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Reading I: The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Reading II: Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Verse Before the Gospel: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam"—which means Sent—So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?"

His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said,

"He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."



*Stations of the Cross are prayed
every Friday during Lent at
7pm in the Church.*

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.

The second collection this weekend, March 13th/14th, is for the *Catholic Relief Services*.

Please give it your prayerful consideration.

40 Days for Life: St. Mary's assigned day is March 27th in Newburgh. If you would like to sign up, call Nancy Smith:845-856-4610. Proper social distancing procedure will be required (masks, standing 6 feet apart).

Easter is approaching. Consider giving a Eucharistic Prayer card. Spend one hour in prayer at Adoration for your love ones, friends, family. Give a gift of joy and lift someone's spirits. Proceeds go to our Respect Life projects. Just a donation please.



We will be selling Palm Crosses for \$10 in the Narthex the weekend of March 20th/21st and if any are left, the weekend of March 27th/28th (Palm Sunday). There is a limited quantity. If you would like to preorder, please call the parish office.

St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be Friday, March 19th, from 10am until noon. If you or anyone you know is in need of food, please have them come during those times. We are in need of personal care items. Most needed are : shampoo and conditioner, soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products.

CDA Court Madonna is raffling off an *Angel Themed Quilt*. Chances are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held on May 11th, 2021. Tickets available at the parish office.

Court Madonna's 21 Club tickets are now available. They are \$20/ea and benefit local scholarships. Drawing is on April 13th. There will be 20 \$50 winners and 1 \$1,000 winner. Tickets available at the parish office or contact Debbie 239-3560, Helen M. 856-0987, or Sue 858-5991.

St. Mary's Cemetery currently has new graves to obtain the right to burial.

Single Depth \$1,000

Double Depth \$1,300

Payment Plans available. Please call Gina at the parish office to make an appointment.

Boy Scout Troop #173 will have their annual Car Wash and Clothing drive on May 1st from 9am until 3.

Announced Masses

Monday, March 15
9:00am Margaret Klotz, by Elizabeth Hagen

Tuesday, March 16
9:00am Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Prial, by the Rickard family

Wednesday, March 17 (Patrick; bishop)
9:00am Eileen Darcy, by her family

Thursday, March 18 (Cyril of Jerusalem; Bishop & doctor of the Church)
9:00am Josef Kucher, by the Prager family
William Quinn, by Amelia Quinn

Saturday, March 20
4:00pm Dot, Bill, and Dennis McCarthy, by MaryAnne McCarthy

Sunday, March 21
8:30am Albert F. & Thelma G. Gonsalves, by David & Violet Dhaniram

11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
1:00pm Florence & Frank Kiernan, by Paul Brislin

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, Allan Garcia, Eric Hildebrandt, Stephen A. Odrechowski, Eva Scopino, Jan Kaminski, Leticia Nuestro, Christina Nuestro, Catherine Scopino, Amelia Quinn, Tonya Addy, Jackie Hamilton, Brandon Ulrichs, Helen Eckes, Gloria Hicks, Stephanie Gaide, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Donald Wolff, Carmen Ramos, Jose Brito, Wayne DeMarco, Camille Balsamello, Emogene Bloomer, Cheryl Lovelace, Jackie Hamilton, Stephen Angiulo, Eppie Harford, Enid Decker, Ryan Hildebrandt, Richard Scopino, Kenneth Mundy, James Shimer, and Johnny Little.

A Preached Novena at Mass in honor of St. Joseph will be held at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown, NY from March 11 through March 19th with a different Carmelite friar and theme for each Mass. Complete schedule can be found on the Shrine website www.ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com
Carol Bezak, Shrine Director 845-343-1879 for further information.

The collection for March 6th/7th was \$6,813.
Thank you for your continued generosity.