

*JMJ*

Dear Parishioners,

**When is it legitimate to discontinue a particular treatment?**

When the treatment becomes 'disproportionate,' meaning that the burden of treatment becomes so great that discontinuing it becomes an option, there is not a moral obligation to make use of disproportionate means. Those means are optional. Treatment, however, should be distinguished from basic care, such as feeding, bathing, and preventing infection in the patient.

**What about the 'quality of life' of the patient?**

Quality of life is important, but the concept must be understood correctly. If an individual's quality of life is poor, we should take steps to improve that quality by the care we provide, and by making every effort to love those whose condition is compromised and quality of life is poor or declining. One never improves the quality of life by taking a life, and an example of a poor quality of life judgment would be to say, "This person does not have a life worth living." Life is always worth living until the day that God calls us home. Quality of life refers to the social, economic and especially the psychological aspects of the person's life. Valuable as they are, these qualities of life all serve a greater value, the person's very existence. It is not the quality that makes life valuable, but it is the life that makes every quality it has valuable. To rid society of certain people with unwanted characteristics is a form of eugenics.

**Should a Catholic hospital honor a directive to withdraw nutrition and hydration?**

It will depend on the particulars of the case. A Catholic hospital should not honor a directive to withdraw nutrition and hydration while one's body continues to be effectively nourished by those means, and where those means are not otherwise disproportionate to the needs of the patient. A decision to withdraw nutrition and hydration under such circumstances could have no other purpose than to cause death and is therefore assisted suicide rather than "allowing to die."

**What is the significance of Saint Pope John Paul II's allocution on artificial nutrition and hydration?**

On March 24, 2004, Pope John Paul II addressed an international congress on life-sustaining treatments and the vegetative state. Without changing any Catholic teaching, the pope clarified that assisted nutrition and hydration [ANH, that is, administered artificially] is basic care that should always be provided, so long as it is achieving its "proper finality, which in the present case consists in providing nutrition to the patient and alleviation of his suffering." Some Catholic ethicists had argued that nutrition and hydration are 'medical acts' that could be refused as too burdensome and even presumed extraordinary, and thus optional. John Paul II decides against this position, explaining that since the purpose of food and drink is nourishment, it must be provided to patients. To refuse or deny nutrition and hydration amounts to euthanasia by starvation. The pope's address does not teach anything about when nutrition and hydration cease to nourish the patient and for that reason can be withdrawn, which is a judgment rightly left to medical professionals. Neither does the pope address related questions such as the ethical significance of the modes of delivery of ANH, types of coma, the significance of the imminence of death, nor who should bear the costs of the continued provision of ANH. Ethicists and theologians continue to offer arguments about these and other questions. There is no departure from tradition in the pope's remarks, and the customary moral categories used in Catholic health care apply. The pope has articulated a general principle for providing nutrition and hydration to those in a persistent vegetative state. The allocution allows for prudential case-specific judgments.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

***Liturgical Ministers for November 16/17, 2019***

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
4:00pm	D. LEGATO	J. FLYNN, W. PONDS	J. LEGATO
8:30am	M. LATINI	J. SNELLINGER, J. TAYLOR	E. AND A. TRUJILO
11:30am	M. ESLING	D. FISHER, T. MARION	M. AND A. LAUTURE, DJ PERRIN

In Observance of Veteran's Day the parish office will be closed on Monday, November 11th.

*The 2nd collection this weekend is for the Archdiocese Military Services.*

CDA- Court Madonna #114 will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 12th. The social will be at 6:30pm and the meeting will at 7pm.

The Knights of Columbus will be installing the new officers on Thursday, November 14th in the Church at 7pm.

**W**hat will an increase in your offertory cost you? Your increased donation is an investment in the future of our parish. Please consider what you can do to help.

<b>\$5</b> Coffee, Pizza, Newspaper	<b>\$10</b> Fast Food, Lottery Ticket
<b>\$15</b> Flowers, Wine	<b>\$20</b> Taxi Ticket, Taxi Car



**Save the Date!** Court Madonna #114 will be hosting the St. Nicholas Faire. It 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](mailto:eileencarmody@rocketmail.com)

Little Lambs will have a Burger Bash at the Burger King on Pike Street on Monday, November 18th from 5pm until 8pm. Must mention Little Lambs for them to get credit.



**Saturday, November 30th Family Advent Wreath Making** Most Sacred Heart Hall 12:30 (doors open at noon) to 3:00 \$12 per wreath made Pay at the door Enjoy soup and grilled cheese prepared by the

Knights of Columbus Kindly RSVP to [danilegyoungliving@gmail.com](mailto:danilegyoungliving@gmail.com) by November 23rd or call the parish office.

**Announced Masses**

- Monday, November 11 (Martin of Tours, bishop)**  
9:00am Sharon Irwin, by the Gessner family
- Tuesday, November 12 (Josaphat, bishop and martyr)**  
9:00am JoAnne Totaro, by Billy Williams and Jim Winner
- Wednesday, November 13 (Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin)**  
9:00am Angela Portella, by Kathleen Osowick and Honey Mager  
Intentions of Aidan Webb, by mom, dad, and siblings
- Thursday, November 14**  
9:00am Daniel Dwyer, by Sharon, Maureen, Barbara, and Dan
- Saturday, November 16**  
4:00pm Josef Kucher, by Hannelore and family
- Sunday, November 17**  
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's  
11:30am Giuseppe Fiorillo, by Rosa Fiorillo

**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 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.



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. Thank you in ad-

The collection for November 2nd/3rd was \$7,540.50. Thank you for your continued generosity.