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Dear Parishioners,

This week we will focus on the use of bells in Holy Mass. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (2000, #150) stipulates that a bell may be rung regularly at two places during the Mass: First, “a little before the consecration, the minister may ring a bell as a signal to the people.” Here the bell is normally rung at the time of the epiclesis in the Eucharistic Prayer. At this point, the priest joins his hands and places them over the bread and wine to be consecrated. He prays for the Holy Spirit to come down upon the gifts so that they may become the Body and Blood of our Lord. The ringing of the bell alerts the congregation to the calling down of the Holy Spirit and prepares them for the consecration that immediately follows.

Second, “according to local custom, a minister also rings the bell at the showing of both the Eucharistic Bread and the chalice.” After the priest says the words of consecration, he elevates the Sacred Host or the chalice of Precious Blood. The ringing of the bell again alerts the faithful that transubstantiation has taken place and that the Body and Blood of our Lord is truly present on the altar.

Keep in mind that the rubrics leave to the discretion of the pastor whether a bell should be used or not. Nevertheless, the use of a bell at Mass is a long standing tradition in our Church and no one should ever think that their use has been suppressed. Actually, the common practice in the basilicas of Rome is for the bell to be rung at each elevation and then in a prolonged way when the priest genuflects after the elevation of the chalice.

The tradition itself seems to arise around the thirteenth century, when the common practice became to ring a bell at the consecration. Later, records at the Cathedral of Chartres in 1399 indicated that a large bell suspended above the choir area was rung at the beginning of the Sanctus to call the people to attention for the coming consecration. Moreover, the sound of the bell was seen to give glory to God. (For this same reason, the Church bell may be rung during the Gloria sung at the Easter Vigil Mass.)

Another reason for the ringing of the bell as well as the high elevation of both the Sacred Host and chalice of Precious Blood after the consecration was to affirm that transubstantiation had occurred. In the 1100s, some theologians speculated that the transubstantiation of the bread did not occur until after the words over the chalice had also been pronounced. To counter this notion, the following practice was instituted: After the words of consecration of the bread, the priest elevated the Sacred Host so that it could be seen by all, the bell was rung, and then the priest genuflects after placing the Sacred Host back on the paten on the altar. For example, Cardinal Guido, the papal legate to Germany, promulgated this practice at Cologne in 1201, a practice which was already established in Rome (and throughout much of the Church). To highlight the solemnity of this miraculous moment, an incensation was also allowed at each elevation (as it may be today). Moreover, during the Solemn Mass or High Mass, the great bell of the Church was rung to alert the townsfolk that the consecration had occurred, at which time they would piously kneel and make an act of adoration.

In the old Tridentine Mass, the *Missale Romanum*, promulgated in 1570 by Pope Pius V, prescribed the ringing of a bell at both the Sanctus and the consecration. When Pope Paul VI issued the revisions to the Mass, the practice of ringing a bell was retained as an option (as stated previously).

Since we are a people of senses, sounds are important in our worship, whether in the quiet of the moment, the singing of a congregation, or the sound of the organ. The sound of bells does add to the reverence and the solemnity of the Mass. Most importantly, they highlight in a sensible way the sacred action taking place on the altar. Therefore, we have a tradition that is not only practical but also beautiful.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

School supplies and/or monetary donations are due today. Please place items in the bins in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

There are Announced Mass Intentions available for Weekday Masses for this year.

The 2018 Mass Book will open on: Tuesday, September 12th from 9:30am-12:30pm **Wednesday, September 13th** from 9:30am-12:30pm and from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

We currently have a few spaces available in our Church bulletin for advertisements. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad, please call the parish office. Some of the funds received allow us to do our many building projects like the MSH Hall. Please assist us in this effort in garnering more advertisements.

Starting **Monday Sept. 11th** we will have a weekly holy hour from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Chapel dedicated for an increase in vocations to diocesan priestly vocations. A priest will be available for Confession at this time as well. Please note, that hopefully this will allow more people an opportunity to go to Confession that might not be available for the Saturday 3-3:45pm time frame. Even if you can only stop in for **5** minutes, it will not be a wasted **5** minutes.

Also, starting on **Monday Sept. 11th** Fr. Newcomb will start a class on prayer which will use the Formed.org website class on it. The class will start at 6:30pm in the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Meeting Room. Please contact the office if you're planning on attending.

Volunteers needed at Bon Secours for specific areas of the hospital. If interested, please call Amy Moore 858-7162/3 or email Amy_moore@bshsi.org.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of NY is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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Parish Picnic Sept. 17, 2017 1:30pm

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Children: _____

Bringing: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please return the reservation form to the parish office before Monday, September 4th

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ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, August 14 (Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr)**
 9:00am Edward Sierra, by Debi Cotugno
- Tuesday, August 15 (Assumption of the BVM)**
 9:00am Eileen Darcy, by Walt and Eileen Carmoso
 Marina and Enrique Santiago, Sr., by Enid Decker and family
- 7:00pm Intentions of Eleanor Brady
 Robert Ritchie, by Anthony and Debbie Di Toto
- Wednesday, August 16**
 9:00am Robert Ritchie, by Angela Evans
- Thursday, August 17**
 9:00am Ruth Heater, by Dick and Barbara Drew
- Saturday, August 19**
 4:00pm Luann McCarthy, by mom and dad
- Sunday, August 20**
 8:30am Mary Smith, by Walt and Eileen Carmody
 11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
 Ida Lissner, by Cheryl Lovelace



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church- Happy birthday Al we will always love and miss you, by your loving family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the chapel, in memory of Lois Westfall, by Catherine Westfall and family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Donald Wolff, Sue Fitzsimmons, Barbara Straub, Robert Cinerar, Richard Samek, Sandy Osbourne, Theresa Kavanagh, John McKean, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Elizabeth Brennan, Walter Szipakowicz, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Thomas Davies, Pat Arnold, William Gaide, Sue Arnold, Steve Wilkinson, William Thomas, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Dotty Lynch, Jesse G Smith, Charlie Gard, Marge Evans, Melinda Torres, Kaitlyn Smith, and Marianne Ripel.

Save the Date! Plan to join us for the first-ever Port Jervis Area Lifechain on October 15th from 1:00-1:30 PM. Let's stand in prayerful vigil with other local Christians right here on the sidewalks of our own city of Port Jervis to protect the lives of the unborn!"

The collection amounts for August 5th/6th will be posted in the August 19th/20th bulletin.

Liturgical Ministers for August 19/20, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	K. BOBISH, N. SMITH, D. LIVINGSTON	S. PHILLIPS, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	P. CAL	A. STASILLI, T. CALVARIO	T. LAMOREAUX, E. AND A. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	T. MARION, M. ADAMCIK, H. MARINARO	DJ PERRIN, Z. ADAMCIK, S. BHIKARRY