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Dear Parishioners,

**Year End Report**

Last year we baptized 21 babies, buried 31 adults, married 2 couples, gave first communion to 9 children, Confirmed 9 adults and 23 young adults. Covid has affected us, especially with our baptismal number. We are currently around 65% to 70% of our normal weekend attendance.

The major physical plant project this year that was completed was: restoring all of our Church bathrooms. They all have been replumbed and have all new appliances in them. This project was completed in thanks to the Cabrini Fund, in which we received a \$50,000 grant for this need. We have many more large building projects to be completed in the years ahead. The three most pressing our: first: the front windows of the Church: especially the Good Shepherd Window and the Chapel Convent windows, second: pointing of all of the brick of the parish office building (the old convent) and sealing the Church brick, and third: replacing the carpet in the Church. We currently have \$114,000 in our Renew and Rebuild Account. The windows will cost about \$175,000, the pointing and sealing of the bricks will be about \$225,000 and replacing the carpet with a suitable alternative to carpet in the Church will be about \$60,000. Kindly if you can fulfill your Renew and Rebuild Commitments or if you wish, at this time you can give directly to the parish and note on your check that this money is to be used for building projects and then that money can only be used for future building restorations.

Since my coming here in February 2015, we have replaced the rectory roof, built the handicap ramp to the Church, installed 3 boilers in the school and the Church boiler, replaced the sidewalks on Ball Street, the cemetery sidewalk and fence, fixed the church hall stairwell with the chairlift, a new kitchen in the school, installed cameras around the physical plant and installed new front doors to the Church. Please know that I respect your resources greatly and I thank you for your generosity, but the work is far from done.

We took in \$280,439 in general collections, including Holy Days and Easter and Christmas as well as other incidentals we took in a total \$335,588 in income. We fundraised \$26,671 last year in our many activities. In total with tuition from Little Lambs and the PPP loan the Archdiocese secured for us from the government; we took in \$501,791. Our expenses with salaries, insurance, gas and electric, Cathedralism to the Archdiocese, School Tax etc. was \$473,875. This year we do not expect to do as well with our fundraising due to Covid-19. I know everyone is strapped, but if you can fulfill the extra money we need over the years ahead for the building projects; I know we will be in good shape for the future. If you have any questions feel free to reach out me.

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

Blessed Advent!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



St. Mary's will continue the tradition of providing those in need within our community with food baskets for Christmas. It has expanded to include additional 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 encouraged to bring items to their classrooms.

We are currently in need of mashed potatoes, canned gravy, peanut butter & jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned green beans, carrots, soup, and chef-boy-ar-dee.

We will be collecting turkeys, and hams on Thursday, December 17th  
from 5 to 6pm by the Church hall.  
Thank you in advance.



**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.**



**Simplify your Christmas shopping! The St. Nicholas Faire will be held at St. Mary's Most Sacred Heart Hall on Sunday, December 6, 2020. The fair will be held from 9:30 AM to 2 PM. There will be handcrafted items lovingly created by local crafters. You'll be shopping close to**

**home as you have the opportunity to purchase items from independent consultants representing Young Living Essential Oils, Pampered Chef, and many more. There will also be a Bake Sale, raffles, and a Gingerbread House Contest. Everyone in attendance will be asked to wear a mask and socially distance themselves from other shoppers. St. Nicholas will not be able to pose for photos this year due to COVID restrictions. In addition there will be a Virtual St. Nicholas Faire on Facebook all weekend long. This year's Faire is hosted by CDA #114 Court Madonna to aid in their charitable projects. For more information, or if you would like to be considered as a vendor, either in person or virtually, contact Eileen: [St.NickFaire@gmail.com](mailto:St.NickFaire@gmail.com).**



**There is a Giving Tree in the Narthex. Please consider making a donation. All donations are split between the Elks Club and the Rotary Club at the Port Jervis High School.**

**St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be Friday, December 3 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 30  
9:00am John Konchan, by the Konchan family**  
**Tuesday, December 1  
9:00am Ed Eckes, by Paul & Diane Hartmann**  
**Wednesday, December 2  
9:00am Carol Ann Volpe, by Sophie Crawford Rosso**  
**Thursday, December 3 (Francis Xavier, priest)  
9:00am Ed Eckes, by Walt & Eileen Carmody  
Hannah Babey, by Nancy Smith**  
**Friday, December 4  
11:30am James Newcomb  
Fr. John Murray's 20th Anniversary, by the parish**  
**Saturday, December 5  
4:00pm Liza Rodriguez and Jose Ramos, by the Brito family**  
**Sunday, December 6  
8:30am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Co. #471  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's**



***The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church in memory of Maura and Roy Ochsen, by Donna and Ray Calvario.***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Walter Szpakowicz, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, John F Flynn, Jr., Catherine Simons, Michael Medaglia, Robert Witherow, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Chris Marion, III, Allan Garcia, Eric Hildebrandt, Stephen A. Odrechowski, Scott Robertson, Eva Scopino, Jan Kaminiski, Ellen Pentland, Leticia NUESTRO, Christina NUESTRO, Alice Drew, Catherine Scopino, Amelia Quinn, Tonya Addy, Jackie Hamilton, Brandon Ulrichs, Helen Eckes, Gloria Hicks, Stephanie Gaide, Elizabeth Startup Jones, MaryLynn Beam, Nancy Crumley, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Donald Wolff, Carmen Lagatol, Carmen Ramos, Jose Brito, Wayne DeMarco, and Carmella Balsamello.**

***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.**

**Our Parish number is 518.**

**The collection for November 21/22 was \$4,208. Thank you for your continued generosity.**