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Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year. As we continue on with Liturgical topics I wanted to address something that most of you are very well aware of, the importance of Eucharistic Adoration. The last few First Friday's we have not had enough people sign up to cover all of the hours. If this continues I will have to prayerfully adjust our First Friday schedule. Know that when we make time for God, many things in our lives fall into place. Here are some reflections from Saint John Paul II:

“In order to evangelize the world, we need experts in celebration, adoration and contemplation of the Holy Eucharist.” (Pope John Paul II, Message for World Mission Sunday, October 24 2004)

“Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the Gospel. Anyone who prays to the Saviour draws the whole world with him and raises it to God. Those who stand before the Lord are therefore fulfilling an eminent service. They are presenting to Christ all those who do not know him or are far from him; they keep watch in his presence on their behalf.” (Letter from Pope John Paul to the Bishop of Liège, June 26, 1996)

“Adoration is of inestimable value for the life of the Church...” (Pope John Paul II “Ecclesia de Eucharistia” #25)

“Our witness, however, would be hopelessly inadequate if we ourselves had not first contemplated his face.” (Pope John Paul II, “Novo Millennio Ineunte” #16)

“Yes, dear brothers and sisters, our Christian communities must become genuine “schools” of prayer, where the meeting with Christ is expressed not just in imploring help but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening and ardent devotion, until the heart truly “falls in love”. Intense prayer, yes, but it does not distract us from our commitment to history: by opening our heart to the love of God it also opens it to the love of our brothers and sisters, and makes us capable of shaping history according to God’s plan.” (Pope John Paul II “Novo Millennio Ineunte” #33)

Prayerfully consider signing up in the Narthex for a half hour with Our Lord, this coming Friday in the Chapel, from Noon to 8pm.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Newcomb

***There will not be a Hungarian Mass today***

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Be sure to take your **FREE** copy of *Resisting Happiness*. Copies of the book are available in the Narthex.

A very special thank you to Jack and Karen Flynn for always making sure our Church looks its best for Christmas. To the choir members and musicians, thank you for the beautiful sounds that filled our church with joyous music.

**G.E.M.S.** (God's extraordinary Middle Schoolers) will meet on **Tuesday, January 3rd at 6:30pm** in the parish meeting room. All children in grades 5 through 8 are invited to join us.



There will be **First Friday Adoration** in the chapel on **January 6th**. Join us for first Friday Mass at 11:30 followed by exposition at 12. Two adorers must be present at all times. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**The second collection on the weekend of January 7th/8th is for Catholic Communications. Please give it your prayerful consideration.**

**Court Madonna No. 114** is hosting their annual **Tricky Tray** on **Sunday, January 15th**. Doors open at 12 noon. Drawing begins at 2:00pm. Tickets are 25 for \$1. For more information contact: Debbie Di Toto, Regent 856-8996 or Barbara Drew, Chairperson 856-2624.

*All funds raised benefit Community Charities.*



We will have a bus to Washington, DC on January 27th. The cost is \$40 per person or \$75 per family. Mass will be held at 4:30am and the bus will leave promptly at 5am. For more information contact Nancy Smith 845-856-4610.

**Volunteers still needed for staffing the warming station at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.** Contact Jack Austin at [jfaustin@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jfaustin@hvc.rr.com) or 856-0706. for more information to volunteer. Training is free.

The collection for Christmas was \$19,304.  
The collection for Maintenance was \$1,884.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, January 2 (basil the Great & Gregory Nazianze, Bishops and doctors of the Church)**  
9:00am Robert Ritchie, by the Martin & Riordan families
- Tuesday, January 3 (Most Holy Name of Jesus)**  
9:00am Dennis Simmons, by Jim & Luverne Rohner & family  
Viola Somarelli, by Mary & Declan Carroll
- Wednesday, January 4 (Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious)**  
9:00am John Coady, by Sophie Crawford-Rosso
- Thursday, January 5 (John Neumann, bishop)**  
9:00am William Quinn, by Amelia Quinn
- Friday, January 6 (Andre Bessette, religious)**  
11:30am Faith & Noah Webb, by mom, dad, & siblings  
Deceased members of the Murphy fam.
- Saturday, January 7**  
4pm Carl Case, by Darren & Mary Case
- Sunday, January 8 (Epiphany of the Lord)**  
8:30am Ralph Marino, by Deacon Rich & Joanne Marino  
11:30am James & Carmela Peloso, by Joseph & Angela Portella

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** 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, Christina Greeves, Amelia Quinn, Marianne Ripel, Joseph Livingston, Donna Bancala, Teddy Mead, Pat Arnold, Angela Lillo, Pat Muller, Debi Cotugno, Tom Earley, Conner McHugh, Bobby Fett, Sue Arnold, Dennis Perrin, Gary Lopriore, Josephine Fiorillo, Carol Tufano, Jacqueline Leggett, David M. Phillips, and Laney Carnahan.

**Liturgical Ministers for January 7th/8th 2017**

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	C. WITTINE, H. ECKES, W. PONDS	N. WEBB, A. WEBB, J. LEGATO
8:30AM	J. SMITH	S. RIORDAN, N. SMITH, J. TAYLOR	V., E., A. WITKOWSKI
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION, J. SNELLINGER	DJ PERRIN, K. EPPS, C. CENTAURO, J. ENNIS