

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

With our many volunteers and helpers it did not take us long to have all of our Christmas decorations down. I thank the Flynn's, the Ennis and the Webb families for coming through as usual; Mike Cuello, Tony Collado and Deacon Rich for their hard work as well. Their efforts fold into the beautiful second reading we have from Saint Paul this Sunday. The powerful image of the one body of Christ is still very important for us in our day and age today. It seems our nation is more and more divided and in some aspects the Church Universal is as well. At times it seems to me that there are too many chiefs and not enough workers. Luckily that is not true for the most part here in Port. Saint Paul rightly tells us that within the body of Christ, God has designed different jobs and vocations for different people. Not everyone is meant to do the same thing, and some people have great talents and gifts for certain activities. The modern mind does not often like this fact. Equality to me does not mean that everyone has the same position. Equality of outcome is quite different than that of opportunity. To keep the body of Christ well, we need to discern the call that our Lord has destined for us.

It is also critical for us to not disparage our calling, nor those of others; no matter how low or high that might be. In the end if we follow our call correctly we will have the outcome of eternal life. Whatever our calling may be, let us recommit ourselves to protecting and preserving the timeless truths of Christ. We can do this especially by our prayers and sacrifices to end the scourge of abortion in our nation. Over 50 million have been slaughtered in this abominable procedure. We will all be judged with how we have assisted in bringing this travesty to an end. Think of how many members of the body of Christ are not here with us. Through our efforts in putting Christ first, I pray that our nation will change and be healed through the power of the body of Christ here on earth.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

**Faith, Knowledge, and Service ~ Catholic Schools Week 2016**

Beginning Sunday, January 31, **Little Lambs** will join the National Catholic Educational Association and the US Conferences of Catholic Bishops in celebrating **Catholic Schools Week**. We will celebrate with a variety of events that demonstrate our high academic standards and our strong moral values, as well as some that are just plain fun.

**Sun Jan 31—Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service in Our Parish-Little Lambs Mass**—Little Lambs students, alumni, and their families are invited to gather at St. Mary's Church at 8:30am for a special mass honoring our school and students. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for us. Following Mass, St. Mary's is holding its monthly "All You Can Eat Breakfast"—\$7 for adults, \$5 for children, kids under 3 eat free.

**Mon Feb 1—Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service in Our School-Community Open House**—Join us for an Open House from 5-7pm. Snow date is Monday, February 8. Visit classrooms, meet with staff, shop our Scholastic Book Fair, and learn how Little Lambs is raising standards in Catholic education.

**Tues Feb 2 - Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service in Our Students-Student Celebration Day**—Children who come to school today should wear a Little Lambs shirt or our school colors, blue and white, as we celebrate our students with a day of fun, games, and a special treat! Shirts are on sale now in the hallway.

**Wed Feb 3—Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service in Our Vocations-Church Tour**—Children in school today will tour St. Mary's Church with Fr. Newcomb and learn about religious vocations.

**Staff Appreciation Day**—Church and School staff and volunteers will be treated to an Appreciation Luncheon. For more information, email Maureen at [maureenadamcik@hotmail.com](mailto:maureenadamcik@hotmail.com).

**Thurs Feb 4—Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service in Our Nation-Good Citizen Day**—Wear red, white, and blue as we show our support for those who serve and protect our nation.

**Fri Feb 5—Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service in Our Community-Community Helper Day**—Children who come to school today should dress for a future occupation while we learn about some of our local community helpers.

Children are encouraged to invite an adult to speak about his/her career. See sign up sheets outside of classrooms to speak. **Community Service Project**—We will show that we are a Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service by helping out those in our community who are serviced by the **Tri-State Pregnancy Center**. Please collect diapers, wipes, new clothes, powdered formula, and baby food. Donations should be returned today.

**Sat Feb 6- Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service in Our Families-All students and their families are invited to join us for a special "Love Like Jesus" Valentine's Day Breakfast in the School basement from 10-11am.**



Join us on **Sunday, January 31st** for our monthly **All You Can Eat Breakfast** in the Church hall.

**G.E.M.S.** will be taking orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts and coffee. Please see one of the children after all Masses this weekend (January 23rd/24th) and at the breakfast the weekend of January 30th/January 31st. You can also order at the parish office. If anyone is interested in taking orders for us, please call the parish office or stop by and pick up an order form. We appreciate everyone's support.



**A F.A.I.T.H. Event  
Families Actively Interacting  
Through Him**

**A Lenten Journey  
Saturday, February 6th**

**ALMSGIVING**

**12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**St. Mary Church Hall - \$5 per family**

**Pay at the door**

**Join us for lunch and an afternoon of fun-family activities, games and more!**

Kindly RSVP by **Monday, February 1st** to [faith@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:faith@stmarysportjervis.com)

**Include your name and the number of people attending**



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

The Archdiocesan goal for the **2016 Appeal** is \$20,000,000. Our individual parish goal is \$36,500. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift, fill out the pledge card and mail it in. Include our Parish # 518.

**St. John's School** in Goshen, NY will be holding open houses on **Tuesday, February 2** from 9am-11am and 6:30pm to 8:30pm. For more information please call 845-294-6434.

**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.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, January 25 (Conversion of Paul of the apostle)**  
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks  
Josephine D'Antoni, by Connie D'Antoni
- Tuesday, January 26 (Timothy and Titus, bishops)**  
9:00am Betty Corcoran, by Cahoonzie Club, Fran and Bill Hofmeister
- Wednesday, January 27 (Angela Meric, virgin)**  
9:00am Luann McCarthy, by Dolores Gore and family
- Thursday, January 28 (Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church)**  
9:00am Robert Buley, by Dolores Gore and family  
Elizabeth and Andrew Beirne, by Sheila Volker Connelly
- Saturday, January 30**  
4:00pm John Oliver, by the family
- Sunday, January 31**  
8:30am Students, family and staff of St. Mary's Little Lambs  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, Andrea Fedoruk, Sandy Osbourne, John McKean, Lisa Donahue, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Maureen Hildebrandt, Vada Glass, Mary Ellen Piper, Jeannine Lincoln, Mary Platanina, Tonya Addy, Gloria Hicks, Thomas Gumaer, Jr., Ashley Avella, Amelia Quinn, Leon Logan, Theresa Kavanagh, Angela Grillo, Grace Maillet, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Mary E. Smith, Fontano family, Sally Hanstine, Diana Kuhn, Dennis Simmons, Rachael Gaesser, Anthony Medaglia, Emily Ackerman, Bob Ritchie, Jose Maldonado, and Fr. Joel Usman.

The collection for January 16/17 was \$6,352.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Liturgical Ministers for January 30/31**

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	P. CAL	M. REEVES, H. ECKES, D. SIMMONS	Q. KRENTZ, A. COLLADO, R. COLLADO
8:30AM	T. ROMBOUSEK	V. LIVINGSTON, N. ARROYO, T. CALVARIO	T. LAMOREAUX, S. MOREJON, Z. ADAMCIK
11:30AM	D. COTUGNO	T. MARION, H. MARINARO, D. LIVINGSTON, J. SENKIEW	J. MALDONADO, J. EDWARDS, S. MASI