

JMJ

Dear Parishioners,

Dear friends, the First Reading presents us with an important moment which manifests the universality of the Christian Message: in the house of Cornelius Saint Peter baptizes the first pagans. In the Old Testament, God wanted the blessing of Hebrew people not to be exclusive but extended to all nations. Ever since the call of Abraham he had said: "By you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves". Thus Peter, inspired from on High, understood that "God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him". Peter's gesture becomes an image of the Church open to all of humanity.

But how can we, in our weakness, carry this love? Saint John, in the Second Reading, tells us emphatically that liberation from sin and from its consequences does not come about by our own initiative, but of God's. It was not we who loved Him but He who loved us and who took upon Himself our sin and washed it away with the blood of Christ. God loved us first and wants us to enter into His communion of love, to collaborate in His work of redemption.

In the Gospel passage the invitation of the Lord resonates: "I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide". It is a message meant in a specific way for the Apostles but, in a broad sense, regards all the disciples of Jesus. The whole Church, all of us are sent out into the world to spread the Gospel Message and the good news of salvation. But it is always God's initiative; he calls us to various ministries, so that each one plays a proper role in the common good. He calls us to the ministerial priesthood, to the consecrated life, to married life, to working in the world: all are asked to respond generously to the Lord, sustained by his Word which comforts us: "You did not choose me, but I chose you"

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

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.*

*Until we return to public Masses,
the Church will be open every
Saturday from Noon to 5pm for private prayer
and Confessions will be heard from 3pm to 3:45pm*

*Sundays the Church will be open from 8am to 2pm
for private prayer.*

*Adoration and Confessions will be from
9am to Noon.*

*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*

The second collection this weekend is for the Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

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/>

Little Lambs will hold an Open House on Wednesday, May 20th from 4:30 to 6:30 by appointment only. Contact Mary Carver 858-4208 or email : littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com

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.

St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be Friday, May 29th from 10am until noon. If you or anyone you know needs help, please have them come during those times.

The Cardinal's Appeal is still ongoing. Our goal is \$34,500. We have received pledges totaling \$13,930 from 72 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**.

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.

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

Announced Masses

- Monday, May 18 (John I, pope and martyr)**
9:00am DiToinso family, by the family
- Tuesday, May 19**
9:00am For an increase in response to vocations to the priesthood
- Wednesday, May 20 (Bernardine of Siena, priest)**
9:00am Intentions of Rachel Cimbak, by her family
- Thursday, May 21 (Ascension of the Lord)**
9:00am Living and deceased parishioners of St. Mary's
7:00pm All essential workers, especially healthcare workers
- Saturday, May 23**
4:00pm Gloria F. Budakowski, by Dick and Barbara Drew
- Sunday, May 24**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Marina and Enrique Santiago, by Enid Decker



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, memory of Robert R Case, Jr., by Dolores Case 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, and Melissa Rodriguez-Smith.

The collection for was May 9th/10th was \$XXXX.
Thank you for your continued generosity.