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Dear Parishioners,

We will be vigilant in love and far from lukewarm if we remain faithful in the little things of each day. If we consider these little details in the examination of conscience, we will easily find the signals that show us the way and those which may lead us astray. Little things are the prelude to greater things, and loving vigilance feeds upon them. He who pays no attention to things that appear to lack importance falls into the greatest temptations.

Saint Francis de Sales emphasizes the importance of conquering in small temptations, for there are many occasions to do so during the day, and many struggles in small things are more important than a single great victory. Moreover, even though wolves and bears are undoubtedly more dangerous than flies, they never cause as much discomfort or try our patience as much. It's easy, the saint points out, to avoid anger over little things. It is easy to avoid stealing our neighbors belongings, but how difficult it is at times to not desire them. It is easy not to spread false rumors about our neighbor, but difficult to avoid lying in our conversations. We easily avoid drunkenness, but how difficult it is at times to live sobriety.

Small daily victories strengthen the interior life and make the soul more sensitive to divine things. They are common situations: living the heroic minute on waking or starting our work; overcoming our curiosity by putting down that frivolous magazine that, at best, is a waste of time; offering a mortification at meals; living sobriety during a social engagement; offering pleasant conversation to others. We are certain for all the battles we win against those small enemies there will be a precious stone placed in the crown of glory that God prepares for us in His holy kingdom.

If we are faithful in little things we will be girded, vigilant, on the alert when our Lord arrives. Our life will have been joyful wait, while we joyfully carry out the task our Lord has entrusted to us in the world. Then we will fully understand the words of Jesus: *Happy the servant whom the master finds thus on his return. Truly I say to you that he shall be placed at the head of all his possessions.* His arrival is near at hand; we should always remain vigilant.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

The Hungarian Mass will be held in the Church Hall today, August 7th at 1:30pm

***There is a 2nd collection this weekend for the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Please give it your prayerful consideration.***

Mark your calendars! The 2017 Mass book will open on Tuesday, August 16th from 9:30 until 1pm and Wednesday, August 17th from 9:30am until 1pm and 5pm until 7pm. To allow everyone to get the dates they want, we will take 5 intentions the first week in person. The following week, we can take additional intentions.

St. Mary's Little Lambs, which is a NYS Licensed facility, is now accepting registrations for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes in the fall. There are full and half day programs still available.

For information contact:
Eileen Carmody,
director: 845 858-4208.

If anyone would like an old St. Mary's School desk, please call the parish office.

To see pictures of the parish dance, please go to <http://www.bobbycurreristudios.com/St-Mary>

Come out and support St. Mary's Little Lambs today, August 7th at the Hudson Valley Renegades Game at 5:00 p.m. It's Pirates & Princesses Night! \$15.00/gen.admission + gift + hot dog + drink \$17.00 reserved seating + gift + hot dog + drink Visit gadesgroups.com Enter the password: 3littlelambs. For more information call 838-0094.



4th Annual School Supply Drive

F.A.I.T.H. is organizing our 4th annual School Supply Drive.

Look for the Tree of Knowledge in the narthex beginning the weekend of August 6th and 7th through August 20th and 21st. Select your apple (red apples have a list of supplies needed and green apples can be returned to the office or in the offering baskets with a monetary donation). Return your donations by the weekend of August 20th and 21st. All purchased donations can be left in the bins in the narthex. FAITH will deliver all donations the first week of September. In working closely with the schools, we have modified the supplies requested to reflect what is needed most by the children of our community.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sunday, Sept. 18th is our **Annual Parish Picnic** at the **Sparrowbush firehouse**. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. *Please bring your own Non-Alcoholic drinks and item according to your last name (enough for approximately 8 people).* **Last names:**

A-G Appetizer or Snack

H-P Dessert

Q-Z Salad or Vegetables

Family Name: _____
 Number of Adults: _____ Children: _____
 Bringing: _____
 Telephone #: _____

Please return the reservation form to the parish office before Monday, September 7th

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, August 8 (Dominic, priest)**
 9:00am Deceased members of the McCaffrey and Winters families, by Robert and Gregory Leihner
- Tuesday, August 9 (Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr)**
 9:00am William Quinn, by Mary Wohlscheid
 John Francis Konchan, by Sophie Crawford-Rosso
- Wednesday, August 10 (Lawrence, deacon and martyr)**
 9:00am Marion Rohner, by Diane and Paul Hartmann
- Thursday, August 11 (Clare, virgin)**
 9:00am Alfred Andreano, by the Torres family
 Fr. Arthur Candreva, by Erika and Joseph Cox
- Saturday, August 13**
 4:00pm Magdalena Bosque, by Maria Capra
- Sunday, August 14**
 8:30am Deceased members of Milford Senior Care, by the Adamcik family
 11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week for Al Andreano. Happy birthday Al. We love and miss you. Love, the Andreano family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Bob Ritchie, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Jose Ramos, Aedan Roach, Jim Roach, Robyn Radzikowski, Joseph Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, John McKeon, William Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Jeanine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Angela Grillo, Ruth Lewis, Anthony Medaglia, Maureen Hildebrandt, Jose Maldonado, Tonya Addy, Raquel Maldonado, Robert Cinerar, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Steve Wilkinson, Grace Maillet, John Little, Joseph Cox, Dennis Simmons, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, Ashley Avella, Fr. Ivan Csete, Robert Semerano, Christina Greeves, Barbara Drew, and Amelia Quinn.

The collection for July 30/31 was \$5,220.
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for August 13th/14th, 2016

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	M. VAN STARREX	H. ECKES, W. PONDS, A. WITKOWSKI	V. WITKOWSKI, E. WITKOWSKI, S. PHILLIPS
8:30AM	M. LATINI	A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	M. ESLING	D. LIVINGSTON, T. MARION, N. SMITH	S. MASCI, A. EPPS, J. MALDONADO