

Each year, several hundred thousand people from all over the nation gather in Washington, D.C. for the annual **MARCH FOR LIFE**. This year's march is this Thursday, January 22, 2015. As we have the past several years, **St. Mary's is sponsoring a coach bus from Port Jervis to the nation's capital for the March**. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30am; the bus will leave at 5:00am. The cost is \$40 per person. Please visit the parish office to reserve a seat.



In conjunction with the March for Life, we invite all parishioners to undertake some act of penance the day of the March, and to **LIGHT A CANDLE FOR LIFE** the night of January 22, and to place it in a prominent window in your home. The purpose is to provide a visible symbol of the community's remembrance of the unborn children who have lost their lives since 1973, as well as all who have been victimized by abortion. These lights serve as a sign of hope as we continue to work toward a genuine and lasting Culture of Life.

A group of ladies of the parish has begun a **SOCIAL AND ACTIVITY NIGHT** in the church hall, and invites any ladies who are interested to join them. They meet on the first and third Mondays of the month from 5:30 to 8:30pm. They gather to share their talents and learn new ideas from others. Bring your knitting, crafts, scrap booking, etc., to show others, or bring a favorite game to play. For more information, please call Ann Ponds at 856-5691.

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, **St. Mary's Little Lambs** invites current, prospective, and alumni families to an **OPEN HOUSE** on Wednesday, January 28 from 5:00 to 7:00pm (snow date is February 4). Visit classrooms, meet with staff, shop our Scholastic Book Fair, and see how Little Lambs is raising standards in Catholic education. For more information, call or e-mail us (858-4208; littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com).

Dear Parishioners,

Just after the new year, we received notice from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services that St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center has been licensed as a day care center. This concludes a process that began last April, and lets us get back to doing what Little Lambs has done well for almost a dozen years.

This would not have happened without the perseverance, patience, and good humor of Eileen Carmody. As with any bureaucratic process, there was a mountain of paperwork to be completed, inspections to be undertaken, and no lack of conflicting information and requirements. She saw it all through, while managing to administer the program and teach a class, too!

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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York is sponsoring the **FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS CAMPAIGN**. Our hope is to restock our parish food pantry through this effort. Containers will be in the narthex next weekend and the weekend of January 31/February 1. We would be most appreciative of donations of non-perishable food items.

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Megan Heckman, one of our parishioners, recently graduated from the nursing program at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh. She will be participating in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic; the missionaries are seeking supplies of toothbrushes, toothpaste, vitamins, acetaminophen or ibuprofen, soap, wash cloths, band aids, bacitracin, hand sanitizer, diapers, and baby wipes. Items may be left in the designated box in the narthex.

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It's awkward for me to write about this topic, but several people have asked about a farewell party. Since time is tight and there is much happening next weekend, I will ask my successor if I might return after Easter for a simple gathering some Sunday afternoon. I've also been asked about gifts. God has been very good to me, and honestly, I'm at a stage in my life where I already have more "stuff" than I know what to do with. So, if you're inclined to give a gift, please give it to the parish or to Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County. Both can use it and would greatly appreciate the support. (I should add that several friends from previous parishes send me their children's school photos each year. Those are always welcome!)

Faithfully your priest,
Fr. George Hafemann

Court Madonna's annual TRICKY TRAY is today. The doors open at noon; calling begins at 2:00pm. Tickets are 25 for \$1; all proceeds benefit the Court's scholarship fund.

S.M.A.R.T. will meet this Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00pm in the S.M.A.R.T. meeting room. All teens in grades 8-12 are welcome.

F.A.I.T.H. News

We would like to recycle the **advent wreath rings**. Please place them in the bins in the narthex this weekend.

Save The Dates!

Our **LENTEN EVENT** is scheduled for Saturday, February 7 from 12:30 to 3:30pm.

The annual **FISH FRY** is on Friday, March 20! We are in need of volunteers for the fish fry. Please email Danielle Legato at faith@stmarysportjervis.com if you can help.

There is an **ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST** next Sunday, January 25 from 8:00 to 11:30am in the church hall.

There will be **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** on Friday, February 6 beginning at noon and concluding with benediction at 8:00pm. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. At least two adorers should be present at all times.

Sr. Cathy Crowley, CND, the director of pastoral care at Bon Secours Community Hospital, is seeking **VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH PASTORAL CARE**, especially in St. Joseph's Place. There will be seven weeks of training in ministry to the sick at 2:00pm on Thursdays. If interested, or if you'd like more information, please call Sr. Cathy at 845-422-1065 anytime from Monday to Friday. Thank you!

In 2002, the bishops of the United States designated January 22 *a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life*. This Thursday marks the 42nd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, which essentially opened the door to legalized abortion as it stands today.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **WILD GAME DINNER** next Sunday, January 25 from 2:00 to 5:00pm at the hall on Seward Avenue. The menu includes assorted venison entrees, beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. The cost is \$30 per person, \$15 ages 7-16; ages 6 and under are free. For tickets, call 856-3720, 858-5991, or 856-4084.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, January 19

9:00am Alice Prisco, by Dick and Barbara Drew
Josef Kucher, by Toni Marion

Tuesday, January 20 (Fabian, pope and martyr; Sebastian, martyr)

9:00am Donald F. Hagen, by the Hagen family

Thursday, January 22

4:30am For all victims of abortion

Friday, January 23 (Vincent, deacon and martyr)

9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks
Thomas La Grutta, by Bob Cole

Saturday, January 24 (Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church)

4:00pm the parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, January 25

8:30am June Livingston, by Vince and family
11:30am Giacomo and Carmella Peloso, by Joseph and Angela Portella

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Andrea Fedoruk, Richard Samek, Betty Brennan, Joe Brennan, Angela Portella, Mike Castle, Walter Szpakowicz, Danielle Scibek, Pauline Portella, John McKean, Katie Onofry, John Launt, Theresa Fuller, David Drasba, Jeremiah Stasilli, Daniel Bonet, Maureen Hildrbrandt, Joseph Portella, Catherine Simons, Mary Platania, Vada Glass, Donald Wolff, Michael Barnes, William Linclon, Joseph Livingston, Jeff Sauschuck, Amanda Evelech, Anna Onuschak, Joseph Kham, Andrew Witkowski, Jackie Mundy, Makara Craig, Barbara Nachand, Betty Corcoran, Allen Van Starrex, Anne-Marie Rodriguez, and Agnes Murray.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY is Sunday, February 8. The search is on for the **longest-married couple in the Archdiocese of New York**. To enter, couples must be sacramentally married at least 65 years and reside in the archdiocese. The winners will be honored by Auxiliary Bishop Peter Byrne at the 12:00pm Mass on Sunday, February 8 at St. Patrick's in Highland Mills. For further information, please contact Izabella Nagle at 646-794-3190 or izabella.nagle@archny.org.

Please take this bulletin with you when you leave Mass. Give it to a friend — it's a great tool for evangelization!

The collection for January 10/11 was \$5,421.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for January 24/25, 2015

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	P. CAL	M. O'CONNOR, W. PONDS, M. REEVES	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
8:30AM	T. ROMBOUSEK	M. ADAMCIK, V. LIVINGSTON, D. LIVINGSTON	J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO, A. WEBB
11:30AM	M. ESLING	J. SENKIEW, J. SNELLINGER, N. SMITH, T. MARION	R. TORRES, G. & L. ROBERTSON