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Dear Parishioners,

Some of you may have noticed our new to us, baptismal font. The font was originally in the Church of the Holy Agony, which was located on Third Avenue and 101st Street in Manhattan. Unfortunately the Church was closed in 2014. The original baptistry for our Church was in the narthex of the Church in the room we now use as our normal weekend sacristy. The marble is most likely similar to the original.

Today’s Gospel is a famous parable that speaks of ten maidens invited to a wedding feast, a symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven and of eternal life. It is a happy image with which, however, Jesus teaches a truth that calls us into question. In fact five of those 10 maidens were admitted to the feast because when the bridegroom arrived they had brought the oil to light their lamps, whereas the other five were left outside because they had been foolish enough not to bring any. What is represented by this “oil”, the indispensable prerequisite for being admitted to the nuptial banquet?

Saint Augustine (see Discourses 93, 4), and other ancient authors interpreted it as a symbol of love that one cannot purchase but receives as a gift, preserves within one and uses in works. True wisdom is making the most of mortal life in order to do works of mercy, for after death this will no longer be possible. When we are reawoken for the Last Judgement, it will be made on the basis of the love we have shown in our earthly life. And this love is a gift of Christ, poured out in us by the Holy Spirit. Those who believe in God-Love bear within them invincible hope, like a lamp to light them on their way through the night beyond death to arrive at the great feast of life.

Let us ask Mary, Sedes Sapientiae, to teach us true wisdom, the wisdom that became flesh in Jesus. He is the Way that leads from this life to God, to the Eternal One. He enabled us to know the Father’s face, and thus gave us hope full of love. This is why the Church addresses the Mother of the Lord with these words: “Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra” [our life, our sweetness and our hope]. Let us learn from her to live and die in the hope that never disappoints.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

Family Advent Wreath Making



This year we have a few options for wreath making and honoring the Advent season with your family.

Pre-made Pre-ordered Wreaths will be available for \$20 per wreath (details to follow)

Bundles-To-Go will be available (includes all materials to make your own wreath at home) \$15 per wreath (details to follow)

Family Wreath Making Event Saturday November, 28th from 10 am to 12 pm in Most Sacred Heart Hall. Limited space available. Watch for a sign up sheet soon.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Premade: \$20 each Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Bundle: \$15 each Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

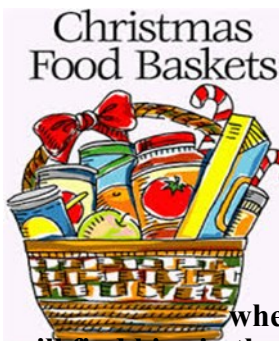
Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Check Return before November 24th.

**Holy Hour has commenced on  
Mondays in the Chapel.  
Confessions will be heard from  
5:30pm until 6:15pm.  
Adoration will be from  
5:30 pm until 6:30pm.**

**In observance of Veteran's Day, the parish office  
will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th.**

**Our Avon fundraiser will begin October 14th to  
raise funds for the bus to Washington, DC in Jan-  
uary for the March for Life. If you would like see a  
catalog, please stop by the parish office. Various  
items besides makeup available for purchase. Start  
your Christmas shopping early! You can also place  
your orders online at :**

***Avon.com/fundraiser/stmaryspj***



**Christmas  
Food Baskets**

**St. Mary's will continue  
the tradition of providing  
those in need within our  
community with food bas-  
kets for Christmas. It has  
expanded to include addi-  
tional 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 or stop by the parish office.  
Children in the Religious Ed. program are encour-  
aged to bring items to their classrooms.**

**Thank you in advance.**

**St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in  
our local and area communities. The next date will  
be Friday, November 13th from 10am until noon.  
If you or anyone you know is in need of food,  
please have them come during those times.**

**We now have a section of St. Mary's Cemetery  
with new graves available. The following is the fee  
schedule to obtain the *Right to Burial*:**

**Single Depth \$1000  
Double Depth \$1300**

**For more information, call Gina at the parish office  
Monday- Friday 9:30am until 3pm  
(845) 856-8212**

**Announced Masses**

**Monday, November 9 (Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica)  
9:00am William Nachand  
Jay Griggs, by the Rickard family  
Tuesday, November 10 (Leo the Great, pope and  
doctor of the Church)  
9:00am Bartholomew Lissner, by Jan and  
Paulina Kaminski  
Wednesday, November 11 (Martin of Tours,  
bishop)  
9:00am Sean Riordan and Ed Eckes, by Steve  
& Jeri Riordan  
Thursday, November 12 (Josaphat, bishop and  
martyr)  
9:00am Maureen Cadena, by Bob and Nancy  
Dunn  
Hannah Babey, by Grandma &  
Grandpa  
Saturday, November 14  
4:00pm Eva Lawrow and John Lawrow, by  
Mary Rimlinger  
Sunday, November 15  
8:30am Daniel Dwyer, by Sharon, Maureen,  
Barbara, and Dan  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

**Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, Wil-  
liam Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln,  
Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Wal-  
ter Szpakowicz, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski,  
James Roach, John F Flynn, Jr., Catherine Simons,  
Michael Medaglia, Robert Witherow, Theresa  
Fuller, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy,  
Chris Marion, III, Allan Garcia, Eric Hildebrandt,  
Stephen A. Odrechowski, Scott Robertson, Eva  
Scopino, Jan Kaminski, Ellen Pentland, Leticia  
Nuestro, Christina Nuestro, Alice Drew, Catherine  
Scopino, Amelia Quinn, Tonya Addy, Jackie Hamil-  
ton, Brandon Ulrichs, Helen Eckes, Gloria Hicks,  
Stephanie Gaide, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Mary-  
Lynn Beam, Nancy Crumley, Carol Gomillion, Da-  
vid Lisker, Donald Wolff, Carmen Lagatol, Carmen  
Ramos, Jose Brito, and Wayne DeMarco.**

***The Cardinal's Appeal* is still ongoing. Our goal is  
\$34,500. We have received pledges totaling \$19,080  
from 97 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.**

**The collection for Oct. 31st/Nov.1st was \$6,658.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.**