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Dear Parishioners,

The parable today reminds us of the need to know our place, to avoid being blinded by ambition and letting life become a frantic pursuit of ever greater goals, for which in many cases we are unqualified and which sooner or later would cause us to be humiliated. Ambition, one of the forms of pride, is often the cause of deep dissatisfaction in the person who suffers from it. *Why do you look for the first places? Why do you want to be above others?* asks Saint John Chrysostom. Everybody has a natural appetite (which in its proper place can be good and noble) for honor and glory. Ambition is simply a disordered tendency to look for honor, to exercise authority, or to have a position that is in some way superior, or at least appears to be so.

True humility is not opposed to the legitimate desire for personal achievement in social life, to enjoying the necessary professional prestige, to receiving the honor which is due to every human being. All this is compatible with a deep humility. But the humble person doesn't like showing off. They know that their purpose in life is not to shine and be highly regarded, but to carry our a mission for God and for others.

The virtue of humility has nothing to do with being shy, timid or mediocre. It causes us to be fully aware of the talents Our Lord has given us and, without losing a right intention, want to make them fruitful in our lives. Humility counteracts the tendency to boast about our achievements and of thinking we are wonderful. It leads us to a wise moderation and to direct to God the desires of glory which are hidden in every human heart: not to us, O Lord, but to You be all glory due.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Sunday, Sept. 18th is our Annual Parish Picnic at the Sparrowbush firehouse. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. ***Please bring your own Non-Alcoholic drinks and item according to your last name (enough for approximately 8 people).***

**Last names: A-G Appetizer or Snack
H-P Dessert
Q-Z Salad or Vegetables**

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Children: _____

Bringing: _____ Telephone #: _____

Please return the reservation form to the parish office before Monday, September 5th

Liturgical Ministers for September 3rd/4th

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. COTUGNO	C. WITTINE, J. SENKIEW	J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO, A. EPPS
8:30AM	M. VAN STARREX	A. WITKOWSKI, N. SMITH, J. TAYLOR	V. WITKOWSKI, E. WITKOWSKI, S. PHILLIPS
11:30AM	M. ESLING	D. LIVINGSTON, T. MARION, H. MARINARO	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ

There will be **First Friday Adoration** in the chapel on Friday, September 2nd. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

S.M.A.R.T. will have a team of walkers participating in the St. Jude's Children's Hospital in NYC on Sat., Sept. 24. Donations will be accepted on the weekend of Sept. 10/11th in the Narthex. If you would like to walk contact Danielle/Julia 856-8421.



4th Annual School Supply Drive

F.A.I.T.H. is organizing our 4th 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

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.

To see pictures of the parish dance, please go to <http://www.bobbycurrerstudios.com/St-Mary>

If anyone would like an old St. Mary's School desk, please call the parish office.

Anyone who needs to comply with the Safe Environment policy and needs to watch the video, should come to the parish office on Wednesday, August 31st at 10:30am.

Beginning September 1st, the parish office hours will be from 9:30am until 3pm.

In observance of Labor Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 5th.

A monthly Healing Mass is held on the last Thursday of every month at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY.

All are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, 9:00am	August 29 (Passion of John the Baptist) Marion Rohner, by Georgetta, Jill, and Sammy Deal
Tuesday, 9:00am	August 30 Raymond Kahmar, by Debbie and Kevin Cunningham
Wednesday, 9:00am	August 31 Raymond Kahmar, by Jay and Mary Snellinger Robert Rombousek, by the Horan family
Thursday, 9:00am	September 1 Francis, David, and Michael Henke, by Joan Henke
Friday, 11:30am	September 2 Deceased members of the Radzikowski family, by Agnes and Mary Raymond Kahmar, by Dan Aumick
Saturday, 4:00pm	September 3 (Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church) Raymond Gansarski, by Dorothy Gansarski
Sunday, 8:30am	September 4 Natalie Rimlinger and Raymond Smith, by Mary Rimlinger
11:30am 1:30pm	The parishioners of St. Mary's <i>Hungarian Mass Church Hall</i>



The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church will burn brightly this week in memory of Jacalyn Hinkley, by Dick and Barbara Drew

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, 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, Steve Wilkinson, Grace Maillet, John Little, Joseph Cox, Dennis Simmons, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, Ashley Avella, Fr. Ivan Csete, Robert Semerano, Christina Greeves, Barbara Drew, Amelia Quinn, Marianne Ripel, Dennis Curtin, and Joseph Livingston.

The collection for August 20/21 was \$4,463.50.
Thank you for your continued generosity.