

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

“Then who could be saved?” This question is not often asked in our day and age. A large majority of people assume that everyone that dies goes right to heaven. At times people in our modern age have not assisted in stressing the importance of praying for our deceased relatives and friends, even though it is one of the precepts of being a Christian. The most ancient tradition for funerals is the color violet. Some may think black, but even before the Church used black for funerals, she used violet. Violet makes sense on many levels because it associates naturally to the 2 penitential seasons of the Church year. In those seasons we offer sacrifices before we celebrate the great feast of Christmas and Easter. To truly enjoy something we need to prepare well for it. We need to pray for our loved ones and for the hope that they have prepared well for the greatest feast that awaits them, of heaven. If you have been to a funeral recently here, I’m sure you noticed, the altar, the chalice veil and me wearing violet. Now thanks to the generosity of an Aunt of a recently deceased parishioner we have the pall that covers the casket in full violet as well. These outward signs assist us in remembering to pray for our loved ones. If we try to get to heaven by ourselves it would be impossible, but with God’s assistance “All things are possible.”

To get to heaven each person receives a personal call to follow the Master. If we respond to Christ’s invitation we will be filled with peace and true joy. Authentic wisdom consists in saying **yes** to each one of Christ’s invitations in the course of our life. As Saint Escriva stated: *I don’t want to generalize. But one day, perhaps, an ordinary Christian, just like you, opened your eyes to horizons both deep and new, yet as old as the Gospel. He suggested to you the prospect of following Christ earnestly, seriously, of becoming an apostle of apostles. Perhaps you lost your balance and then didn’t recover it. Your complacency wasn’t quite replaced by true peace until you freely said yes to God, because you wanted to, which is the most supernatural of reasons. And in its wake came a strong, constant joy, which disappears only when you abandon Him.* This is the joy of giving one’s self. What a contrast this is to the sadness for the rich young man who didn’t want to heed the Lord’s call! Pray that we will always have the strength and courage to fulfill our call, to give all to the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

***The 2nd Collection next weekend is for Mission Sunday– Propagation of the Faith  
 Please give it your prayerful consideration.***

## 3rd Annual Faith, Fun, Tricks & Treats

Join us for an afternoon of games, activities, & shared FAITH.

### KIDS

No costume required. Or you can get creative and dress as your favorite biblical character

Chili Contest & Pie Contest

TO ENTER Email:

[faith@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:faith@stmarysportjervis.com)

Sunday

November 1, 2015 1:00 p.m.

In the Church hall

**Chili and sandwiches will be served!**

Kindly RSVP to [faith@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:faith@stmarysportjervis.com)  
 by **Friday, October 23th**

Please include the number of people attending in your party!

**Volunteers are needed!**

In observance of Columbus Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, October 12th.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will meet on Tuesday, October 13th. Social starts at 6:45pm, meeting at 7pm.  
**The Annual Antique Appraisal Day, Holiday Fall Craft Fair & Cash for Gold by PRS Gold & Silver Buyers**, is next 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. Bake Sale, Raffles, Home-made Soups & Hotdogs

**S.M.A.R.T.** will meet on Tuesday, October 20th at 7pm in the S.M.A.R.T. meeting room. All children in grades 8 and up are welcome to join us.



**Fall Cleanup Raffle:** Members of S.M.A.R.T. will meet at the Church at 8am on Saturday October 24th for their community service; to assist any parishioners that are in need of help to cleanup their yards, etc. Please contact the parish office to sign up.

**St. Mary's Little Lambs** is in search of substitute teachers. Prior professional experience in education or child care is preferred but we also value experience gained through volunteer work. All subs will have to complete the Archdiocese Safe Environment Program and additional New York State requirements.

**On Monday, October 19th**, there will be a burger benefit at Burger King on Pike Street. Visit the restaurant between 5-8pm with the flyer we'll provide, make a purchase, and we'll get a percent of your sale. Flyers available at Little Lambs, in the parish office, and at the event.

**Vendors needed** for the 3rd annual St. Nicholas Faire on Sunday, December 6.

For more information on any of these upcoming events contact Eileen Carmody 858-4208.



St. Mary's will once again provide a full Christmas meal with all the trimmings and additional food items to help those in need. Starting this weekend, please leave any non perishable items in the blue bins in the Narthex.



As a result of the Sharing God's Gifts program, the parish has received some commitments from our parishioners to increase their weekly contributions. For some that were unsure, and after more was explained to them about the needs of our parish, understood the need for this program. One way to contribute is to use the automated pay method- **ParishPay Program**. Once you sign up, ParishPay will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings, or credit card account, then forward it to our parish. There is no cost to you to participate. You may log on to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or you may call 866-727-4741 ext. 1. Let us pray that our Stewardship of our parish is successful.

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, October 12**  
 9:00am Rex Horan, by Bob and Dianna Witherow  
 Andrew Witkowski, Sr., by Kathy and Joe Legato
- Tuesday, October 13**  
 9:00am Frank A. Scales, by Wife and daughter Linda
- Wednesday, October 14 (Callistus I, pope and martyr)**  
 9:00am Deceased members of the Boyle and Casey families, by Tom Leek and Eileen Casey
- Thursday, October 15 (Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church)**  
 9:00am Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks  
 Rex Horan, by Marion Rohner
- Saturday, October 17**  
 4:00pm John Oliver, by the family
- Sunday, October 18**  
 8:30am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Co. #471, by Co. #471  
 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, 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, Tonya Addy, Gloria Hicks, Jules Diez, John Kavanagh, Al Gessner, Theresa Kavanagh, Makara Craig, Lillian Diaz, Thomas Gu-maer, Jr., Ashley Avella, Amelia Quinn, and Janet Smykla.

The collection for October 6/7 was \$6,734.  
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Liturgical Ministers for October 17/18

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	W. PONDS, D. SIMMONS, H. ECKES	Q. KRENTZ, J. MARCONE, S. MOREJON
8:30AM	T. WEBB	W. CARMODY, T. CALVARIO, T. HOPPEY, J. TAYLOR	T. LAMOREAUX, N. WEBB, A. WEBB
11:30AM	D. COTUGNO	H. MARINARO, B. DENNINGTON	J. EDWARDS, S. MASCI, J. ENNIS