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Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! He is Risen, indeed He is Risen! In the early Church there was a custom whereby the Bishop or the priest, after the homily, would cry out to the faithful: “Conversi ad Dominum” – turn now towards the Lord. This meant in the first place that they would turn towards the East, towards the rising sun, the sign of Christ returning, whom we go to meet when we celebrate the Eucharist. Where this was not possible, for some reason, they would at least turn towards the image of Christ in the apse, or towards the Cross, so as to orient themselves inwardly towards the Lord. Fundamentally, this involved an interior event; conversion, the turning of our soul towards Jesus Christ and thus towards the living God, towards the true light. Linked with this, then, was the other exclamation that still today, before the Eucharistic Prayer, is addressed to the community of the faithful: “Sursum corda” – “Lift up your hearts”, high above all our misguided concerns, desires, anxieties and thoughtlessness – “Lift up your hearts, your inner selves!” In both exclamations we are summoned, as it were, to a renewal of our Baptism: *Conversi ad Dominum* – we must always turn away from false paths, onto which we stray so often in our thoughts and actions. We must turn ever anew towards him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We must be converted ever anew, turning with our whole life towards the Lord. And ever anew we must withdraw our hearts from the force of gravity, which pulls them down, and inwardly we must raise them high: in truth and love. At this hour, let us thank the Lord, because through the power of His word and of the holy Sacraments, He points us in the right direction and draws our heart upwards. Let us pray to Him in these words: Yes, Lord, make us Easter people, men and women of light, filled with the fire of your love. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



Fr. Newcomb, Fr. Csete, Deacon Rich, and the parish staff would like to wish you all a Blessed Easter and Easter Season.

Though we may not be able to congregate together right now, pray that this pandemic will end soon and we will once again be able to worship together.

St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be Friday, April 17th from 10am until noon. If you or anyone you know needs help, please have them come during those times.

Boyscout's Annual Car Wash & Clothing Drive will be on May 2nd, 9am-2pm, Car Wash is \$5 and collect all clothing, shoes, hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, backpacks, belts, toys and games, all bedding and towel items, draperies and curtains, stuffed animals and dolls, Kindly bag like items together.

We are in need of 3 people to step up to be on the Parish Advisory Council for a 3 year term. We thank previous members Steve Riordan, Cheryl Lovelace, and Janet Smith for their 3 years of service. Please call the parish office to submit your name by Friday, May 22nd. Names will be picked on Sunday, May 31st-Pentecost Sunday.

Blessed Sunday- Few reminders and suggestions:

1. 6pm pray the Rosary together with your family and our parish family from our homes.
2. If you haven't already set up an altar or place of prayer in your homes. Have a Crucifix, image of Our Lady, your favorite Saints etc.
3. If you view Mass online or on Television; try to take the normal postures you would in Church. (We won't be filming Mass online, because we do not have the proper technology to do so worthily) ewtn and our Cathedral do a wonderful job.
4. Next weekend we will have Blessed Palms in the Church that you may take with you.
5. Continue to pray:
for those that are sick and suffering from the Coronavirus, those that will die, the nurses, assistants, orderlies, maintenance staff and doctors who are putting their lives on the line for all of us, our EMTs, police officers, firefighters, soldiers, and scientists who are all assisting us at this time.



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us who have recourse to you.

The Cardinal's Appeal has begun. Our goal is \$34,500. We have received pledges totaling \$8,690 from 43 donors. You can visit Cardinalsappeal.org. All Donations can be mailed directly to : The Cardinal's Appeal PO Box 4020 NY, NY 10261. Our Parish number is **518**.

Announced Masses

- Monday, April 13**
9:00am For All Victims of the Coronavirus
- Tuesday, April 14**
9:00am Patrick Byrne, by Steve and Rosemarie Babey
- Wednesday, April 15**
9:00am For Healthcare Workers and those on the frontline
- Thursday, April 16**
9:00am For Vocations to the Priesthood
- Saturday, April 18**
4:00pm Joseph Kucher, Mom and family
- Sunday, April 19 (Divine Mercy Sunday)**
8:30am William, Dorothy, and Dennis McCarthy, by Mary Ann McCarthy
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, in memory of Joseph Belloto, by Sally and family.

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, Nico Nicolette, Jaryd Viserta, Steven Gaesser, Kacey Warner, Sandra Ramsey, Lorraine Mannarino, 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, Jan Kaminski, Ana Anaya, Glenn Lagatol, Ellen Pentland, Shirley Simeone, Belinda Vazquez, Melissa Rodriguez-Smith., and Joanne Hill.

The collection for April 4th/5th was \$5,059.
Thank you for your continued generosity.