

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

We are coming into the 7th inning stretch of our Lenten journey. This is the time to ramp things up and not to give into sluggishness. The melting snow I pray is a good sign that spring is upon us, which will assist in motivating us toward our Easter reward.

The prophet Jeremiah’s words call us to reflect in our ever more secular culture: “All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.” On the 30th of March every parish in the Archdiocese and the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre will have priests available to hear confessions from 3pm to 9pm. (I will be taking a dinner break and walk with Pius from 6pm to 7pm) Please consider trying to bring one person to confession with you. Most in our time have a very poor (to say the least) understanding of who God is. They do not know the freedom God wants to give each of us by forgiving us. Hatred, jealousy, envy, lust, greed, sloth, avarice, gluttony, anger, and pride can be overpowering forces in ones life, especially, if one has never felt the power of true forgiveness. With forgiveness we also receive the virtues of chastity, generosity, temperance, meekness, humility, fortitude, prudence, and most importantly the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. These virtues are the keys to the puzzle of how to live a life worth living.

Without forgiveness and the virtues that flow from God’s mercy and grace we are bound to fail, loose our faith and to die. With the virtues and His all powerful grace, our wills can be reformed. For nothing is impossible for God to change and recreate, not even death itself.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Newcomb



***Stations of the Cross are prayed every
Friday at 7pm***

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 2- 9am Tenebrae and 7pm Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, April 3- 9am Tenebrae and 3pm Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 4- 9am Tenebrae and 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 5- 8:30am and 11:30am Mass

**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.

Religious Education will pray the Stations of the Cross at 10 am today. All are welcome to attend.

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday, April 4th at 11am. If you could give us an hour of your time, it would be appreciated.

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.

There is an All You Can Eat Breakfast Sunday, March 29th from 8:00-11:30.

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.

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.

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 prepackaged, refrigerated, and ready for pick-up. The soups change each week.

Drew Methodist Church Lenten Soup Lunch is running every Wednesday at Noon. Cost \$3 includes soup, bread, beverage, and dessert. Call Yvonne 856-3423.

Boy Scout Troop 173 is having a clothing drive fundraiser May 2nd from 9-2 pm. Clothes, bedding, toys, stuffed animals, shoes, belts and handbags will be accepted. Please bag like items separately.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, March 23 (Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop)

9:00am Julia Debiak, by the Hagen family

Tuesday, March 24

9:00am Violeta Arroyo, by Bob Cole

Thursday, March 26

9:00am Lillian Lenahan, by the Hagen family

Friday, March 27

9:00am Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Dr. Brooks
Patricia Soletro, by Rayola McLaughlin

Saturday, March 28

4:00pm the parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)

8:30am Peter Lawrow, by Mary Rimlinger

11:30am Nick Marinaro, by Patty Marinaro and family

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, 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, William Quinn, John Kavanagh, Ed Eckes, Jose Maldonado, Joseph Michael Walsh, Ralph E. Hessberger, Angela Grillo, Kelly Quick, Denise Paz, and Orville Morgan.

The Sixth Annual New York Bible Summit, sponsored by the American Bible Society and the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office, will take place Saturday, June 20th, at the New York Catholic Center, Cathedral High School, at 350 East 56th Street. The theme this year is "Hear the Word of God with Reverence. Proclaim it with Faith". For more information go to www.nyfaithformation.org.

"Whoever serves me must follow me..." These words of the Gospel can be difficult in today's modern world. Let World-wide Marriage Encounter give you valuable tools to keep your marriage/Holy Orders strong. For information call 1-877-NYS-WWME extension 3.

The collection for January March 14/15, 2015 was \$5,577.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for March 28/29, 2015

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	*****		*****
8:30AM	*****	SPECIAL SCHEDULE	*****
11:30AM	*****		*****