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Dear Parishioners,

The tabernacle is the center of our Church and our eyes are drawn to it, let's focus on this key part of our Church for this coming week. The tabernacle is a liturgical furnishing used to house the Eucharist outside of Mass. This provides a location where the Eucharist can be kept for the adoration of the faithful and for later use (e.g., distribution to the sick).

The word tabernacle means "dwelling place." Any place someone dwells is a tabernacle. The term is also sometimes used for a temporary dwelling place. Thus the tent-like sanctuary that the Jews used before the Temple was built was called the Tabernacle, because God dwelt there. Similarly, for the feast of Sukkot the Hebrews erected temporary shelters to live in for the festival, which is often called "the feast of tabernacles" or "the feast of booths" as a result. The tabernacle in Church is so named because it is a place where Christ dwells in the Eucharist.

In accordance with the structure of each church and legitimate local customs, the Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the Church that is truly noble, prominent, readily visible, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer.

The tabernacle should be immovable, be made of solid and inviolable material that is not transparent, and be locked in such a way that the danger of profanation is prevented to the greatest extent possible. Moreover, it is appropriate that, before it is put into liturgical use, it be blessed according to the rite described in the Roman Ritual.

The Real Presence endures after the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is for this reason that there is a tabernacle in Church. Once communion has been distributed, the remaining hosts are placed in the tabernacle to provide viaticum for those who turn to the Church in their final hour and also to provide a focal point for prayer and worship of Christ in his real presence.

With the passage of time, reverent reflection led the Church to enrich its Eucharistic devotion. Faith that Jesus is truly present in the sacrament led believers to worship Christ dwelling with us permanently in the sacrament. Wherever the Sacrament is, there is Christ who is our Lord and our God; hence he is ever to be worshiped in this mystery. Such worship is expressed in many ways: in genuflections, in adoration of the Eucharistic devotion that faith has nourished.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



### **Fat Friday Fun**

All children in grades 5 through 8 are invited to join the members of **G.E.M.S.** on **Friday, February 24th** from 5pm until 7pm in the church hall. We will have a pizza party, activities, and video games for all to enjoy. Come learn about our youth group while having fun. Please call the parish office for more information and to **RSVP by February 17th.**

***Children receiving Confirmation:  
This event will count towards Church Service.***



Fr. Newcomb will be having discussions on Symbolon Part II in the Parish Office Building in the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Meeting Room @ 6:30pm the following

Mondays:

- 13 February** Session 1: The Sacraments
- 20 February** Session 2: The Eucharist
- 27 February** Session 3: Walk through the Mass
- 6 March** Session 4: Penance & Anointing of the Sick
- 13 March** Session 5: Matrimony & Holy Orders
- 27 March** Session 6: A Catholic Moral Vision
- 3 April** Session 7: A Love that Lasts
- 17 April** Session 8: A Love that Lasts
- 24 April** Session 9: Catholic Social Teaching
- 1 May** Session 10: Catholic Social Teaching

**Little Lambs Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser** Just in time for Lent!! Stock up on Frozen Cheese Pizza Kits for your meatless Fridays. Sale starts NOW! All online orders are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Go to [PizzaKit.com](http://PizzaKit.com) to register. Click on "Products," then "Shop."

Enter our online Fundraiser ID #: 327984 and start shopping.

All products can be shipped directly to you, or delivered to Little Lambs. Pick up your order on March 3 between 1-2:30 p.m. Little Lambs is working towards renovating the school kitchen and downstairs bathrooms. Thank you.



**Tea Time is Spring Time**

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

**Date:** Saturday, April 1st  
**Time:** 12pm to 2:30pm  
**Donation:** \$10 Ladies \$5 young ladies

**Upcoming Faith Events**

- Saturday, March 4th** Lenten Event
- Friday, April 7th** Fish and Chips Dinner
- Saturday, April 22nd** 2nd Annual Parish Dance



**Save the Date! FUN RAISER Wine Tasting.** *Friday, April 28th* from 6pm to 9pm in the church hall. Tickets \$20. Contact Cheryl 856-8793 ;Barbara 856-4801; or the parish office.

**Lottery tickets for March** are now available at the parish office. Tickets are \$10 each for the month.

All proceeds go towards Church improvements.

**G.E.M.S.** will be selling Palm Crosses for \$10 each. Please see the children after all Masses soon or call the parish office.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, February 13**  
9:00am Dennis Simmons, by Sally Belloto  
Elenaor Kowal, by Dick and Barbara Drew
- Tuesday, February 14 (Cyril, monk and Metho-  
dius, bishop)**  
9:00am Lou-ann Dibble, by Dibble and  
Fayerman families  
Eleanor Kowal, by Toni Marion
- Wednesday, February 15**  
9:00am Caroline Winklhofer, by Ed and Helen  
Eckes
- Thursday, February 16**  
9:00am Evelyn Wohlscheid, by Mary  
Wohlscheid
- Saturday, February 18**  
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's  
Deceased members of the Smith family,  
by Russell and Janet Smith
- Sunday, February 19**  
8:30am Dennis Simmons, by Bob and Nancy  
Dunn  
11:30am Frank and Anna Adamcik, by Adamcik  
family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Joann Wilcox, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, 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, Christina Greeves, Amelia Quinn, Marianne Ripel, Joseph Livingston, Donna Bancala, Teddy Mead, Pat Arnold, Angela Lillo, Pat Muller, Debi Cotugno, Tom Earley, Conner McHugh, Bobby Fett, Sue Arnold, Dennis Perrin, Josephine Fiorillo, Carol Tufano, Jacqueline Leggett, David M. Phillips, Laney Carnahan, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Michael Costescu, Lisa Baisley, Scott Smith, Jim Muller, Charles Hildebrandt, Joe Formisano, Erin Zappolo, and Theresa Kavanagh.

The collection for February 4/5 was \$5,993.50  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Liturgical Ministers for February 18/19, 2017**

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	A. WITKOWSKI, J. FLYNN, T. WEBB	T., E., A. WITKOWSKI
8:30AM	M. LATINI	A., N. STASILLI, J. HENDRICK	D., E., A. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	T. MARION, D. LIVINGSTON, H. MARINARO	S. BHIKARRY, A. EPPS, M. FEDRIZZI, M. LAUTURE