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Dear Parishioners,

Question 1. What is the difference between foreseeing death and intending death?

Reply: The difference ultimately lies in the intentionality of the patient or health care professional. A person should never intend in any way the death of a patient or the hastening of a patient's death. Sometimes it is difficult to determine whether a medical decision made during end-of-life care includes such an intention. Certain means can be used to alleviate a patient's pain, for example, by a physician who foresees that the patient's life may be shortened as a result (as an indirect, non-intended but tolerated effect of the therapy), but similar means could be used to intentionally shorten a patient's life.

Question 2. Are proportionate or ordinary means the same for all persons?

Reply: Basic care (such as nutrition and hydration, pain relief, antibiotic treatment, and postural change) is generally the same for all patients and should always be provided. The evaluation of proportionate or disproportionate means, however, is based on objective and subjective factors for an individual patient. For example, total parenteral nutrition may be a proportionate means in an industrialized country but a disproportionate means in a developing country, where it is not affordable or is technically too difficult to administer. A treatment may also be disproportionate because it is futile or because it causes complications that are too hard for the patient or the patient's family to bear.

Question 3. What ethical issues are there with advance directives? Reply:

- The right of patients to self-determination can lead them to include morally illicit requests in advance directives, such as requests to have ordinary care withdrawn.
- An effective therapeutic alliance between a physician, a patient, and the patient's proxy is the best way to address end-of-life issues. Requests made by a patient in an advance directive may preclude therapeutic dialogue, preventing such an alliance.
- A patient may react to an illness or a specific therapy differently than expected, or medical advances occurring after a directive was written may change the patient's treatment options in unexpected ways. In such situations, an advance directive may prevent objective moral analysis.
- Advance directives are often difficult to interpret and apply in the actual circumstances encountered by health care professionals, relatives, and proxies.
- Advance directives that do not differentiate between proportionate and disproportionate treatments may be promoted by pro-euthanasia associations as a first step toward acceptance of euthanasia.

Question 4. What is therapeutic obstinacy?

Reply: Therapeutic obstinacy is the use of all possible means, even disproportionate ones, to delay death, even in the absence of hope for improving health status or preventing pain and discomfort. Therapeutic obstinacy may be a result of medical paternalism or an overextension of patient autonomy. Advance directives were seen as a way to avoid therapeutic obstinacy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



***Fr. Newcomb will be doing the  
Blessing of the animals today  
October 6 at 1:30pm in the Church  
parking lot.***

The Orange County Right to Life will have their annual Life Chain today, Sun., October 6th, 2:00-3:30 pm along Rt. 211 in Middletown, NY. Stand on the SOUTH side of the street only. St. Mary's will stand in front of the old Friendly's.

***Liturgical Ministers for October 12/13, 2019***

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	L. AVELLA	W. PONDS, H. ECKES	J. LEGATO
8:30am	M. LATINI	J. TAYLOR, T. CALVARIO	A. & E. TRUJILLO
11:30am	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, N. SMITH	Z. ADAMCIK, S. & I. CUELLO



Little Lambs will be having a Touch a Truck event on Monday, October 14th from 10am-2pm. It is sensory friendly. Cost \$10/per family. Sensory friendly.

St. Mary's is hosting a trip to St. Patrick's Basilica and the 9/11 Memorial Museum on Monday, October 14th. There will be a tour of the Basilica followed by Mass and a guided tour to the museum afterwards. You can pack a lunch or have lunch at one of the various restaurants in downtown Manhattan. Cost is \$40/pp and includes tickets and transportation. Permission forms are available in the parish office for younger parishioners.

St. Mary's **3rd Annual Rosary Rally** will take place on Saturday, October 12th. We will Process from the parking lot at 11:30 am down Ball St., up Sussex St., to Orange Square. The Rally will begin at NOON. If you can't walk meet us there at the square 11:45 am. Bring a chair if you can't stand. Call Nancy Smith-845-856-4610 for more information. Rain/shine

The 3rd annual **Port Jervis Area Life Chain** is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th from 1:00-2:30 PM.

**S.M.A.R.T.** - *St. Mary's Actively Religious Teens* meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month, The next meeting is October 15th. We invite all teens to join us at 6:30pm in the meeting room located at 46 Ball Street.



Would you consider increasing your weekly giving by the cost of something simple – like one cup of coffee a day or a takeout dinner per week? What a difference that would make for our parish! This campaign, A Coffee a Day for Our Parish, will help increase our regular offertory collection and allow us to grow stronger as a house of worship.

**Boy Scout Troop 173** is having a clothing drive Saturday, November 2nd from 9am until 1pm. You can drop off Clothing/Shoes, Household linens, Accessories, Bookbags, purses, etc., and soft toys. Kindly sort with like items.

Save the Date! Court Madonna #114 will be hosting the St. Nicholas Faire will be held on Sunday, December 1st from 9:30am until 2pm.

**VENDORS NEEDED!**

We are looking for local crafters and independent consultants. For information and applications contact Eileen Carmody at eileencarmody@rocketmail.com

**St. James the Greater in Montague, NJ** is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 19th at 6pm. All you can eat spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert. BYOB. Adult \$12 Children \$12 under 6 FREE! Call Mike 973-293-7031, Text Bill 845-341-3686 or email wjr218@optonline.net.

**Announced Masses**

- Monday, 9:00am** **October 7(Our Lady of the Rosary)**  
Rose Malanowski, by Paul & Sophie Rosso
- Tuesday, 9:00am** **October 8**  
Virginia Grant, by George & Joan Rollman
- Wednesday, 9:00am** **October 9 (Denis, bishop & companions, martyrs, John Leonardi, priest)**  
Theresa Bellia, by Sophie and Paul Rosso
- Thursday, 9:00am** **October 10**  
William Gaide, by Stephanie Gaide
- Saturday, 4:00pm** **October 12**  
George and Mildred Berthiaume, by Jim and family
- Sunday, 8:30am** **October 13**  
Alois Klostermeier, by Erika Cox and family
- 11:30am** The parishioners of St. Mary's



*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week for the intentions of Dick and Barbara Drew.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Donald Wolff, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi Cotugno, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Andrea Fedoruk, Walter Szpakowicz, Carmella Balsamello, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Joe Formisano, Nico Nicolette, Jaryd Viserta, Steven Gaesser, Kacey Warner, Sandra Ramsey, Lorraine Mannarino, Antonino Mazzara, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Mary Lynn Beam, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Jose Brito, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Cinerar, Robert Witherow, Susan Upton, Theresa Fuller, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Chris Marion, III, Carmella Balsamello, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman, Wayne DeMarco, Ryan O'Connor, Elizabeth Brennan, Jerri Kavanaugh, Allan Garcia, Christine Haberzettl, and Eric Hildebrandt.

St. Mary's will continue the tradition of providing the community with food baskets for Christmas. It has expanded to include additional foods considering children are off from school and normally that is where they get a daily meal. You will find bins in the narthex next weekend for any non perishable items you would like to donate. Thank you in advance.



*To date our parish has received 113 pledges totaling \$17,853. Our goal is \$35,500. Any amount is welcome.*

The collection for September 28/29 was \$4,440. Thank you for your continued generosity.