

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

I pray that many of you will be able to join us this Tuesday for Holy Mass in the church at 9am or 5:15pm for our parish feast day. The solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is also a Holy Day of Obligation. After the 5:15pm Mass we will have a light reception in the Church Hall. I thank all of those that have helped put the reception together, especially Danielle Legato and the Catholic Daughters. Also, that evening from 9pm to 10pm we will join in the National Night of Prayer for Life in the Chapel with the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th), that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to Saint Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and prays through Her intercession for the establishment of a Culture of Life, protection for the Church from persecution and asks Our Lord to REVIVE OUR LAND. All are invited to participate!

If anyone might be interested in giving a Christmas gift to the Church and also, may want to honor a deceased loved one, we are in need of purchasing some new purificators. Purificators are the special linen cloths that are used to cleanse the Chalice from any residue of the precious Blood. They are carefully washed in the sacarium and then are heavily bleached and starched to stay pure white, so they do wear out overtime. I thank our dedicated ladies that wash, bleach, starch and iron them every week.

Cardinal Dolan is giving us an early Christmas gift. As of December 8th (our parish feast day) there will be no fee for annulments in the Archdiocese. Pope Francis has adjusted Canon Law and in this year of Mercy he has instructed us to reach out to those that might be away from our Lord. If you know someone or if you need an annulment yourself, please feel free to contact Deacon Rich or myself to assist you in the process of obtaining an annulment. Most annulment cases are resolved one way or the other within six to twelve months from the Archdiocesan Tribunal receiving the application.

Thank you again for all that you do, and may Our Lady continue to bless us this Advent, this year of Mercy, and always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

There will be a Hungarian Mass on Sunday, December 6th at 1:30pm in the Church.



St. Nicholas Faire Today!

***11:00am to 2:30pm in
the Church Hall.***

Join us for an afternoon full of food, fun, and fellowship to benefit St. Mary's Little Lambs! *Featuring:* Hudson Valley

Custom Crafts, Lighthouse Catholic Media, Mary Kay, Mouse Works, Pampered Chef, Prayer Pillowcases, Radiantly You, Rodan + Fields, Thirty-One, local crafters, entertainment by Rose Mary's School of Dance, and more! FREE Children's Christmas Craft table! Lunch for Sale! Santa Lucia Bake Sale! Every Religious Education student who attends class on December 6 will receive a coupon for a FREE hot dog!

Court Madonna Court #114 is hosting a women's day of recollection on Saturday, December 12th from 9:30am until 3pm at St. Mary's Church Hall. The topic will be *Women of the Church*. The cost is \$5.00. Coffee, tea, and donuts will be served at 9:30 and session begins at 10AM. **Lunch will not be provided so please bring your own.** If you are interested in attending, or for more information, please contact Marge 570-491-5240 or Joyce 856-8875.

Reminder to join us for fellowship after the 5:15pm Mass on **Tuesday, December 8th** to honor our Blessed Mother, as we celebrate the Feast on the Immaculate Conception. Wine and appetizers will be served. All are welcome to attend, hopefully you have already let us know that you are planning to attend, since the reservation date was last Monday.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake and sausage ***Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 13th*** from 8am until 12pm in the Church Hall. Adults \$7 Children \$5. Children 3 and under **FREE!** Bring your cameras to take pictures with Santa!



Christmas Food Baskets

We currently have 50 families signed up and a waiting list of 28 families.

We will be collecting turkeys and hams on **Thursday, December 17th** from 5:30pm until 7pm or during office hours in the parish office.

G.E.M.S. will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 1st** at 5pm to make gifts for the homebound. All children in grades 6 through 8 are welcome. Please call the parish office if your child is planning on attending.

F.A.I.T.H. Join us on **Wednesday, December 9th** for Christmas Caroling at St. Joseph's Nursing Home - 4:30pm and the Water's Edge community at 5:30pm. **All are welcome!**

In the spirit of Christmas, we are continuing our tradition of a "GIVING TREE." We are supporting both the local Elks Lodge and the Port Jervis High School Rotary Interact Club in their efforts to provide winter outerwear items for children and teens in our community. A donation of \$10 or more would be greatly appreciated; every \$50 will sponsor one child. Please see the Christmas tree in the narthex. They may be returned in the attached envelope, in the collection basket or at the parish office, by Monday, Dec. 14th.

The 2nd collection on December 12th/13th is for the Retired Religious.

Reconciliation Monday is **December 14th** from 4pm until 8pm with a break from 6:15pm until 6:45.

F.A.I.T.H. will have a planning meeting on **Wed., Dec. 16th** at 6pm in the Little Lambs building.



Please join Little Lambs on **Tuesday, December 22nd** in the Church Hall for our Annual Silent Auction and Christmas Pageant. The Auction will open at 9:00am with winners called at 10:00 and the Pageant beginning at 10:30. A milk and cookie reception will follow the pageant.

The collection for November 28/29 was \$4,830. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, December 7 (Ambrose, bishop and doc
 9:00am Elizabeth Lynch, by Catherine Westfall
Tuesday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)
 9:00am Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Dr. Jane Brooks
 5:15pm Leo Fleming, by the Livingston family
Wednesday, December 9 (Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin)
 9:00am William O. Smith, by daughter Patricia Anita Grillo, by Steve and Chris
Thursday, December 10
 9:00am Steve Westfall, by Catherine Westfall Richard Curtis, by Barbara Guinn
Saturday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)
 4:00pm Joseph Kucher, by Mom
Sunday, December 13 (3rd Sunday of Advent)
 8:30am Fritz Klostermeier, by Irene 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, 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, Al Gessner, Thomas Gumaer, Jr., Ashley Avella, Amelia Quinn, Leon Logan, Theresa Kavanagh, Angela Grillo, Grace Maillet, Alfred Andreano, Aedan Roach, and Robin Radzikowski.

Liturgical Ministers for December 12/13, 2015

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	D. SIMMONS, W. PONDS, M. REEVES	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
8:30AM	T. ROMBOUSEK	A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI, T. HOPPEY	T. LAMOREAUX, J. AND J. LEGATO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, J. SENKIEW, J. SNELLINGER	J. ENNIS, A. EPPS, S. PHILLIPS