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Dear Parishioners,

When you have done all you have been commanded, say, “We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.” In this autumn it is wise for us to reflect upon what we are obliged to do. As the Year of Mercy is coming to an end soon, have we taken advantage of all that is offered to us?

The gift of faith is an extraordinary gift and the highest expression of this gift is found in the Eucharist. In this Year of Mercy it is important to remember why Pope Francis has called many to look at marriage. The connection between marriage and faith is made especially close because of the gift of the Eucharist. To be able to receive the Eucharist worthily, one needs to be in a state of grace first and foremost; and in a marriage recognized by the Church as valid. For some this might require an annulment, the death of a spouse or convalidation of a civil marriage. If one is married to a fellow Christian, then the marriage, after it is recognized becomes a sacramental marriage. God supremely blesses with extra grace those in sacramental marriages. This grace is present to help those stay committed and to fulfill their marriage vows. At times people had the false impression that if they are divorced they are not allowed in the Church, that is not true. If one is divorced, not remarried and not dating, they are to go to confession and can still partake in the Eucharist. If one is divorced, dating or remarried civilly, then you are still called to worship God, as the third commandment directs us, by attending holy Mass every Sunday. If one is in this state of life they are to refrain from the Eucharist, unless they are living as brother and sister with their current spouse. These couples are encouraged to look at the possibility of an annulment for their first marriage. If one is married civilly, then in the Church’s eyes you are not married yet, until you exchange vows before an official witness of the Church, either a bishop, priest or deacon. If you find yourself in this situation of being civilly married, but haven’t had your marriage blessed in the Church, than you too are to refrain from receiving the Eucharist. If you have any questions or would like to have your marriage blessed in the Church please contact Deacon Rich, Father Csete and especially me, so that we can do all in our power to assist you in doing, what we are *obliged to do*.

Please know these rules given to us concerning the Eucharist are given not to punish us, but to assist us in our vocation to become saints. The most important job I have been given as a priest is to be the custodian of the Eucharist. I will be judged harsher on this aspect of the priesthood, than anything else that I am called to do as a priest. For all of us, know that this gift of the Eucharist calls us to live a righteous life. Frequent recourse to the sacrament of penance (confession/reconciliation) keeps us honest. I know I need to go often myself to stay inline. If we don’t continue to work on reforming ourselves in light of the truth of our Lord, than the most likely outcome will be, to slowly, but surely loose our faith. Let us recommit ourselves with the assistance of our Lady to do what we *have been commanded* to do, with His ever present mercy along side, pushing us along to see the good, the true and the beautiful.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

***The animal blessing will be held on October 4th at 4:30pm, on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.
Please bring your pets to the church parking lot.***

In Observance of Columbus Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, October 10th.

The 2nd Collection this weekend is for St. Joseph’s Seminary. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

Liturgical Ministers for October 8th/9th, 2016

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	W. PONDS, J. FLYNN	****SPECIAL SCHEDULE****
8:30AM	H. MARINARO	S. RIORDAN, A. WITKOWSKI, A. AND N. STASILLI	T. LAMOREAUX, V. AND E. WITKOWSKI
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION, N. SMITH	Z. ADAMCIK, J. ENNIS



This year's **C.R.O.P. WALK** will be on Sunday, October 16. Registration is at 1pm and walk starts at 2pm at Airport Park in Matamoras, PA. Anyone who would like to walk or sponsor a walker is welcome to stop by the parish office. **A portion of the money raised, helps St. Mary's food pantry.**

Sign ups for the **40 Days for Life** will take place in the Narthex at all Masses next weekend (Oct. 1st and 2nd) and the following weekend (Oct. 8th and 9th). St. Mary's day will be on Saturday, October 15th. For more information contact Nancy Smith 856-4610.

GEMS will be meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30pm in the parish office meeting room. All children in grades 5 through 8 are invited to join us.



There will be First Friday Adoration on October 7th in the Chapel. Please see the sign up sheets in the Narthex. Two adorers must be present at all times.

Next Saturday, October 8th, eleven children will be receiving Confirmation. Matthew Conklin, Shawn Galligan, Estefani Gerardo Trujillo, Zachary Irwin, Samantha Lyko, Joshua Maldonado, James Oosterom, Fiona Papandrea, Riley Sauschuck, Ashley Trujillo Castillo, and Aidan Webb.

Starting the weekend of October 15th/16th we will start collecting non-perishable items for our Christmas Food baskets. Please place items in the blue bins in the Narthex.

The Archdiocese of NY has amended the 2016 collection calendar. The **Mission Sunday** collection will be taken the weekend of **October 22nd/23rd**.

Save the Date! Court Madonna #114 is sponsoring the 6th annual antique and appraisal day and annual fall holiday craft fair in the church hall on Saturday, November 12th. Craft vendors call Patty at 914-443-8222 to reserve a spot or for more information.

St. Mary's Little Lambs will be having their St. Nicholas Fair on Sunday, December 4th from 9:30am until 2pm. Get your Christmas shopping done will supporting our school. If you are a vendor and interested in a table please contact Eileen Carmody at 858-4208

St. Joseph's Table will be on Friday, October 14th from 5pm until 7pm. There will be a choice of Baked Ziti or Lasagna along with beverages and dessert.

All are welcome.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, October 3**
9:00am Marion Hamilton, by Toni Marion
Lillian DiMarsico, by James, Alison, and family
- Tuesday, October 4 (Francis of Assisi)**
9:00am Josef Kucher, by Hannelore Kucher
Helen O'Connor, by Eileen and Walt Carmody
- Wednesday, October 5**
9:00am Gary Stellato, by Regina Clawson and fam.
- Thursday, October 6 (Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin)**
9:00am Francis Conklin, by Diane and Rich Quick
- Friday, October 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)**
11:30am George Fedoruk and Intentions of the Fedoruk family, by Olga Fedoruk
- Saturday, October 8**
4:00pm *The Confirmandi*
- Sunday, October 9 (Vocation Awareness)**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Susan Hinkley, by James Hinkley



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly in the Church this week for the Intentions of Dick and Barbara Drew.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, 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, Barbara Drew, Steve Wilkinson, Grace Maillet, Joseph Cox, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, Ashley Avella, Robert Semerano, Christina Greeves, Amelia Quinn, Marianne Ripel, Dennis Curtin, Joseph Livingston, Donna Bancala, Leonard Schweizer, Teddy Mead, Pat Arnold, and Angela Lillo.

The collection for September 24/25 was \$5,230.50
Thank you for your continued generosity.