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Dear Parishioners,

We are now in the heart of summer. It is therefore a favorable time to give priority to what is effectively most important in life, that is to say, listening to the word of the Lord. We are also reminded of this by this Sunday's Gospel passage with the well known episode of Jesus' visit to the house of Martha and Mary, recounted by Saint Luke.

Martha and Mary are two sisters; they also have a brother, Lazarus, but he does not appear on this occasion. Jesus is passing through their village and, the text says, Martha received him at her home. This detail enables us to understand that Martha is the elder of the two, the one in charge of the house. Indeed, when Jesus has been made comfortable, Mary sits at his feet and listens to him while Martha is totally absorbed by her many tasks, certainly due to the special Guest.

We seem to see the scene: one sister bustling about busily and the other, as it were, enraptured by the presence of the Teacher and by his words. A little later Martha, who is evidently resentful, can no longer resist and complains, even feeling that she has a right to criticize Jesus: "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me". Martha would even like to teach the Teacher! Jesus on the other hand answers her very calmly: "Martha, Martha", and the repetition of her name expresses his affection, "you are anxious and troubled about many things; only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her". Christ's words are quite clear: there is no contempt for active life, nor even less for generous hospitality; rather, a distinct reminder of the fact that the only really necessary thing is something else: listening to the word of the Lord; and the Lord is there at that moment, present in the Person of Jesus! All the rest will pass away and will be taken from us but the word of God is eternal and gives meaning to our daily actions.

Dear friends, this Gospel passage is more than ever in tune with the vacation period, because it recalls the fact that the human person must indeed work and be involved in domestic and professional occupations, but first and foremost needs God, who is the inner light of Love and Truth. Without love, even the most important activities lose their value and give no joy. Without a profound meaning, all our activities are reduced to sterile and unorganized activism. And who, if not Jesus Christ, gives us Love and Truth? Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us learn to help each other, to collaborate, but first of all to choose together the better part which is and always will be our greatest good.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

As you can see we have had a lot of projects going on this spring and summer. The rehabbing of the Chapel, the chair lift to the Church Hall, the new rectory roof and now we are putting in a dry well for the back kitchen entrance of the Church Hall, (so it won't flood anymore). The Chapel rehabbing is mostly paid for by insurance, but we do have a \$2,500 deductible that we have to pay. The rectory roof we had budgeted for, but it went over the original estimate so we had to deplete the little savings we had. Taking this all into account and knowing how most of us are on limited incomes I am asking you to consider giving to our second collection next week to help us to defray these building maintenance costs. Thank you for all that you do.

Liturgical Ministers for July 23/24

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. COTUGNO	A. WITKOWSKI, L. AVELLA, H. ECKES	V. WITKOWSKI, E. WITKOWSKI, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	N. ARROYO, J. SNELLINGER, J. TAYLOR	T. LAMOREAUX, E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, D. LIVINGSTON, T. MARION	J. ENNIS, S. PHILLIPS, A. EPPS

The installation Mass for
Rev. Fr. Matthew C. Newcomb
 will be on
Friday, July 22nd at 7pm. Please
 plan on joining us.
 We will have a light
 reception in the church hall after.

St. Mary's Little Lambs, which is a NYS Licensed facility, is now accepting registrations for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes in the fall. There are full and half day programs still available. For information contact: Eileen Carmody, director: 845 858-4208.

Come out and support St. Mary's Little Lambs at the Aug. 7 Hudson Valley Renegades Game at 5:05 p.m. It's Pirates & Princesses Night! \$15.00/gen.admission + gift + hot dog + drink \$17.00 reserved seating + gift + hot dog + drink Visit gadesgroups.com Enter the password: 3littlelambs For more information contact: 845 838-0094.

4th **Annual School Supply Drive**

F.A.I.T.H. is organizing our fourth annual **School Supply Drive**. Look for the Tree of Knowledge in the narthex beginning the weekend of August 6th and 7th through August 20th and 21st. Select your apple (red apples have a list of supplies needed and green apples can be returned to the office or in the offering baskets with a monetary donation). Return your donations by the weekend of August 20th and 21st. All purchased donations can be left in the bins in the narthex. FAITH will deliver all donations the first week of September. In working closely with the schools, we have modified the supplies requested to reflect what is needed most by the children of our community. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, July 18 (Camillus de Lellis, priest)**
 9:00am Elizabeth Hinkley, by Dick and Barbara Drew
 Marion Rohner, by Toni Marion
- Tuesday, July 19**
 9:00am Charles Kakritz, by wife Josephine Kakritz
- Wednesday, July 20 (Apollinaris, bishop)**
 9:00am James Wohlscheid, by Mary Wohlscheid
 John Konchan, by the Carmody family
- Thursday, July 21 (Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church)**
 9:00am George Krawiec, by Jack and Dorean Reilly
- Saturday, July 23**
 4:00pm Giuseppe Fiorillo, by Rosa Fiorillo
- Sunday, July 24**
 8:30am Mary Oliver, by the family
 11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Bob Ritchie, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Jose Ramos, Aedan Roach, Jim Roach, Robyn Radzikowski, Joseph Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, John McKeon, William Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Jeanine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Angela Grillo, Ruth Lewis, Anthony Medaglia, Maureen Hildebrandt, Jose Maldonado, Tonya Addy, Raquel Maldonado, Robert Cinerar, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Steve Wilkinson, Grace Maillet, John Little, Joseph Cox, Dennis Simmons, Joe Bellotto, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, and Ashley Avella.



THANK YOU for your continued sacrifice to help your brothers and sisters across the Archdiocese of New York. Our Parish pledged \$36,500. We are at 100% of our goal! *There is still time to participate and make your gift today!*

The collection for July 9/10 was \$4,811.50
 Thank you for your continued generosity.