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Dear Parishioners.

In this Sunday's Gospel the Lord Jesus tells His disciples: "You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world". With these richly evocative images He wishes to pass on to them the meaning of their mission and their witness.

Salt, in the cultures of the Middle East, calls to mind several values such as the Covenant, solidarity, life and wisdom. Light is the first work of God the Creator and is a source of life; the word of God is compared to light, as the Psalmist proclaims: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path".

And, again in today's Liturgy, the Prophet Isaiah says: "If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday".

Wisdom sums up in itself the beneficial effects of salt and light: in fact, disciples of the Lord are called to give a new "taste" to the world and to keep it from corruption with the wisdom of God, which shines out in its full splendor on the Face of the Son because He is "the true light that enlightens every man".

United to Him, in the darkness of indifference and selfishness, Christians can diffuse the light of God's love, true wisdom that gives meaning to human life and action.

On the 11th of February, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Church celebrates the World Day of the Sick. It is a favorable opportunity on which to reflect, to pray and to increase the sensitivity that society show to our sick brothers and sisters.

In the Message for this Day, inspired by a sentence from the First Letter of Peter, "By his wounds you have been healed", I invite everyone to contemplate Jesus, the Son of God, who suffered and died but is Risen.

God radically opposes the overbearingness of evil. The Lord takes care of human beings in every situation, He shares in their suffering and opens their hearts to hope. I therefore urge all health-care workers to recognize in the sick person not only a body marked by frailty but first and foremost a person, to whom they should give full solidarity and offer appropriated and qualified help.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Starting on the 24th of February we will start our next Formed Lectio Bible Studies Series: from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Meeting Room.

The Topic is: Lectio: Salvation with Dr. Michael Barber

24 Feb: Session 1: Not Self-Help

9 March: Session 3: Not Without Cost

30 March: Session 5: Not Just a Legal Transaction

27 April: Session 7: Not Simply a Moment

1 June: Session 9: Not Just for Other People

2 March: Session 2: Not Just Fire Insurance

23 March: Session 4: Not Just Personal

20 April: Session 6: Not a Spectator Sport

4 May: Session 8: Not Inevitable

8 June: Session 10: Not Only About the Future

Liturgical Ministers for February 15th/16th, 2020

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	D. LEGATO	J. FLYNN, H. ECKES	J. LEGATO
8:30am	J. HENDRICK	S. RIORDAN, N. SMITH, T. CALVARIO	A. & E. TRUJILLO, J. SANTIAGO
11:30am	H. MARINARO	D. FISHER, T. MARION	M. FEDRIZZI, S. & I. CUELLO

The 2nd collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence.
Please give it your prayerful consideration.



Court Madonna # 114 will have their Annual Tricky Tray on Sunday, February 16. Doors open at 12 noon, drawing begins at 2pm. Tickets 25 for \$1! All proceeds benefit community charities. Contact Barbara Drew, Chairperson, for any additional information or for donations. (845) 856-2624

Soap Box Derby- Any child interested in driving the St. Mary's car for the Soap Box Derby is asked to contact Gina at the parish office. All names will be put in a "hat" to be picked. Child must be at least 10 years old.



Must reply before March 5th.

St. Mary's Church 2020 Annual Fish and Chips Dinner
Friday, March 6th Dinner available from **4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.** In Most Sacred Heart Hall (Eat-In or Take-Out)
Fish and Chips Dinner Pricing \$14.00 per adult - \$7.00 per child* Dinner consists of breaded pieces of fish, french fries, coleslaw and refreshments (*Child is considered 12 years old and under)

Join us for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
Please make checks payable to **St. Mary's Church**. Kindly return the bottom portion of this form, with payment to the parish office or in the offering basket at Mass **By February 28th.** We must confirm a count with **Tastefully British** by this date. Dinners are non-refundable.

Fish and Chips Dinner Ticket Orders 2020

of Adult Tickets ___ x \$14.00 = \$_____ Family Name: _____

of Child Tickets ___ x \$7.00 = \$_____ Contact Number: _____

Total = \$_____

of Eat-In Dinners _____ **# of Take-Out Dinners** _____

Pick-up your tickets at the door the night of the dinner.
Office Use Only: Paid: Cash _____ **Check#** _____

S.M.A.R.T. will be selling Palm Crosses in the Narthex the weekend of March 28th/29th and if any are left the weekend of April 4th/5th (Palm Sunday)

We have various announced Mass Intentions available for the 2020 year. Cost is \$15. Stop by the parish office. Everyone loves the gift of prayer.

Announced Masses

- Monday, February 10(Scholastica, virgin)**
9:00am Michael McCarthy, b y Jane Drake and family
- Tuesday, February 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)**
9:00am Rolando B. Villanueva, by Judi Holmes & Gilbert Morales
- Wednesday, February 12**
9:00am Sandi Bila, by Eugene & Patricia Grimes
- Thursday, February 13**
9:00am Intentions of Dariana Montilla, by mom and dad
- Saturday, February 15**
4:00pm James Hart, by Barbara and Dick Drew
- Sunday, February 16**
8:30am Laura Hagen, by the Hagen family
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Donald Wolff, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, 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, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman, Wayne DeMarco, Ryan O'Connor, Elizabeth Brennan, Jerri Kavanaugh, Allan Garcia, Christine Haberzettl, Eric Hildebrandt, Rose Gotthardt, Georgia Gotthardt, John Olenick, John Hendrix, Stephen A. Odrechowski and fam., Scott Robertson, Eva Scopino, and Jan Kaminski.

We are currently selling lottery tickets for the month of March. You can win multiple times every month. Stop by or call the parish office.
All proceeds go towards Church improvements.

The collection for February 1/2 was \$5,922.
Thank you for your continued generosity.