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Dear Parishioners,

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” says the Master. Far from being an excuse to get wrapped up in ourselves, relaxation is an occasion to seek Christ, because there are no holidays in Love. Saint Augustine tells us that “whichever way the soul of man turns, if it be not towards thee, it encounters pain.” at the very least the pain of having pushed God aside.

Summer can be a time of great activity. We can swim, go hiking, camping, etc. Hopefully summer time also involves some time for us to rest. Holiday time isn't meant to be a time for doing nothing, though. Rest means recuperation - to gain strength, to form ideals and make plans. In other words, it means a change of occupation, so that you can come back later to your daily job with renewed energy. It has to be a time of interior enrichment, a time when love of God is given a chance to grow in a climate of careful attention to our devotional practices and self-effacing acts of service, and when we try in a special way to make life more pleasant for the people around us; their contentment and happiness can contribute greatly to our own relaxation.

For those that might not be able to get away on a holiday, it can be challenging to say the least. Very often, perhaps for long stretches at a time, we may not feel in great form and yet have to soldier on at our business, housework or study. This shouldn't upset us: it is part of the human condition and very often simply a sign that we are working hard. “There come days,” says Saint Teresa in all simplicity, “when a single word distresses me and I long to leave the world altogether, for everything in it seems to weary me.” Moments like these are for turning to God, because it means that Our Lord is very close to us and wants us to take the appropriate remedy: to go to the doctor perhaps, and to do what he tells us; to get a little more sleep; to go for a walk or maybe read a good book. God allows these things to happen to us to make us more detached from our health, or to get us to grow in charity, to make an effort to smile even though it may be hard - perhaps very hard. Offering this situation to God can be extremely meritorious, even though we may feel totally dry and with no appetite for devotional practices.

Where ever your summer journey may take you, make sure our Lord is along with you.

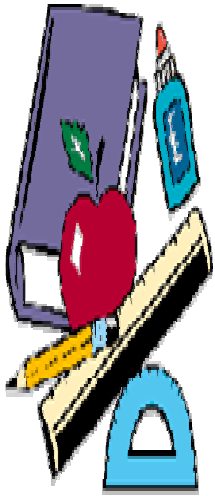
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Learn how ***St. Mary's Little Lambs*** is raising standards in Catholic education. There will be an Open House at St. Mary's Little Lambs this Monday, July 20 from 5pm to 7pm.

St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center offers affordable, quality Catholic preschool education for children of all denominations, with full and half day programs available. Small class sizes will help focus your child's attention on adjusting to new situations in a warm, loving, safe, and encouraging environment. Children explore, think, pray, and talk through dramatic and free play, story time, and art.

St. Mary's Little Lambs is a New York State licensed facility, having completed all the requirements mandated by the state.

For more information, parents of prospective students are encouraged to contact director Eileen Carmody at 845-858-4208 or littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com.
Check out what we're doing on facebook.



F.A.I.T.H. is organizing our 3rd annual School Supply Drive. Look for the *Tree of Knowledge* in the narthex next weekend. Select your apple (red apples have a list of supplies needed and green apples can be turned to the office or in the offering baskets with a monetary donation). All purchased donations may be placed in the bins in the narthex. Please return all donations by August 15th/16th as they will be delivered the last week of August to the schools.

Parish Fund Raiser— Purchase everyday common products while raising funds for our Church. Think of it as every time you buy necessities, you are helping our Church. For information, stop by the parish office or call 772-0307.

Congratulations to the June winners of the **PARISH LOTTERY!** We are now selling tickets for the month of August. They are \$10 each and entitle paid members to participate in daily prizes. The winning number is determined by the NYS Lottery evening drawing. One number above wins \$10, one number below wins \$10. Daily drawing is worth \$75; each Wednesday drawing is worth \$100. Please visit the parish office to purchase tickets.

This Fall's **40 Days for Life** campaign will be held September 23 through November 1. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, highly focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Since 2007 at least 10, 331 unborn children have been saved by abortion during the 40 Days for Life campaigns and 60 abortion facilities have closed. To learn more visit www.40daysforlife.com or call Nancy Smith 856-4610.

The collection for July 11/12 was \$5,191. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, July 20 (Apollinaris, bishop and martyr)**
 9:00am Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks
 Violeta Arroyo de Herrera, by Sally Von Sauers
- Tuesday, July 21 (Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church)**
 9:00am Andrew Witkowski, by Toni Carroll
 Helen Stucker, by the family
- Wednesday, July 22 (Mary Magdalene)**
 9:00am All Vietnam Vets, by Tony Capra
- Thursday, July 23 (Bridget, religious)**
 9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Saturday, July 25 (James, apostle)**
 4:00pm Deceased members of the Austic C. Carroll family, by Toni Carroll
- Sunday, July 26**
 8:30am Josef Kucher, by Jose and Maricel Cruz
 11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

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, John McKean, Andrea Fedoruk, Betty Corcoran, Lisa Donahue, Charles Fitz-Randolph, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Angela Lilo, Ana-Lucia Stasilli, Jeremiah Stasilli, Radomski family, Hiegle family, Nick Cirillo, Bobby Kochka, Dominic Fontana, Mary Platania, Nicholas Marinaro, Maureen Hildebrandt, and William Quinn.

Sick List Update

Please maintain/add the following name(s) to the sick list for the next two months:

Please return to the parish office or call by Friday, July 31st.

Liturgical Ministers for July 25/26

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. COTUGNO	K. FLYNN, J. FLYNN, M. O'CONNOR	S. MOREJON, G. AND L. ROBERTSON
8:30AM	H. MARINARO	V. AND D. LIVINGSTON, D. MURO	T. LAMOREAUX, S. PHILLIPS, E. WITKOWSKI
11:30AM	M. ESLING	J. SENKIEW, L. BUCZEK	J. ENNIS, J. MALDONADO, S. MOREJON