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Dear Parishioners,

This month of November calls us to get ready for winter. A few reminders about our responsibilities during this month.

It is during November that the Church meditates on the Communion of Saints, which is the charitable link with the faithful who have already reached heaven (Church Triumphant), the faithful departed who are still expiating their sins in Purgatory (Church Suffering) and of the pilgrim faithful here on earth (Church Militant). "In this wonderful exchange, the holiness of one profits others, well beyond the harm that the sin of one could cause others. Thus recourse to the communion of saints lets the contrite sinner be more promptly and efficaciously purified of the punishments for sin." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1475).

Throughout November the Church prays for all who are in the purifying fires of Purgatory, waiting for the day when they will join the company of the saints in heaven. The celebration of Mass is the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead, but we can also relieve their sufferings through our prayers, sufferings and penances. We can also help the Poor Souls by doing acts and prayers that have indulgences attached to them. There are many indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, that can be obtained during the month of November.

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned." To obtain this remission there are proper dispositions and certain conditions predetermined by the Church that must be met by the faithful. The remission is acquired through the intervention of the Church, who has the power to loose and bind granted through Jesus Christ. "As minister of the Redemption, authoritatively dispenses and applies the treasury of the satisfaction won by Christ and the Saints" (Enchiridion of Indulgences).

To understand this practice of indulgences, the Catechism explains:

[I]t is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.

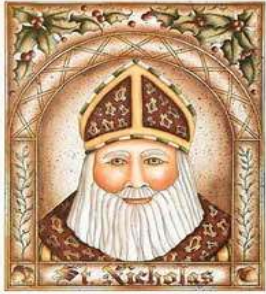
The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man." (1472, 1473)

An indulgence can either be partial or plenary. It is partial if it removes only part of the temporal punishment due to sin, or plenary if it removes all punishment.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

S.M.A.R.T. is now taking orders for their annual *Pie Buy*. Pumpkin and Apple Pies available for \$10 each. They will be available for pick up November 21st and 22nd at all Masses. Please support our youth group.

A little housekeeping note: we have found particles of food left in between the Church Pews. We should treat our Church how we would want the Oval Office treated. Please do not eat in Church or allow your children to. Our Church is God's House and He deserves our upmost respect. I know this can be a challenge with kids coming and going from Religious Education, but our beautiful Church is not the place to have a snack.



Simplify your Christmas shopping at the St. Nicholas Faire Vendors! Food! Fun! Sunday, December 6 12pm-2:30pm Still room for more vendors!

Court Madonna Court #114 is hosting a women's day of recollection on Saturday, December 12th from 9:30am until 3pm at St. Mary's Church Hall. The topic will be *Women of the Church*. The cost is \$5.00. Coffee, tea, and donuts will be served at 9:30 and session begins at 10AM. **Lunch will not be provided so please bring your own.** If you are interested in attending, or for more information, please contact Marge O'Connor 570-491-5240 or Joyce Klimkiewicz 856-8875

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through its own circulatory system. The blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all— the gift of life.

The annual advent wreath making day is Saturday, November 21st from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. The cost is \$10 per family. This includes soup and sandwiches for lunch and materials for wreath making. We will also make Christmas cards to hand out when we visit St. Joseph's Nursing Home and Water's Edge community during Christmas Caroling. Registration forms are available in the narthex and parish office. They are due back by November 18th.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, November 9 (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)**
9:00am William Nachand, by the family
- Tuesday, November 10 (Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Frank Scales, by wife and family
- Wednesday, November 11 (Martin of Tours, bishop)**
9:00am Hazel and Wayne Stevenson, by Tony and Joan Orr
Regis Foster, by Mary Wohlscheid
- Thursday, November 12 (Josaphat, bishop and martyr)**
9:00am Elizabeth Hawkins, by the Daly cousins
Joseph Gilligan, by Barbara Guinn
- Saturday, November 14**
4:00pm Guiseppi Fiorillo, by Rosa Fiorillo
- Sunday, November 15**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Christopher Retallick, by mom and dad

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Kelly Quick, Sandy Osbourne, Jose Maldonado, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Vada Glass, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, John McKean, Andrea Fedoruk, Lisa Donahue, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Maureen Hildebrandt, William Quinn, Mary Ellen Piper, Jeannine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Tonya Addy, Gloria Hicks, Jules Diez, John Kavanagh, Al Gessner, Makara Craig, Lillian Diaz, Thomas Gumaer, Jr., Ashley Avella, Amelia Quinn, Janet Smykla, Lillian Diaz, and Leon Logan.

Empowering Port Jervis at 11 Fowler Street will once again provide a safe and warm place for the homeless to go and provide warm beverages and soup. They are in need of volunteers to continue to run the warming station this winter. If you would like to volunteer, please call Evan 718-576-0219 or 845-856-3991.

The collection for Oct 31/Nov 1 was \$7,132.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for November 14/15

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. COTUGNO	H. ECKES, W. PONDS	Q. KRENTZ, S. MOREJON, S. PHILLIPS
8:30AM	T. WEBB	A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI, V. LIVINGSTON, N. SMITH	T. LAMOREAUX, N. WEBB, A. WEBB
11:30AM	M. ESLING	E. DECKER, J. SNELLINGER, H. MARINARO	A. COLLADO, R. COLLADO, E. TRUJILLO