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Dear Parishioners,

Many of you I'm sure have noticed that we are using new hosts for Mass. A priest friend of mine, Father Anderson introduced me to them. All of the priests hosts are stamped and baked with beautiful images on them. The most beautiful part about purchasing these new hosts is that when they are being made, the sisters that make them are praying for our parish. This aspect is definitely worth the little extra cost that is involved with purchasing these hosts. I know our parish will receive many blessings from these holy nuns' prayers.

The sisters that make our hosts are Discalced Carmelite Sisters. They are located in Brooklyn on Highland Boulevard. The monastery is of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Joseph. In 1997 they took over a former Lithuanian Catholic complex. They are growing community full of faithful sisters. May God continue to bless them.

Just a note on the importance of how the hosts are made and the wine chosen to be used to be consecrated at Mass: Canon 924: *"The Most Sacred Eucharistic Sacrifice must be celebrated with bread and wine, with which a small quantity of water is to be mixed. The bread must be made of wheat alone recently made so that there is no danger of corruption. The wine must be natural wine of the grape and not corrupt."*

Given the teaching on how Christ instituted the sacrament and how the Church has preserved it since the apostolic times, to validly confect the Holy Eucharist the priest must use unleavened wheat bread and grape wine (which together constitute the matter of the sacrament) and pronounce the words of consecration as prescribed in the Roman Missal (which constitute the form of the sacrament). Remember the matter of the sacrament is the physical sign value and the form is the prayer said; to deviate from the prescribed matter or form of the sacrament invalidates it, meaning there is no sacrament. Redemptionis Sacramentum states this clearly: *"It follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament. It is a grave abuse to introduce other substances, such as fruit or sugar or honey, into the bread for confecting the Eucharist"* (#48). Please note that this teaching is not new but has been consistently repeated.

To make this clear, if a person wants to make water, he or she uses hydrogen and oxygen; if he or she uses hydrogen and nitrogen, there will be no water. At Mass, to confect the Holy Eucharist, the priest must use unleavened wheat bread and grape wine; to use anything other than unleavened wheat bread and grape wine will not result in the confecting of the Holy Eucharist.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Join us for the All You Can Eat Breakfast this Sunday in the Most Sacred Heart Hall.

Christmas Food Baskets– We are collecting non- perishable items for Christmas food baskets. Please place all items in the blue bins in the Narthex.

Simplify your Christmas Shopping! St. Mary's Little Lambs is holding its 5th annual St. Nicholas Faire on Sun., Dec. 3rd. The faire will be held from 9:30-2:00 in Sacred Heart Hall at St. Mary's Church, 48 Ball Street in Port Jervis. Don't worry about waiting in line at the Mall as you visit the faire filled with unusual hand crafted items lovingly created by Mouse Works, Solaria Farms, Tonio and Tinos Bow Ties, and others. You'll be shopping close to home as you have the opportunity to purchase items from vendors representing Young Living Essential Oil, Holy Bears, 31 Gifts, Lula Roe, Pampered Chef, Stella and Dot, and more. There will be a free children's craft table, free raffles throughout the fair, a special performance by St. Mary's Children's Choir at approximately 12:45 p.m., and a visit from St. Nicholas, himself! Hungry? No problem! The staff and parents of St. Mary's Little Lambs will be cooking up and selling breakfast and lunch. And don't forget to stop by the Santa Lucia Bake Sale. For more information call Eileen at 845 858-4208.

A **novena** (from Latin: novem, "nine") is an ancient tradition of devotional praying in Christianity, consisting of private or public prayers repeated for nine successive days or weeks.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, is Friday, December 8th. Masses will be celebrated in the Church at 9am and 7pm. There will be a reception with wine and cheese after the 7pm Mass. Please RSVP no later than Monday, December 4th if you plan on attending.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Reception

Family Name: _____

of Adults: _____ #of Children: _____

Return no later than Monday, December 4th

F.A.I.T.H. invites all parishioners to

Sounds of the Season

An evening of Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 11th

Join us for all or part
of the night!

Meet at Bon Secours @ 4:15; St. Joseph's Place @ 4:30

Water's Edge @ 5:30

Back to church for pizza then more caroling in town

all times are approximate

E-mail Danielle: daninyg89@frontiernet.net

Reconciliation Monday will be on December 18th. A priest will be available to hear confessions from 4pm until 8pm .

In the spirit of Christmas, we are continuing our tradition of a "GIVING TREE." We are supporting both the local Elks Lodge and the Port Jervis High School Rotary Interact Club in their efforts to provide winter outerwear items for needy children and teens in our community. A donation of \$10 or more would be greatly appreciated; every \$50 will sponsor one child. Doves are on the Christmas tree in the narthex for your convenience. They may be returned in the attached envelope, in the collection basket or at the parish office, by Monday, December 18. Checks may be made payable to St. Mary's. Thank you for your support!

We are happy to announce that we have access to **Formed** for another year! You can create your own account **FREE** of charge at Formed.org and use our parish access code **WXXVJT** to gain access to multiple programs, movies, ebooks, and audios.

St. James the Greater, Montague is having their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2 from 9am until 3pm.

The collection for November 18/19 was \$5,322.50
Thank you for your continued generosity.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, November 27**
9:00am Sean Riordan, by Dennis and Kathy Riordan
- Tuesday, November 28**
9:00am Intentions of Grant and Aidan Webb, by Mom, dad, and siblings
- Wednesday, November 29**
9:00am Michael Canfield, by Eileen and Walt Carmody
Robyn Onofry, by Donna and Ray Calvario
- Thursday, November 30 (Andrew, apostle)**
9:00am Michael Canfield, by Patricia Meloi Furlong
John Francis Konchan, by Konchan fam.
- Friday, December 1**
11:30am Intentions of Fr. George Hafemann, by Bill and Catherine Simons
- Saturday, December 2**
4:00pm Alois Winklhofer, by Ed and Helen Eckes
- Sunday, December 3 (First Sunday of Advent)**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
June Livingston, by Vince and family
11:30am Alfred Andreano, by wife and family



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, in memory of John Ritzel, by Kathleen Osowick.

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, Kaitlyn Smith, Jerome Smith, Joseph Fritts, Patricia Meinhold, Susan Upton, Devin Upton, Kathy Drane, Jenna Smith, Danielle Devore, Jennifer Utz, Jacqueline Hamilton, Tonya Cannon, Ryan O'Connor, Peter Billman, and Helen Andreano.

Liturgical Ministers for December 2/3, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	J. SMITH	C. WITTINE, J. FLYNN	S. PHILLIPS, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	P. CAL	J. TAYLOR, R. BABEY, T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY	D., E., A. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, B. DENNINGTON, D. LIVINGSTON	J. ENNIS, K. EPPS, M. LAUTURE