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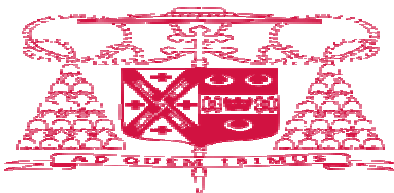
Dear Parishioners,

In the second reading of today's Holy Mass, Saint Paul lets us see the depths of his humility. After speaking to the Corinthians about his labors for Christ and the visions and revelations he had received from the Lord, he goes on to tell them of his weakness: to keep me from being too elated because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.

We do not know with any certainty what Saint Paul is referring to when he speaks of this thorn in the flesh. Some Fathers of the Church think it is a particularly painful physical affliction; others, think that he is referring to the tribulations caused him by the continuous persecutions of which he is the victim; and some, are of the opinion that he is referring to the temptations that he finds particularly difficult to resist. Whatever it is, it is something that humiliates the Apostle, and that in some way hinders his work as a bearer of the Gospel.

Saint Paul had asked God three times to remove this obstacle from him. He received this reply: My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. God's help is sufficient for him to overcome that difficulty; at the same time we are given to know about the divine power that enabled him to overcome it. He becomes stronger when he relies on God's help, and this causes him to exclaim: Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong. In our weakness we to constantly experience the need to turn towards God, and draw on the strength that comes to us from Him. How often has God said to us deep in our hearts: My grace is sufficient for you, you have My help to enable you to overcome your trials and difficulties.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Newcomb



*the* **CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts* 2015

**The Cardinal's Appeal** is still under way. You may make your donations online at  
[www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org).

Please enter our parish number - **518**.

**Please note next Saturday, July 11th is the Fireman's Parade. The 4pm Mass will be moved to 5pm.**

**The Ladies Social Night** in conjunction with **C.D.A.**, is working on making pillowcase dresses to be sent to Nepal. Anyone willing to make the dresses or donate are asked to contact Ann Ponds at 845-856-5691.

The Mount Carmel Society will have their procession on Sunday, July 12th starting at 8am from their hall on First Street.

Our parish has run out of Chapel keys. If you are in possession of one and not able to visit our Chapel, please return it to the parish office.

Reservations for the 1955-65 St. Mary's Class Reunion, being held at the Erie Trackside on September 19th, are due by July 10th. The cost is \$35 per person payable to Bill Carroll 606 Avenue P Matamoras, PA 18336.

GOLF ANYONE? Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County Monday, July 20 8:30 am check-in, 10 am shotgun start. West Hills Country Club - 121 Golf Links Road - Middletown. Opportunities available for golfers, sponsors, and raffle donations. Be a part of a fun-filled day that supports our neighbors in need in Orange County. Contact Kristin Jensen at 492.6331/[kristin.jensen@archny.org](mailto:kristin.jensen@archny.org)

The 2016 Mass book will open on August 18th and 19th from 9:30am until 1pm and from 5pm-7pm.

The FIFTH ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will be on Sunday, September 20th beginning at 1:00pm at the firehouse in Sparrow Bush. As we've done in previous years, the parish will provide hamburgers and hot dogs; those who attend are asked to bring beverages and desserts, snacks, or a salad. There will also be games for the children. Further information is forthcoming.

"For when I am weak, then I am strong". Allow yourself to be vulnerable to your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information go to [www.wmmc.org](http://www.wmmc.org) or call 877-NYS-WWME extension 3.

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**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, July 6 (Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr)**  
 9:00am Elizabeth Hawkins, by Karen and Jack Flynn  
 Lois Anderson, by Mary Lou Johnson
- Tuesday, July 7**  
 9:00am Josef Kucher, by Bob and Dianna Witherow
- Wednesday, July 8**  
 9:00am Angela Capra, by the Capra family
- Thursday, July 9 (Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and companions, martyrs)**  
 9:00am Josef Kucher, by Jack and Doreen Reilly  
 Nicolina Macchiarolo, by Maria Macchiarolo
- Saturday, July 11**  
 5:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, July 12**  
 8:30am William (Skip) Halstead, by the Hartmann family  
 11:30am Maria Kucher, by Hannelore Kucher

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Anna Onuschak, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Kelly Quick, Denise Paz, Sandy Osbourne, Jose Maldonado, Angela Grillo, Amanda Evelech, Anna Jenks, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Vada Glass, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Owen Brennan, Richard Samek, Agnes Murray, John McKean, Andrea Fedoruk, Betty Corcoran, Lisa Donahue, Charles Fitz-Randolph, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Angela Lilo, Ana-Lucia Stasilli, Jeremiah Stasilli, Radoski family, Hiegle family, Nick Cirillo, Bobby Kochka, Dominic Fontana, Mary Platania, Nicholas Marinaro, Maureen Hildebrandt, and William Quinn.

The collection for June 27/28 was \$5,305.  
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

*Liturgical Ministers for July11/12*

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00PM	T. LOTHIAN	H. ECKES, A. WITKOWSKI	V. AND E. WITKOWSKI, Q. KRENTZ
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	BABEY, T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY	T. LAMOREAUX, K. CULLENY, S. PHILLIPS
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION, N. SMITH	R. TORRES, J. MALDONADO, S. MOREJON