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Dear Parishioners,

This week we will focus on how candles are part of our worship. The practice of lighting candles is an important tradition in Catholic churches, communities and families. Its origins may be traced back in the Old Testament times where an oil lamp is lighted to “keep a flame burning perpetually” (Exodus 27:19-20), as “perpetual incense before the Lord from generation to generation” (Exodus 30:7-8) and as a “lamp stand in the Tent of Meeting...set up before the Lord as He has commanded Moses” (Exodus 40:24-25).

The New Testament further highlights the sanctity of this light in Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews. “A first tent was prepared with the lamp stand, the table and the bread of the presence; this is called the Holy Place” (Hebrews 9:2). In today’s Catholic tradition, this light has a very special place because it symbolizes Christ who said, “I am the Light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have light and life” (John 8:12).

In most every part of Catholic celebrations and rituals, lighting of candles play a very significant role. Candles are lighted during the celebration of the Mass, on liturgical and funeral processions and evening prayer ceremonies. Candles are lit before the Tabernacle to signify the Lord’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament and to call for reverence on the part of the faithful.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, as a person is initiated into the Church, a candle is lit from the Paschal Candle, the symbol of Christ’s Paschal Mystery – His passion, His death and His resurrection. The person receives the Light of Christ that he may live and walk the path of God’s children and keep the flame of faith burning alive in his heart. And as he receives this indelible baptismal mark, he shall meet the Lord and be one with all the saints in Heaven when the right time comes.

Candles are lighted before an image of our Lord and before the saints. Catholics practice this not to honor the image itself but the one it truly represents. The lighted candle symbolizes a prayer offering where we present our petitions to the Lord and ask the saints to pray with us and to pray for us during our most dire need. This light, as it is kept burning, also shows our desire to remain in God’s presence as we go through our daily duties at home and in the workplace.

Candles lighted before Christ’s image also shows our reverence to Him who deserves our adoration and thanksgiving and who alone can forgive our sins and bring us back into a deeper relationship with Him.

Let us then bear in mind that as we celebrate our sacred liturgies, our sacraments and our special prayers, Christ, the Source of all Light, shall come to us to be ever present to strengthen us, instruct us, inspire us and give us hope that His Light will never burn out as long as we live in faith without a shadow of doubt that darkness will ever defeat us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Sunday, Sept. 17th is our Annual Parish Picnic at Riverside Park. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. **Please bring your own Non-Alcoholic drinks and an 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**

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Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Children: _____

Bringing: _____

Telephone #: _____

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In observance of Labor Day, the parish office will be closed on **Monday, September 4.**

We currently have a few spaces available in our church bulletin for advertisements. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad, please call the parish office. Some of the funds received allow us to do our many building projects like the Most Sacred Heart Hall. Please assist us in this effort in garnering more advertisements.



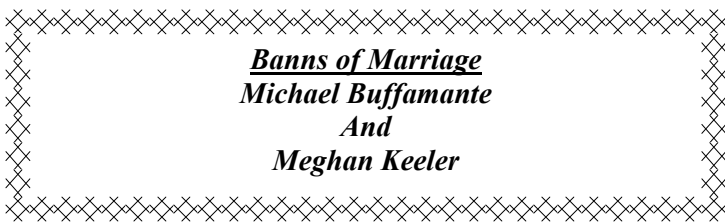
The Annual Backpack Blessing will take place on Sunday, September 10th at the 8:30am Mass.

The first day for Religious Instruction is Sunday, September 10th. Classes will begin at 9:30am and run until 11:15am. If you attend the 8:30am Mass and it is running a little longer **DO NOT LEAVE EARLY.** God is speaking to you and your children at Mass and that is of most importance. We will know if there is a longer Mass than usual.

Starting **Monday September 11th** we will have a weekly holy hour from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Chapel dedicated for an increase in vocations to diocesan priestly vocations. A priest will be available for Confession at this time as well. Please note, that hopefully this will allow more people an opportunity to go to Confession that might not be available for the Saturday 3-3:45pm time frame. Even if you can only stop in for five minutes, it will not be a wasted five minutes.

Save the Date! Saturday, Sept. 23rd. St. Jude's walk in NYC. Everyone is welcome to walk! For more information or to make a donation contact the parish office.

Also, starting on **Monday September 11th** Father Newcomb will start a class on prayer which will use the Formed.org website class on it. The class will start at 6:30pm in the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Meeting Room. Please contact the office if you're planning on attending.



Banns of Marriage
Michael Buffamante
And
Meghan Keeler

Liturgical Ministers for September 9th/10th, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. LEGATO	L. AVELLA, K. BOBISH, J. SNELLINGER	J. AND J. LEGATO, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	A. AND N. STASILLI, T. CALVARIO	T. LAMOREAUX, E. AND A. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	M. ADAMCIK, B. DENNINGTON, D. LIVINGSTON	Z. ADAMCIK, A. EPPS, C. CENTAURO

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, September 4**
9:00am Deceased members of the Kanzinger family, by Irene Klostermeier
- Tuesday, September 5 (Teresa of Calcutta)**
9:00am Intentions of Fr. Ivan Csete, by Bill and Catherine Simons
- Wednesday, September 6**
9:00am Deceased members of the Radzikowski family, by Agnes and Mary
- Thursday, September 7**
9:00am John Edward Onuschak, by the Giandoni family
- Saturday, September 9**
4:00pm Raymond Gansarski, by the family
- Sunday, September 10**
8:30am Mary Smith, by Mike and Anna Latini
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
Kevin Cunningham, by Helen and Ed Eckes

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Donald Wolff, Sue Fitzsimmons, Barbara Straub, Robert Cinerar, Sandy Osbourne, Theresa Kavanagh, John McKean, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Elizabeth Brennan, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Thomas Davies, Pat Arnold, William Gaide, Sue Arnold, Steve Wilkinson, William Thomas, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Dotty Lynch, Jesse G Smith, Charlie Gard, Marge Evans, Melinda Torres, Kaitlyn Smith, Marianne Ripel, Kathy Barnes, Jerome Smith, Joseph Fritts, Patricia Meinhold, Susan Upton, Devin Upton, and Kathy Drane.

The 2018 Mass Book will open on: **Tuesday, September 12th** from 9:30am-12:30pm **Wednesday, September 13th** from 9:30am-12:30pm and from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

The collection for August 26/27, 2017 was \$4,915.
Thank you for your continued generosity.