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Dear Parishioners,

Blessed Paul VI wrote well of the virtue of justice in his Apostolic letter on the Feast of Saint Mathias in 1971: *The Christian who seeks to live his faith through political action conceived as service, may not adhere, without going against their own beliefs, to ideological systems which oppose - radically or substantially - their Faith and their perception of humanity. Therefore it is not licit to act in favor of the Marxist ideology with its atheistic materialism, its dialectic of violence, and the way in which that ideology understands individual freedom within collectivity. This same ideology denies any transcendence of persons or of their personal and collective history. Neither may a Christian support that liberal ideology with claims to exalt individual liberty, removing from it any limitations, stimulating it to seek exclusively personal interest and power. At the same time it considers social solidarity as the more or less automatic consequence of individual initiatives, and not indeed as the primary end and cause of the value of social organization.*

We are always looking in our day and age for greater justice. I always think of the late John Joseph Cardinal O'Connor's coat of arms: *There can be no love without justice.* The important thing to remember is that when we are with a crowd it is easy to jump on the bandwagon instead of looking at the reality of the situation in front of us. We are always called to look at things through the eyes of Faith (Christ's eyes). In this long political season, focus on the real truths and do not fall into either extreme, which often take away from the dignity of the human person and their pathway to Heaven.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

***The STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church.
 Altar servers, please see the sign-up sheets in the vesting sacristy.***



Palm Crosses are available for purchase at the parish office. Cost \$10 each.

Monday, March 21st is Lenten Reconciliation day. Confessions will be heard from 3pm-9pm with a small break at 6:30pm.



St. Mary's Little Lambs is raffling off three themed Easter Baskets! Baskets have been arranged by Laurel Grove Greenhouse and feature the themes Family Fun, Gardening, and Brunch. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are on sale now at Little Lambs and at the parish office.



Please join us in the Church Hall at 10:30am on Friday, March 18th as our Little Lambs reenact the events of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Following the pageant, we will have a simple Lenten snack of pretzels and juice.

Save the Dates! Coming this Summer -Sightseeing With Jesus Summer Day Camp at St. Mary's Little Lambs.

Four Weeks of Summer Fun for children ages 3 through 8!

Sessions: June 20-24, June 27-July1, July 5-8, July 11-15.

Full and Half Day Options available. Registration Opens in May.

More information coming soon.

Join us next Sunday, March 20th for the All You Can Eat Breakfast

The **Ladies Social Night** meet every 1st and 3rd Monday in the Church hall from 6pm-8pm. They are looking for ladies interested in learning to crochet and knit and experienced knitters and crocheters to help. They will be working on projects to donate to people in need in our community.

For more information contact Ann Ponds 856-5691.

HOWDY Y'ALL! Saddle Up and Mosey On Over For A Wild West Shindig



Friday, April 1st
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
In the Ole Barn (church hall) \$15 per family
Bring a covered dish to share.
Polish up yer boots and come on down.
Beer, wine, snacks and music by DJ G!

St. Mary's Wild West Shindig Reservation Form

Family Name: _____ Contact Number: _____
 # of adults _____ # of children (12 and under) _____

We will bring : _____ to share as our covered dish.

Cost \$15 per family - Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church. Kindly RSVP by March 23rd ya hear!

Tea Time is Spring Time

Step back in time & join *Court Madonna's Garden* for an afternoon of tea and conversation.

Date: Saturday, April 16th

Time: 12pm 2:30pm.

Donation: \$10 Ladies \$5 young ladies

Please RSVP by April 10th Joyce 856-8875 or Barbara 856-2624



Increased financial assistance is now available for families applying to regional Catholic Elementary Schools in the Arch of NY. The online form can be found at www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org or call 646-794-2885 (9am-5pm).

The Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration will be on Saturday, June 25th and Sunday, June 26th at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Couples that would like to be in attendance are asked to contact the parish office to register.



To date our parish has received \$7,015 in pledges/gifts toward the *2016 Cardinal's Appeal*, from 32 families. For this *Appeal* to be truly successful, we must have support from all of our families. The *Appeal* is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can.

Parish Goal:
\$36,500

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, March 14**
 9:00am Luann McCarthy, by Marlene Horan
- Tuesday, March 15**
 9:00am Jane Templeton, by Jim and Kim Dunwire
- Wednesday, March 16**
 9:00am Nicolina Macchiarolo, by Maria Macchiarolo
 Alfred Andreano, by the families and staff of Little Lambs
- Thursday, March 17 (Patrick)**
 9:00am Eileen Darcy, by the family
 Josef Kucher, by Prager family
- Saturday, March 19 (Joseph, spouse of the BVM)**
 4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, March 20 (Palm Sunday)**
 8:30am Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Dr. Jane Brooks
 11:30am Betty Corcoran, by Rich and Diane Quick



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, In Thanksgiving, by the Kavanagh family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, 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 Platania, 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, James Roach, Fr. Joel Usman., Scott Baker, Frances Brennan, Lincoln Trimble, and Pat Christer.

The collection for March 6/7 was \$5,731. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for March 19/20-Palm Sunday

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	*****	*****	*****
8:30AM	*****	SPECIAL SCHEDULE	*****
11:30AM	*****	*****	*****