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Dear Parishioners,

Purifications found in the Old Testament were not done simply for hygienic reasons or out of politeness; they had in fact a religious significance, symbolizing the moral purity needed in order to approach God. In Psalm 24, which was part of the liturgical rite of entry to the Jerusalem sanctuary, it says: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Purity of heart appears as a condition for approaching God, for taking part in His worship and being able to behold His face. But the Pharisees hadn't got beyond the purely external level and even added to the intricacy of the rites while neglecting their fundamental aspect, namely, cleanliness of heart, of which all the rest was merely a sign and symbol.

Sensuality, that is, the capital sin of lust, leaves a profound scar on the soul. However, this is not the only manifestation of impurity: also included is the inordinate desire for material goods, the attitude that leads a person to exploit others, to scheming, envy, or animosity; and also the tendency to think only about oneself to the exclusion of others; and interior sloth, the origin of daydreams and fantasies which undermine the presence of God and application at work. Our external behavior is colored by our internal dispositions. Many external faults against charity can be traced to feelings of touchiness and irritability that should have been firmly rejected as soon as they first appeared.

What Jesus rejects is the mentality behind all those prescriptions; by then they had lost their original purpose. Instead, He teaches us to love that purity of heart whereby we are enabled to see God in our daily lives. He has told us so often that He wants to reign in our feelings, to be with us at all times, to give a new meaning to everything we do. Let us ask Him to always keep our heart clean of these disordered tendencies.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



**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 Sna
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
no later than **Monday, September 7th.**



Celebrate the start of the school year and our Blessed Mother's birthday with St. Mary's Little Lambs! Join us Tuesday, September 8th at Rudy's Yogurt Cafe located at 111 Hulst Drive in Matamoras. Rudy's will donate 10% of all sales made between 4pm and 8pm to Little Lambs.

Please note, because this is a fundraiser, Rudy's will not be giving the usual discount for showing your St. Mary's bulletin.



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.

Religious Education starts on Sunday, September 13th after the 8:30am Mass with a Parent Meeting in the church hall. Classes are on Sundays from 9:45am to 11:15am.

The **2015 Catechetical Forum** is on Saturday, October 17th that will begin with 9am Mass and conclude with prayer at 4pm. This year's theme is "Love One Another as I Have Loved You." It will be an exciting day of theological, spiritual and methodological workshops. The Forum is open to everyone. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. To register call Teresa Lothian at the Religious Education office at (845)858-4208. You can also find all the details at: www.nyfaithformation.org

The **Religious Education Program is selling Raffle Tickets** sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office. 2 Grand Prizes of \$500; 2 \$100 winners; and 4 \$50 weekly drawings beginning September 4th. Donation \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please help support the all important faith formation of our children.



All children are welcome to join us for a **Backpack Blessing** on Sunday, September 13th at the 8:30am Mass. Moms and dads, please be sure your children bring their school backpack to church that day. During Mass, Fr. Newcomb will give a special blessing and families will receive a backpack tag with a special verse, and 10 blessing cards to use throughout the school year. We hope you will join us as we send our children into a new school year, encouraged by God's word.

CDA is a national organization dedicated to prayer, good works, and the helping of others less fortunate. You will make new and dear friends and have fun while enriching your life and others. Please join CDA Co. #114 at our next meeting September 8th at St. Mary's Church hall. Members of Court #114 will be outside the Church Sunday, September 6 to answer any questions you may have regarding our organization and to take your name and phone number to invite you to one of our informational meetings or a regular meeting. For more information call or email Laura Nicolette 973-293-3523 lnicolette@optonline.net.

This year's annual **C.R.O.P.** walk will be Sunday, October 18th at 2pm. If you are interested in being a walker to help support our food pantry and other local food pantries, please call the parish office.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, August 31**
9:00am Margaret Jenks, by Merv, Joey, and family
Rex Horan, by Diane Horan
- Tuesday, September 1**
9:00am Gertrude Wilcox, by Jim and Joann Wilcox
- Wednesday, September 2**
9:00am Rex Horan, by Kevin and Debbie Cunningham
- Thursday, September 3 (Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Deceased members of the Radzikowski family, by Agnes and Mary
- Friday, September 4**
11:30am James Wohlscheid, by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Purcell
Josef Kucher, by Mary Wohlscheid
- Saturday, September 5**
4:00pm Raymond Gansarski, by Dorothy
- Sunday, September 6**
8:30am Francis Hartmann, by the Hartmann 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, 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, Jeannine Lincoln, Mary Platania, and Tonya Addy.

The collection for August 22/23 was \$4,917.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for September 5/6

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. LOTHIAN	H. ECKES, D. SIMMONS	J.,S.,D. KLOTZ
8:30AM	H. MARINARO	M. ADAMCIK, N. ARROYO, R. BABEY	S. PHILLIPS, B. AND A. BIRKENSTOCK
11:30AM	M. ESLING	E. DECKER, L. BUCZEK, J. SENKIEW	A. AND R. COLLADO, J. ENNIS