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Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic Church is at the forefront of the struggle against a culture of death, raising her voice against direct assaults against human life such as abortion and euthanasia, in vitro fertilization, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of embryonic human beings for research.

In The Gospel of Life, Saint John Paul II declares, “To claim the right to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, and to recognize that right in law, means to attribute to human freedom a perverse and evil significance: that of an absolute power over others and against others.”

The Pope goes on to observe that these evil practices have received the protection of the law so that the coercive powers of the state are now used to protect those who would take innocent human life rather than to protect the innocent lives that are threatened. Indeed, Saint John Paul II observes with dismay that even health care professionals who have given themselves by a sacred oath to heal and to care have been seduced by this notion of freedom, which manifests itself as “absolute power over others and against others.” He continues, “It is not only that in generalized opinion these attacks tend no longer to be considered as ‘crimes’; paradoxically they assume the nature of ‘rights,’ to the point that the State is called upon to give them legal recognition and to make them available through the free services of health-care personnel.”

Saint John Paul II insists that the recognition of the inviolability of innocent human life is a duty of all people and could and should be recognized by all:

*Every person sincerely open to truth and goodness can, by the light of reason and the hidden action of grace, come to recognize in the natural law written in the heart (cf. Rom. 2:14–15) the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, and can affirm the right of every human being to have this primary good respected to the highest degree.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



Last weekend 14 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation: Tyler "John" Donahue, Rachel "Joan" Duryea, Monica "Maria" Goldy, Joshua "Joseph" Gore, Tyler "Alexander" Jacob, Abigail "Zita" Maldonado, Ronald "Peter" McManus, Rita "Cecilia" Meza, Reagan "Rose" Myers, Alexandra "Elizabeth" Oosterom, Ava "Rose" Polanis, Emmalise "Teresa" Pulsinelli, Matthew "Lawrence" Ranaudo, Lydia "Gertrude" Robertson. Pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide them in growing in their faith.



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.

The 3rd annual **Port Jervis Area Life Chain** is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th from 1:00-2:30 PM on East Main Street. Parking available at St. Mary's Cemetery.

**The 2nd Collection next weekend is for Mission Sunday. Please give it your prayerful consideration.**

***Liturgical Ministers for October 19/20, 2019***

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	B. HECKMAN	K. BOBISH, T. WEBB	D. GERARDO
8:30am	J. HENDRICK	T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY	T. LAMOREAUX, M. REINHARDT
11:30am	M. ESLING	D. FISHER, B. DENNINGTON	N. AND A. WEBB

In observance of Columbus Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, October 14th.

**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 St. Paul & Peter meeting room located at 50 Ball Street.

St. Mary's will continue the tradition of providing those in need within our 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 where you can place non perishable items. Children in the religious Ed program are encouraged to bring items to their classrooms.



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.



*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/email jr218@optonline.net.

**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! The 3rd Annual concert for the warming station will be held at the First Presbyterian Church located at 60 Sussex Street, on Friday, November 8th at 7pm. It will be hosted by the Four Season Chorale. Free will offering. Contact Kathy Brink for more information 570-430-1755.

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

**Announced Masses**

- Monday, October 14 (Callistus I, pope and martyr)**  
9:00am John Santiago, by Agnes Devore
- Tuesday, October 15 (Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church)**  
9:00am Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Wednesday, October 16 (Hedwig, religious; Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin)**  
9:00am Matthew Avella, by Eleanor Brady
- Thursday, October 17 (Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and martyr)**  
9:00am Judge James Reitz, by Cathy and Raymond Fox
- Saturday, October 19 (John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs)**  
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, October 20 (Laity Sunday; World Mission Day)**  
8:30am Herman and Jennifer Seidel, by Michael and Kathleen Hylas  
11:30am Angelina Rotella, by the Bell family

**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 Habertzettl, and Eric Hildebrandt.

*To date our parish has received 113 pledges totaling \$17,883. Our goal is \$35,500. Any amount is welcome.*



The collection for October 5/6 was \$6,271.50. Thank you for your continued generosity.