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Dear Parishioners,

One of my favorite paintings is Rembrandt's *Return of the Prodigal Son*. I am sure most of you have noticed the banner on the wall in front of the hallway to the bathrooms in the Church. The Archdiocese has chosen to use this image in promoting the *Year of Mercy*.

Many artistic reviewers note the calmness of the characters in the painting. The father is just so at peace to have his son kneel down before him, no matter, what happened in the past. The son looks so free of distractions that he doesn't even bother putting on his one sandal that has fallen off of his foot. The son has put all things aside, and he appears to just wants to be in the embrace of his father's arms.

This painting gives us just a hint of what is destined for us, if we like the prodigal son truly want to be in our Heavenly Father's embrace. The fact is that we will only be at peace when we allow God to be God. This means that we allow God to rule our lives, thoughts and actions. Come and bring with you many to the beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession Penance. Just a reminder that every parish throughout the Archdiocese will be open Monday of Holy Week, the 21st of March, from 3pm to 9pm. Saint John Vianney the Cure of Ars, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

The second collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services



The 40 Days For Life begins February 10th. St. Mary's will be participating on Saturday, March 12th from 7am until 4pm. The address is 7 Coates Drive Goshen, NY. For directions please contact Nancy Smith 856-4610. **Sign-ups will be held in the Narthex this weekend March 5/6.**



We currently have 21 Palm Crosses left for sale. Please call the parish office.
Cost \$10 each.

The ***Ladies Social Night*** meet every 1st and 3rd Monday in the Church hall from 6pm-8pm. They are looking for ladies interested in learning to crochet and knit and experienced knitters and crocheters to help. They will be working on projects to donate to people in need in our community. Contact Ann Ponds 856-5691.

St. Mary's Little Lambs is raffling off three themed Easter Baskets! Baskets have been arranged by Laurel Grove Greenhouse and feature the themes Family Fun, Gardening, and Brunch. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are on sale now at Little Lambs All You Can Eat" Breakfast and at the parish office.

S.M.A.R.T. will be hosting a talent show on Saturday, April 9th at 5:15pm in the Church Hall. The talent show will include dance, musical and comedy acts. The cost is \$10 per person, children under 10 are FREE. All of the funds raised will be going to the Chair Lift Fund for the Church Hall.

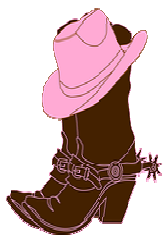
The STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church. Altar servers, please see the sign-up sheets in the vesting sacristy.

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas are celebrating their 90th year! Court Madonna's Junior Court will celebrate during the March 8th meeting in the Church Hall. Congratulations to all the members of the Juniors of our Court Madonna #114.

Spring Ahead! Remember to set your clocks 1 hour ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 12th.

Join St. Mary's Little Lambs Friday March 18th at 10:30am, as they reenact the events of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Following the pageant, we will have a simple Lenten snack of pretzels and juice.

HOWDY Y'AH! Saddle Up and Mosey On Over For A Wild West Shindig



Friday, April 1st
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
In the Ole Barn (church hall) \$15 per family
Bring a covered dish to share.
Polish up yer boots and come on down.
Beer, wine, snacks and music by DJ G!

St. Mary's Wild West Shindig Reservation Form

Family Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

of adults _____ **# of children (12 and under)** _____

We will bring

to share as our covered dish.

Cost \$15 per family - Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church. RSVP by March 23rd ya hear!

Tea Time is Spring Time

Step back in time and join *Court Madonna's Garden* for an afternoon of tea and conversation.

Date: Saturday, April 16th

Time: 12pm 2:30pm.

Donation: \$10 Ladies \$5 young ladies

Please RSVP before April 10th

Joyce 856-8875 or Barbara 856-2624



ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, March 7 (Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs)**
 9:00am Harrison Hinkley, by Dick and Barbara Drew
 James DeGroat, by Maldonado family
- Tuesday, March 8 (John of God, religious)**
 9:00am Luann McCarthy, by Debbie and Kevin Cunningham
- Wednesday, March 9 (Frances of Rome, religious)**
 9:00am Lucy and Stephen Pedlock, by Beverly Cordisco and Christine Onofry and family
- Thursday, March 10**
 9:00am Margaret Kanzinger, by Kanzinger fam.
 Alfred Andreano, by Rayola McLaughlin
- Saturday, March 12**
 4:00pm Regis Foster, by Anne, Regis, and Jennifer
- Sunday, March 13**
 8:30am Catherine Smith, by Mary Rimlinger
 11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, Andrea Fedoruk, Sandy Osbourne, John McKean, Lisa Donahue, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Maureen Hildebrandt, Vada Glass, Mary Ellen Piper, Jeannine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Tonya Addy, Gloria Hicks, Thomas Gumaer, Jr., Ashley Avella, Amelia Quinn, Leon Logan, Theresa Kavanagh, Angela Grillo, Grace Maillet, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Mary E. Smith, Fontano family, Sally Hanstine, Diana Kuhn, Dennis Simmons, Rachael Gaesser, Anthony Medaglia, Emily Ackerman, Bob Ritchie, Jose Maldonado, Fr. Joel Usman., Scott Baker, Frances Brennan, Lincoln Trimble, and Pat Christer.

The collection for February 27/28 was \$5,336.
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for March 12/13

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	P. CAL	H. ECKES, W. PONDS, M. REEVES	Q. KRENTZ, J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO
8:30AM	T. WEBB	V. LIVINGSTON, S. RIORDAN	T. LAMOREAUX, A. WEBB, E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	E. DECKER, N. SMITH, J. SNELLINGER	S. MOREJON, A. EPPS, J. ENNIS