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Dear Parishioners,

In this First Sunday of Advent, I will continue to address liturgical things, the cassock. The black long thing I usually wear (that some might think looks like a long dress.) The use of the long tunic from neck to feet reflects a stress on modesty. From the sixth century onward, many local synods passed regulations forbidding clerics from wearing richly styled clothing, tight or skimpy clothing, bright colors, and extravagant ornaments and jewelry. In the Middle Ages, the dress of clergy began to be regulated by canon law with other specific regulations passed by local synods.

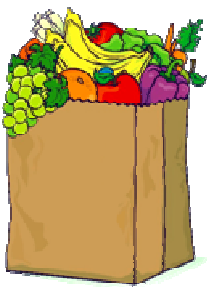
At about this time, the cassock became the distinct garb of the clergy alone. The French name soutane (derived from Medieval Latin/Early Italian sottana, which means “beneath,” referring to the fur linings) was given. The English speaking people adopted the word cassock, derived from the Early French casaque. Eventually, the Church passed more stringent regulations. Pope Sixtus V in 1589 proscribed penalties for those clerics who did not wear the cassock (officially called in Latin vestis talaris). In 1725, Pope Benedict XIII forbade clerics to wear civilian attire.

For the United States, the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore (1884) promulgated regulations for clerical attire as follows: “We wish therefore and enjoin that all keep the law of the Church, and that when at home or when engaged in the sanctuary they should always wear the cassock which is proper to the clergy. We enjoin upon our priests as a matter of strict precept, that both at home and abroad, and whether they are residing in their own diocese or outside of it, they should wear the roman collar.”

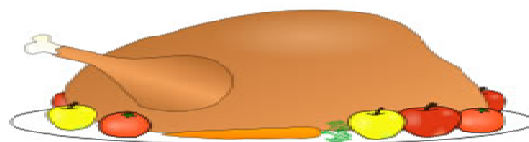
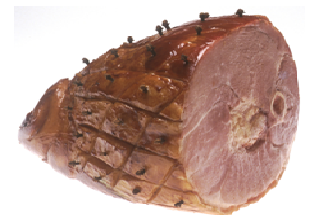
The color of the ordinary Roman cassock and clerical attire in general is black. For the regular parish priest, the cassock is totally black. For cardinals, the buttons, trim, and inside hem are red scarlet silk; for patriarchs, archbishops, bishops, protonotaries apostolic, and prelates of honor, the buttons, trim and inside hem are amaranth red; and for chaplains to the Holy Father, purple. (For liturgical and public ceremonies of the Church, cassocks are of one color: white for the Holy Father; scarlet for Cardinals; purple for patriarchs, archbishops, bishops, protonotaries apostolic, and prelates of honor; and black for priests. In some dioceses, especially in the tropics, permission is granted for cassocks to be white, and then trimmed in the color designating the status of the cleric.

The symbolism of the cassock is as follows: The Roman collar symbolizes obedience; the sash or cincture around the waist, chastity; and the color black, poverty. Moreover, black is a color of mourning and death; for the priest, the symbolism is dying to oneself to rise and to serve the Lord as well as giving witness of the Kingdom yet to come. There are 33 buttons down the front of the cassock to remind the priest of each year of Christ’s life and there are five buttons on the cuff to remind him of the five wounds of Christ. The shoulder cape shows my authority as the pastor and my masters degree. I hope this year will enlighten you toward greater understanding of our great faith. A note of advice, never go to DV Cleaners in the Kmart plaza in Matamoros they ruined my newest cassock and refused to reimburse me for it, at least I got them to give me back the fee for the dry cleaning, after I had to ask for that back.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



We are still collecting non-perishable items for our Christmas food baskets. Please help us fight hunger in our community. On **Thursday, December 15th at 4pm**, we will be collecting, turkeys, hams, and chickens in the church hall.



Let us welcome Maryknoll Brother John Blazo who will be speaking at all Masses this weekend on the Propagation of the Faith.



There will be first Friday adoration on December 2nd. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex.



St. Nicholas Faire

Sunday, December 4th
From 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Vendors! Food! Fun! Fellowship! Young Living Essential Oils, Holy Bears, Rosaries by Colleen, Lula Roe, Pampered Chef, Mouseworks, Solaria Farms, 31 Gifts, Tupperware, Local Crafters, Free Raffles, Free Children's Christmas Craft table, A visit from St. Nicholas, **Special Performance by St. Mary's Children's Choir**, and **MORE!**
Fundraiser to benefit St. Mary's Little Lambs



Join us on Thursday, Dec. 8th after the 7pm Mass in the church hall for coffee, wine, and dessert to honor the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. RSVP to the parish office no later than **Friday, December 2nd** with number of people attending.

Breakfast with Santa

hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Place: St. Mary's Church Hall

Date: December 11, 2016

Time: 8am-12pm

Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, hot chocolate

\$7 for adults/ \$5 for kids ***Under 3 free****

All donations will benefit the St. Mary's Food Pantry. Please bring your camera- photo opportunities with Santa! For more information call: Anthony DiToto 845-856-8996



Due to an early printing deadline, the collection for November 19th/20th will be reported in the Dec.4th bulletin.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, November 28**
9:00am Intentions of Grant & Aidan Webb, by the Webb family
- Tuesday, November 29**
9:00am John Francis Konchan, by Sophie & Paul Rosso
- Wednesday, November 30 (Andrew, apostle)**
9:00am Marion Rohner, by Marlene Horan & family
- Thursday, December 1**
9:00am Intentions of Fr. George Hafemann, by Bill and Catherine Simons
- Friday, December 2**
11:30am Thomas Gumaer, by John, Barbara, and Megan Heckman
Joseph Belloto, by Chuck & Lucille
- Saturday, December 3**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, December 4**
8:30am Robert Beach, Sr., by the Adamcik fam.
11:30am Hans & Kaethe Augustin, by Joe & Erika Cox & family
1:30pm *Hungarian Mass*

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, Robert Cinerar, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, 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, Angela Lillo, Pat Muller, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Kavanagh, Tom Earley, Conner McHugh, Bobby Fett, Sue Arnold, Dennis Perrin, Gary Lopriore, Josephine Fiorillo, and Carol Tufano.

Liturgical Ministers for December 3rd/4th, 2016

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	H. ECKES, D. MURO	A. EPPS, S. PHILLIPS, KLOTZ
8:30AM	D. LEGATO	W. CARMODY, S. RIORDAN, J. SNELLINGER, J. TAYLOR	T. LAMOREAUX, J. AND J. LEGATO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION, D. LIVINGSTON	DJ PERRIN, R. TORRES, S. CUELLO