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Dear Parishioners,

A POLST is a medical order that specifies whether life-sustaining treatment is to be used or withheld for a specific patient in various circumstances. It carries the signatures of the health care provider and sometimes the patient. It differs from a do-not-resuscitate order and a traditional advance directive in that it is actionable from the moment it is signed by the health care provider, even if the patient is still competent and is not terminally ill.

Question 1. What is the difference between an advance directive and a POLST?

Reply: An advance directive is a legal document that allows a person to identify a proxy or surrogate decision maker and express his wishes about receiving or forgoing health care, including life-sustaining treatment, in the event that he is no longer able to communicate such wishes. An optimal advance directive is written in general terms that identify principles on which a surrogate is to base decisions, made with the assistance of a physician, in the specific health care situation encountered by the patient.

A POLST is a medical order about receiving or forgoing life-sustaining treatment that takes effect from the moment the health care provider signs it, even if the patient is competent and not terminally ill.

Question 2. Why is the designation of a health care proxy or surrogate morally preferable to use of a POLST?

Reply: Unless death is imminent, it is virtually impossible to compare the benefits and burdens of treatment before a patient has encountered a specific health care situation. Thus, pre-signed checklists of treatments to be received or withheld are not helpful for making decisions based on the best interest of the patient and consistent with the patient’s wishes. A well-informed proxy who knows the patient, understands the values held by the patient, and respects the natural moral law can provide a far better understanding of how the patient’s wishes are to be respected than can a general checklist that is not tied to any specific patient care situation.

Question 3. Can a POLST form be modified to be consistent with Church’s teaching?

Reply: Some forms allow a person to indicate the conditions under which specific treatments are to be administered or withheld. But the significant problem with such an approach is the inability to identify ahead of time every treatment that might be available and every circumstance in which it might be received or forgone. The problem inherent in the orders is that they are actionable from the moment they are signed; they are not a blueprint for health care decision making in which the patient (when competent), the family, and the health care providers work together to determine the best medical course of action in the real-life situation encountered by the patient.

Question 4. Is there a clinical situation in which a POLST could be helpful in directing health care decisions?

Reply: When a person is terminally ill and death is anticipated from the underlying disease, and not from the withholding of life-sustaining treatment, it could be helpful to have actionable orders to prevent the initiation of futile or disproportionately burdensome treatment.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



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.

S.M.A.R.T. members are now taking *Apple Pie and Pumpkin Pie orders.*

You can also place your order at the parish office.

We now have the DVD *Unplanned*. There is a sign in/out sheet at the office.

Liturgical Ministers for November 23rd/24th, 2019

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	B. HECKMAN	H. ECKES, L. AVELLA	M. FEDRIZZI, KLOTZ
8:30am	J. HENDRICK	A. WITKOWSKI, T. CALVARIO	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
11:30am	H. MARINARO	D. FISHER, T. MARION, N. SMITH	A. EPPS, S. AND I. CUELLO

*Next weekend is the All You Can Eat Breakfast.
Bring a friend!*

The 2nd collection next weekend is for Charity and Justice.
Please give it your prayerful consideration.



**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 by Nov. 23rd or call the
parish office.



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 advance.

Simplify your Christmas shopping! Saint Mary's Church is holding
its 7th annual St. Nicholas Faire [on Sun., Dec. 1, 2019 from
9:30 AM to 2 PM](#) at the Most [Sacred Heart](#) Hall. The Faire will be
filled with unusual handcrafted items created by local crafters.
You'll be shopping close to home as you have the opportunity to
purchase items from independent consultants representing Young
Living Essential Oils, Pampered Chef, & many more. There will
be a children's craft table, raffles, and a special performance by
St. Mary's Children's Choir at approximately [12:45 PM](#). St.
Nicholas, himself, will be around all day for photos with the fami-
ly. Hungry? No problem! Breakfast food will be for sale [at 9:30
AM](#), lunch [at 11:15 AM](#). And don't forget to stop by the St. Lucia
bake sale. Santa Lucia will be there too. This year's Faire is being
held by CDA #114 Court Madonna to aid in their charitable pro-
jects. For more information call Eileen at [\(845\)200-9411](tel:8452009411).

Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, December 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Brunch** Join us after the 11:30 a.m. Mass at Most Sacred Heart
Hall as we honor Mary and celebrate our Parish Feast Day.
Kindly RSVP to danilegyoungliving@gmail.com by December
4th or call the parish office.

Sounds of the Season - Annual Christmas Caroling
Join us Tuesday, December 17th, and help share the joy of the
season with all. We will meet at 4:15 p.m. in the lobby at Bon
Secours hospital.

There will be a Holy Hour for Life on Sunday, December 8th at
9pm in the Chapel.

We now have Eucharistic Adoration cards available. For a do-
nation, you can gift a card for Christmas, birthdays, get well,
etc. and spend time with our Lord. They are available at the
Chapel and office.

The collection for November 9/10 was \$5,011.50
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Announced Masses

**Monday, November 18 (Dedication of the Basilicas
of Peter and Paul; Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin)**
9:00am Richard H. Hagen, by the Hagen family
Tuesday, November 19
9:00am Intentions Costescu family, by Nenita
Costescu
Mary Agnes Stone, by her family
Wednesday, November 20
9:00am Janet Maresca, by Bernard Gibbons,
Elizabeth Zerba & Jenny Savanagh
Thursday, November 21
9:00am Donald F. Hagen, by the Hagen family
John O. Little, by John and
CathyJo Ewanciw
Saturday, November 23
4:00pm Dixon Morrison, by Patrick Leap
Sunday, November 24
8:30am Eva and John Lawrow, by Mary Rimlinger
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
1:00pm Longest and abandoned souls in purgar-
tory, by Paul and Rosemary Brislin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Donald Wolff,
Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi
Cotugno, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lin-
coln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hilde-
brandt, Andrea Fedoruk, Walter Szpakowicz, Carmella Bal-
samello, 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, Car-
men 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, Car-
mella Balsamello, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman,
Wayne DeMarco, Ryan O'Connor, Elizabeth Brennan, Jerri
Kavanaugh, Allan Garcia, Christine Habertzettl, Eric Hilde-
brandt, Rose Gotthardt, and Georgia Gotthardt.

What 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.

\$5 	\$10
\$15 	\$20