)

You can sign up with your own email and password to gain access to multiple programs, movies, ebooks, and audios.

The next *All You Can Eat Breakfast* will be on Sunday, January 27th. Bring a friend.



Join us on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm to celebrate family. There will be crafts, games, snacks 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>. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Court # 114.

On March 22nd the movie "Unplanned" will be released. It features 40 Days for Life and shares the power of peaceful prayer in front of abortion facilities that has led to:

- \*Saving 15,000 babies from abortion
- \*Closing down 99 abortion facilities
- \*Helping 178 workers quit the abortion industry
- \*Activating 750,000 individuals and 19,000 churches to stand for life.

Abby Johnson was a "Planned Parenthood Employee of the Year" and involved in 22,000 abortions. This was before she saw one herself. After that Abby walked into 40 Days for Life office of Shawn Carney, President and asked for help from the very same pro-life volunteers who had been praying for her for years. Let's support our efforts to save children's lives by going to see the movie.

**WANTED**-a volunteer to play educational CD's for Orange County Right To Life, on Thursday's, 7:00 PM. at Access 23, 16 Franklin Street, Port Jervis. Call-Nancy 845-856-4610.

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, January 14**  
9:00am Carol Conroy, by Sally Belloto Joseph Cox, by Erika Cox and family
- Tuesday, January 15**  
9:00am Eugene Drew, by Uncle Dick and Barbara
- Wednesday, January 16**  
9:00am Joan Ann Wilcox, by Dolores Gore and family  
William Quinn, by Amelia Quinn
- Thursday, January 17 (Anthony, Abbot)**  
9:00am Margaret DiSilvestro, by Ann Dilger
- Saturday, January 19**  
4:00pm Maria Kucher, by Hannelore Kucher and family
- Sunday, January 20**  
8:30am Joan Ann Wilcox, by Little Lambs Staff and families  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Angela Portella, 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, Dominic Loffredo, and Steven Gaesser.

The search has begun 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.

The collection for December 29/30 was \$4,406.50.  
The collection for January 5/6 was \$5,850.50.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.