

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

We have finally made it to Laetare Sunday. Rejoice, O Jerusalem. Thankfully we are more than half way through Lent. Any half time can be a challenge. First of all we might have been doing well during this first half and we know we need to keep it up so that we can finish strong. Another alternative is that we might not be having the best of Lents, but there is still more than enough time to correct our mistakes and finish out strong. Do not give into giving up or being satisfied with where we are at. As we all know anything worth doing takes effort and discipline.

The passing of Archbishop Emeritus Edward Cardinal Egan has brought many memories back to me. This May will be my tenth anniversary of priesthood and I thank almighty God and Cardinal Egan for ordaining me. Please keep his soul in your prayers as this is our duty for all of our faithfully departed. Cardinal Egan was going to celebrate Mass with my classmates and take us out to dinner for our anniversary. I'm sure the conversation and convivium would have made a memorable night. My classmates and I will still gather and now we will offer our Mass for the repose of his soul. One of the happiest days I saw him was when he attended the dedication of Saint Joseph's Church in Somers. Fr. George's assistance in the completion of that church was of particular interest to the Cardinal. He stated at the end of the Mass that he wanted to come back and play the organ himself. Requiescat in pace.

One thing I would ask you to pray over is if you can assist us with the increased cost of this horrible winter that all of us have had to endure. Easter Sunday we will take up an extra collection for the cost of our gas and electric bills. I know everyone will be struggling after this winter, but pray over what you think you are able to contribute. I thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



Stations of the Cross are prayed every friday during Lent at 7pm

The Annual Golden Wedding Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral will be on Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st at 2pm. Couples sacramentally married for 50 years anytime in 2015 are asked to contact the parish office to register for tickets. Also, any couples celebrating another milestone anniversary are asked to call the parish office.

**Fr. George Hafemann's Farewell Reception
April 19th 2pm to 4pm**

Family Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Adults: _____ Children: _____ Total: _____

Please return no later than April 13th if your are planning on attending.

St. Mary's 40 Days for Life will be on Saturday, March 21st. Sign ups will take place this weekend after all Masses or contact Nancy Smith 856-4610.

Religious Education will pray the Stations of the Cross at 10 am next Sunday the 22nd. All are welcome to attend.

Little Lambs Easter Pageant will be on Friday, March 27th at 10:30am. A simple Lenten reception of pretzels and juice will follow. All are invited.

Holy Cross Church is having a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and egg hunt Sunday, March 29th from 8:30 to 1pm \$8 adults/\$5 children. Advance tickets recommended. Call 355-4439.

Prepare yourselves for the Easter season. Reconciliation Monday will be on Monday, March 30th from 3pm to 9pm with a break from 6pm to 7pm.

There will be a farewell reception for Fr. George Hafemann on Sunday, April 19th from 2-4pm. If you are planning on attending please detach the form on the previous page, and return to the parish office no later than April 13th.

SOUP-TO-GO" DURING LENT: St. Joseph's Church Matamoras, PA will be offering "Soup To Go" during Lent. A different delicious homemade soup will be available to order each week priced at \$8 a quart. Soup must be ordered in advance by calling St. Joseph's Parish Office 570-491-2618 before 12:00 noon the Monday preceding the sale for that week. All orders will be pre-packaged, refrigerated, and ready for pick-up. The soups change each week.

The First Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 21st at the Fordham Rose Hill campus in the Bronx. The theme of this year's conference is, "Men, Be Who You Are!" Come experience a prayerful, life changing day for men of all ages featuring talks by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, Damon Owens, a renowned public speaker and strong proponent of the Catholic faith, and Joe Klecko, former all-star New York Jets defensive lineman. To register and more information, visit www.nymensconference.org

Save the Date! Sunday, September 20th will be our annual parish picnic.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, March 16

9:00am Thomas La Grutta, by Bob and Doreen Auchmoody
Christopher Dombrowski

Tuesday, March 17 (Patrick, bishop)

9:00am Eileen Darcy, by Lorraine Gilley

Thursday, March 19 (Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

9:00am Jack Jarvies, by wife and children
Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Dr. Brooks

Friday, March 20

9:00am Josef Kucher, by Henry N. Werner

Saturday, March 21

4:00pm August Salva, by Joanne and Jim Wilcox

Sunday, March 22

8:30am Joseph and Fannie Amato, by Henrietta Amato and family

11:30am the parishioners of St. Mary's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Anna Onuschak, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Vada Glass, Amanda Evelech, Mike Castle, Mary Platania, Barbara Nachand, Andrew Witkowski, Maureen Hildebrandt, Anne Marie Rodriguez, Donald Wolff, Andrea Fedoruk, Linda Fontana, Mike Fuller, Sally Hanstine, Walter Szpakowicz, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, John McKean, Betty Corcoran, Agnes Murray, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeremiah Stasilli, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Rex Horan, William Quinn, John Kavanagh, Ed Eckes, Jose Maldonado, Joseph Michael Walsh, Ralph E. Hessberger, Angela Grillo, Kelly Quick, and Denise Paz.

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God". Today's Gospel urges us to live a life centered on Christ. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help your marriage/Holy Orders to be more Christ centered. For information call 1-877-NYS-WWME ext. 3

The collection for March 7/8, 2015 was \$6,851
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for March 21/22, 2015

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. LOTHIAN	D. MURO, M. O'CONNOR	S. MOREJON, Z. IRWIN, B. BIRKENSTOCK
8:30AM	P. CAL	J. TAYLOR, E. DECKER, S. RIORDAN, M. ADAMCIK	J.KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, D. KAVANAGH, D. LIVINGSTON	S. PHILLIPS, G. ROBERTSON, L. ROBERTSON