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Dear parishioners,

Continuing on with our year for liturgical understating. I will center on a hat I wear at times for Mass, but that I could wear at every Mass; the biretta.



It is a square cap with three ridges or peaks on its upper surface, worn by clerics of all grades from cardinals downwards. The use of such a cap is prescribed by the rubrics both at solemn Mass and in other ecclesiastical functions. Etymologically, the word biretta is in origin and would more correctly be written beretta. It probably comes from birrus, a rough cloak with a hood, from the Greek pyrros, flame colored, and the birretum may originally have meant the hood. We hear of the birettum in the tenth century, but, like most other questions of dress, the history is extremely perplexed. The wearing of any head-covering, other than hood or cowl, on state occasions within doors seems to have originally been a distinction reserved for the privileged few. From the law the higher graduates of the universities were excepted.

At first the birettum was a kind of skull-cap with a small tuft, but it developed into a soft round cap easily indented by the fingers in putting it on and off, and it acquired in this way the rudimentary outline of its present three peaks. We may find such a cap delineated in many drawings of the fifteenth century, one of which, representing university priority at the Council of Constance. The same kind of cap is worn by the cardinals sitting in conclave and depicted in the same contemporary series of drawings, as also by preachers addressing the assembly. The priority of wearing some such head-dress was extended in the course of the sixteenth century to the lower grades of the clergy, and after a while the chief distinction became one of color, the cardinals always wearing red birettas, and bishops violet. The shape during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was everywhere considerably modified, and, though the question is very complicated, there seems no good reason to reject the identification, proposed by several modern writers, of the old priority with the square priority cap, popularly known as the "mortar-board", of the modern English universities. The priority college cap and ecclesiastical biretta have probably developed from the same original, but along different lines. Even at the present day birettas vary considerably in shape. Those worn by the French, German, and Spanish clergy as a rule have four peaks instead of three; while Roman custom prescribes that a cardinal's biretta should have no tassel.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



St. Nicholas Faire
Sunday, December 4th
From 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Fundraiser to benefit:
 St. Mary's Little Lambs

Vendors! Food! Fun! Fellowship! Young Living Essential Oils, Holy Bears, Rosaries by Colleen, Lula Roe, Pampered Chef, Mouseworks, Solaria Farms, 31 Gifts, Tupperware, Local Crafters, Free Raffles, Free Children's Christmas Craft table, A visit from St. Nicholas, **Special Performance by St. Mary's Children's Choir**, and MORE!

In the spirit of Christmas, we are continuing our tradition of a "GIVING TREE." We are supporting both the local Elks Lodge and the Port Jervis High School Rotary Interact Club in their efforts to provide winter outerwear items for needy children and teens in our community. A donation of \$10 or more would be greatly appreciated; every \$50 will sponsor one child. Doves are on the Christmas tree in the narthex for your convenience. They may be returned in the attached envelope, in the collection basket or at the parish office, by Monday, December 12. Checks may be made payable to St. Mary's. Thank you for your support!

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, December 5
 9:00am June Livingston, by Vince Livingston

Tuesday, December 6 (Nicholas, bishop)
 9:00am Warren Stucker, by Sally Von Sauers
 Joseph Belloto, by Ken and Donna Muro

Wednesday, December 7 (Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church)
 9:00am Julius Tenke, by Elaine Clark & Susan Martin Clark

Thursday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception of the BVM)
 9:00am Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Jane Brooks
 7:00pm Mary Ann Rohner, by Dick and Barbara Drew

Saturday, December 10
 4:00pm John Oliver, by the family

Sunday, December 11
 8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
 11:30am Fanny & Manny Pirota ; Evelyn & Charles Westfall, by Catherine Westfall

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, 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, Robert Cinerar, Andrea Fedoruk, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Steve Wilkinson, Grace Maillet, Joseph Cox, William Gaide, Jacqueline Hamilton, Ashley Avella, Robert Semerano, Christina Greeves, Amelia Quinn, Marianne Ripel, Dennis Curtin, Joseph Livingston, Donna Bancala, Leonard Schweizer, Teddy Mead, Pat Arnold, Angela Lillo, Pat Muller, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Kavanagh, Tom Earley, Conner McHugh, Bobby Fett, Sue Arnold, Dennis Perrin, Gary Lopriore, Josephine Fiorillo, and Carol Tufano.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, in honor of the Stierle/Ryerson convalidation, by the Stierle fam.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Chapel, in memory of Stephen Westfall, by Catherine Westfall.

There will be a Holy Hour for Pro-Life on December 8th from 9pm-10pm in the Chapel.

G.E.M.S. youth group will meet on **Tuesday, December 6th** at 6:30 in the parish meeting room. All children in grades 5 through 8th are invited to join us.

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be held in the Church at 9am and 7pm. There will be a reception to follow the 7pm Mass.

St. Joseph's Table will serving a warm meal on Friday, December 9th from 5pm until 7pm.
 All are welcome.

The collection for Nov. 19/20 was \$5,060.50.
 The collection for Nov. 26/27 was \$5,001.50
 Thank you for your continued generosity.



Breakfast with Santa
 hosted by the Knights of Columbus
Place: St. Mary's Church Hall
Date: December 11, 2016
Time: 8am-12pm

Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, hot chocolate
 \$7 for adults/ \$5 for kids ***Under 3 free****
 All donations will benefit the St. Mary's Food Pantry. Please bring your camera for a photo opportunity with Santa! For more information call: Anthony Di Toto 845-856-8996

The second collection on December 10th/11th will be for the Retired Religious. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

Liturgical Ministers for December 10th/11th, 2016

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	A. WITKOWSKI, T. WEBB, K. BOBISH	V., E., A. WITKOWSKI,
8:30AM	P. CAL	T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY, J. HENDRICK	D. TRUJILLO, E. AND A TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	M. ADAMCIK, B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION	Z. ADAMCIK, K. EPPS, S. BHIKARRY