

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

The first reading of today's Mass includes the Lord's timeless invitation to all men and women: Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed. The banquet is an image which is frequently to be found in Sacred Scripture. It is used to announce the coming of the Messiah, full of good things and blessings. In a special way the banquet is a prefiguring of the Holy Eucharist, wherein Christ gives himself to us as food. Saint John speaks to us of this meal, recalling those final words of Jesus in the synagogue of Capharnaum: I am the living bread that came down from heaven, whoever eats this bread will live forever. And then He adds: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.

As food for the soul, Holy Communion increases the supernatural life in the recipient. At the same time and as a consequence. Holy Communion builds up our defenses against what is not from God, whatever is in opposition to Christ. It helps us combat our inclination to evil while strengthening us against evil. It enkindles our charity and inspires contrition for our falls. It also erases the effects of our venial sins we have confessed, and preserves us from mortal sin.

Ecce Panis angelorum, factus cibus viatorum, vere panis filiorum: behold the bread of Angels, made into the food for travelers, truly the bread of the sons. Give us, Lord, the strength to travel with human and supernatural dignity along our way upon this earth, our eyes fixed firmly on our goal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center in Port Jervis offers affordable, quality Catholic preschool education for children of all denominations. Since 2003, Little Lambs has had a commitment to infuse students with the faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline that will help them lead fulfilling lives.

Small class sizes will help focus your child's attention on adjusting to new situations in a warm, loving, safe, and encouraging environment. Children explore, think, pray, and talk through dramatic and free play, story time, and art.

St. Mary's Little Lambs is a New York State licensed Preschool and registered with New York State Office of Child and Family Services. Our license helps to ensure our children's safety by requiring our adherence to the highest public health, safety, and educational standards. We undergo rigorous safety and fire inspections. All adults at our school (teachers, participating parents, etc.) are cleared by the New York State Central Register of child abuse convictions. A further benefit of the licensing program is that to maintain our license, our teachers must actively continue their educational training and participate in professional development programs.

For more information please call 845-858-4208 or visit littlelambseclc.com.

Save the Date— Annual antique appraisal day and holiday fall craft fair Saturday, October 17th at St. Mary's church hall. Doors open at 9am until 3pm. Appraisals will be from 10am until 1pm by Flannery's Auction and Estate Services and Sales. Donation is \$4 per item.

Raffles-Bakesale-Homemade Soups

Sponsored by Court Madonna #114 Catholic Daughters of the Americas to benefit their charitable works. For vendor spaces call Joyce Klimkiewicz 856-8875.

Sign-ups for the *40 Days for Life* will take place after all Masses the weekend of September 5th and 6th. For more information contact Nancy Smith 856-4610.

**All are invited to
St. Mary's Parish Picnic**

**Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 1:00pm
Sparrow Bush Engine Company
Main Street, Sparrow Bush**

The parish will provide hamburgers and hot dogs.

**F.A.I.T.H. and S.M.A.R.T.
will host field games for the children.**

**Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages
and a dish to share
(enough to serve 8-10 people):**

Last name A-G Appetizer or Snack

Last name H-P Dessert

Last name Q-Z Salad or Vegetable

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Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Children: _____

Bringing: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please return the reservation form to the parish office by **Monday, September 7th**;

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ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, August 17
9:00am Andrew Witkowski, by the Adamcik family
Betty Lynch, by Dick and Barbara Drew

Tuesday, August 18
9:00am Rex Horan, by Mary Billman

Wednesday, August 19 (John Eudes, priest)
9:00am Mary Marino, by Deacon Rich and Joanne Marino

Thursday, August 20 (Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church)
9:00am Nicolina Macchiarolo, by Maria Macchiarolo
Betty Lynch, by Karen and Tom Hinkley

Saturday, August 22
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, August 23
8:30am Pauline, Peter, and Paul Ruggiero, by Mary Case
11:30am Natalie Rimlinger and Raymond Smith, by Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Anna Onuschak, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Kelly Quick, Sandy Osbourne, Jose Maldonado, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Vada Glass, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, John McKean, Andrea Fedoruk, Lisa Donahue, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Maureen Hildebrandt, William Quinn, Mary Ellen Piper, and Jeannine Lincoln.

The collection for August 8/9 was \$4,817.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for August 22/23

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	P. CAL	K. AND J. FLYNN, A. WITKOWSKI	T. AND E. WITKOWSKI, Q. KRENTZ
8:30AM	T. ROMBOUSEK	M. ADAMCIK, S. RIORDAN, V. LIVINGSTON	T. LAMOREAUX, N. AND A. WEBB
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION, J. SENKIEW	A. AND R. COLLADO, K. CULLENY