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Dear Parishioners,

In fact, the Lord is always calling but all too often we do not listen. We are distracted by many things, by other, more superficial voices; and then we are afraid to listen to the Lord's voice because we think he might take away our freedom.

In fact, each one of us is the fruit of love: of our parents' love of course, but more profoundly, of God's love. The Bible says: even if your own mother does not want you, I want you because I know and love you. The moment I realize this my life changes. It becomes a response to this love, greater than any other, and in this way my freedom is completely fulfilled.

How do people find God's love? They find it in Jesus Christ: in His Gospel, in the Eucharist and in the community of the Church. In the Church we discover that every person's life is a love story. Sacred Scripture clearly shows us this and the witness borne by the saints confirms it to us.

Saint Augustine's words are an example of this. Addressing God, he says in his Confessions: "Too late I loved you, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new! Too late I loved you! And behold, you were within and I abroad.... You were with me, but I was not with you... But you called and shouted and burst through my deafness".

Dear friends, let us pray for the Church, for every local community, that it may be like a watered garden in which all the seeds of vocation that God scatters in abundance sprout and ripen. Let us pray that this garden may be cultivated everywhere, with the joy of feeling that we are all called, in the variety of our gifts.

May families in particular be the first environment in which we "breathe" the love of God that provides us with inner strength in the midst of the difficulties and trials of life. Those who experience God's love in the family receive a priceless gift which, with time, bears fruit. May the Blessed Virgin Mary — a model of free and obedient acceptance of the divine call and Mother of every vocation in the Church — obtain all this for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

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During these trying times we are still trying to keep our Church doors open after this pandemic is over. Contributions can be mailed to PO Box 712, dropped off in the mail slot at the rectory (46 Ball Street) or follow the link below to do online giving. We appreciate your generosity to our parish.

<https://stmarysportjervis.churchgiving.com/>

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**We have various Mass Intentions available.  
If you would like a Mass Intention for a loved one, living or deceased,  
email your request to  
st-marys-rectory@hvc.rr.com**

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be

Friday, May 15th from 10am until noon. If you or anyone you know needs help, please have them come during those times.

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.

If interested, please leave a message at the parish office (845)856-8212 or email [st-marys-rectory@hvc.rr.com](mailto:st-marys-rectory@hvc.rr.com).

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

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. 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.

**Announced Masses**

- Monday, May 4**  
9:00am Fran and Mike Senkiew, by Gary
- Tuesday, May 5**  
9:00am Augustin Vega, by the Anaya family
- Wednesday, May 6**  
9:00am All essential workers especially health care workers
- Thursday, May 7**  
9:00am Louis, Rose, and Lawrence Sarno, by MaryAnn McCarthy
- Saturday, May 9**  
4:00pm Mary Ann Rohner, by Jim and family
- Sunday, May 10**  
8:30am All Mothers, living and deceased  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's  
All Mothers, living and deceased



***The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in memory of Michael McCarthy, by Rich and Diane Quick.***

**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, and Melissa Rodriguez-Smith.

The collection for April 25th/26th was \$5,076.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.