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Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure most of you have noticed that we are not using the bells during the epiclesis and consecration at Mass. This has been a long time practice of the Church in Lent. The next time we will hear the Altar bells being used is for the *Gloria* in the liturgy on the evening of Holy Thursday, and they are supposed to remain unused until the *Gloria* on Holy Saturday. This is supposed to make things more somber as we remember the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But, during this period of time, is anything supposed to take its place? That's where the crotalus comes in. The Church's liturgical rubrics don't prescribe a replacement for altar bells, but there is a long-standing tradition of using a wooden clapper or noise-maker in its place. This serves to both mark the same events as the altar bells, but in a less "sweet" way and thus maintain the somber tone.

The term "crotalus" is a Latin term that comes from the Greek word "krotalon" (κροταλον), which means "rattle." (As a result, "crotalus" is also the [name](#) of a genus of rattlesnakes.) Crotaluses can come in many different designs.

The crotalus used to be universally used, but fell out of use in the last few decades. It is however, making a bit of a comeback lately due to an increase of interest in traditional liturgical practices.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Fr. Matthew C. Newcomb

The Second collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services.
Please give it your prayerful consideration.



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
Please RSVP to Barbara 856-2624



G.E.M.S. will be selling Palm Crosses for \$10 each the weekend of April 1/2 in the Narthex. Please see the children after all Masses or call the parish office.



Join us this weekend for the All You Can Eat Breakfast.

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:

- 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



FUN RAISER Wine Tasting

Friday, April 28th from 6pm to 9pm in the church hall. Tickets \$20. Contact Cheryl 856-8793 or Barbara 856-4801. Tickets also available at the parish office.
If anyone would like to contribute a dessert please call:
Sophie 649-6364 or Dawn 858-9210.

Liturgical Ministers for April 1/2, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	C. WITTINE, K. BOBISH	J., S., D. KLOTZ
8:30AM	M. LATINI	S. RIORDAN, N. SMITH, A. WITKOWSKI, T. CALVARIO	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI, D. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, D. LIVINGSTON, T. MARION	DJ PERRIN, A. EPPS, S. MASCI

St. Mary's Church
5th Annual Fish and Chips Dinner
Friday, April 7th

Dinner available from 4:30p.m. to 6:45p.m.
 In the Church Hall (Eat-In or Take-Out)

Fish and Chips Dinner Pricing

\$13.00 per adult - \$6.00 per child*

Dinner consists of breaded pieces of fish, french fries,
 coleslaw and refreshments

(*Child is considered 12 years old and under)

Join us for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Please make checks payable to **St. Mary's Church**.
 Return the bottom portion of this form, with payment
 to the parish office or in the offering basket at Mass

By April 1st/2nd

**We must confirm a count with Tastefully British by
 this date.**

Dinners are non-refundable.

Fish and Chips Dinner Ticket Orders 2017

#of Adult Tickets ___ x \$13.00 = \$ _____

Family Name: _____

of Child Tickets ___ x \$6.00 = \$ _____

Contact Number: _____

Total = \$ _____

of Eat-In Dinners _____

of Take-Out Dinners _____

Pick-up your tickets at the door the night of the dinner



All are invited to attend the Tenebrae at St. Mary's Church, in Port Jervis at 50 Ball Street. The celebrations will be at 10 AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 13, 14, and 15.

About the Tenebrae: The word Tenebrae can be translated to "darkness" or "shadows" Centered around the Matins, scriptural readings and

Lauds of the last three days of Holy Week. The traditions regarding this service go back at least to the ninth century. Originally celebrated after midnight, the candles were extinguished only the "Christ Candle" remained. The participants would leave the church in darkness meditating on Christ's betrayal, agony and death.

Save the Date! The Archdiocese of New York Men's Conference- Saturday, April 1 from 11am to 4pm at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY. To register or learn more visit www.archny.org/mensconference.

A Healing Mass will be held on Thurs., March 30 at 7pm at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive. Anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for a physical, spiritual, or emotional illness in their life is welcome to attend. For more information contact: Carol Bezak, Shrine Director 343-1879.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, March 27**
 9:00am Alan Van Starrex, by Helen Marinaro
 Larry Weyant, by John and Cathy Jo Ewanciw
- Tuesday, March 28**
 9:00am Eleanor Kowal, by Jack and Dorean Reilly
- Wednesday, March 29**
 9:00am Marion Rohner, by Joe and Leslie Friend
 Thomas Earley, by Ray and Donna Calvario
- Thursday, March 30**
 9:00am Isabell Tarkett, by John and CathyJo Ewanciw
- Saturday, April 1**
 4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
 Peter Lawrow, by Mary Rimlinger
- Sunday, April 2**
 8:30am Matthew and Lynn Gailie, by Darren and
 Mary Case
 11:30am Robert Beach, Sr., by the Adamcik family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Aedan Roach, Jim Roach, Robyn Radzikowski, Joseph Brennan, Elizabeth Brennan, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, John McKeon, William Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Jeanine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Maureen Hildebrandt, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Grace Maillet, Joseph Cox, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, Marianne Ripel, Pat Arnold, Debi Cotugno, Conner McHugh, David M. Phillips, Scott Smith, Jim Muller, Charles Hildebrandt, Joe Formisano, Theresa Kavanagh, Jim Bisardi, Fontano family, Kevin Smith, Ron Evans, Barbara Straub, Flossie Brown, Mae Prill, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Jose Ramos, and Carmen Ramos.

**Dance Through
 The
 Decades**

Saturday, April 22nd
 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Take a step back in time and dance to the music of the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s as DJ G. plays your favorites from yesterday and today.

**Bring a covered dish to share.
 Beer, Wine and snacks provided.**

Shine Up those dancing shoes

Dance Through The Decades Reservation form 2017

Family Name: _____ Contact Number: _____
 # of adults _____ # of children (12 and under) _____

We will bring _____ to share as our covered dish.
 \$15 per family Please make checks payable to **St. Mary's Church**
 Return to parish office or in offering basket by **April 15th**

The collection for March 18/19 was \$4,919.50.
 Thank you for your continued generosity.