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Dear Parishioners,

This article was in the *American Thinker* by an unnamed author. I think it is very thought provoking.

In the 1980s, I had a boss who had gotten a masters degree in psychology from New York University. He was a brilliant man; could have been a doctor. He told me a story that explains much of what we see in society today.

It seems that while doing his graduate work in the early 1960s, he had to do research on lab rats, which were given the synthetic hormones used in the then new birth control pills. The results, he told me, showed that the grandchildren of these lab rats would have high rates of homosexual behaviors. From what he told me, the findings were suppressed. Apparently, the powers that be wanted "the pill" to pass muster. What happened to the second generation of rats that followed was of no consequence to them.

Then my boss told me: The first generation of kids born to mothers using the pill have already arrived. But we should expect in another generation a noticeable increase in homosexual behavior, as they would be the second generation. As that was then still in the future, I was shocked.

This was told me in the mid '80s. By his reckoning, we should have seen a societal explosion of homosexuality starting around 2000, and subsequently. And, of course, we have seen such an explosion. His prediction came true.

Now, to many classic conservatives – whether religious or merely social – homosexuality is a choice, something which can be learned and/or unlearned. The problem is: There is a degree of evidence that it may be contrariwise in some individuals.

I invite one to look at this short CBS 60 Minutes documentary about what happens to lab rats treated with sex hormones early on their development. There is a body of evidence that early hormonal manipulation can have horrific consequences.

We have to ask ourselves, what happens to all those women using hormonal contraceptives when they stop their pills in anticipation of wanted pregnancy. Does the normal human cycle return immediately, or is there a rebound effect where, even if ovulation occurs, the ambient hormonal background in the womb is screwed up? This article addressed the question of whether gonadal steroid exposure during prenatal development is one of the factors, in at least one of the pathways, that lead to variability in sexual orientation outcomes. Based on the compelling evidence that prenatal testosterone exposure influences children's sex-typical play behavior, on the well-established links between childhood play interests and adult sexual orientation, and on the evidence showing altered sexual orientation in women exposed to high levels of androgens prenatally, because of CAH, the answer appears to be "yes." - National Institutes of Health

This next quote seems to confirm what my boss told me that the effect will skip a generation to the grandchildren.

According to a newly released hypothesis, homosexuality might not lie in DNA itself. Instead, as an embryo develops, sex-related genes are turned on and off in response to fluctuating levels of hormones in the womb, produced by both mother and child. This benefits the unborn child, however if these epigenetic changes persist once the child is born, and has children of its own, some of these offspring may be homosexual. - SciTechDaily

There you have it. The anecdote related to me 30 years ago, by my boss, has some scientific merit.

There is a body of evidence – apparently being suppressed by the popular media – that these convenient chemical alterations of women's bodies is part of the reason for the increase in Western homosexuality. The media now shows homosexuality as a heroic choice. Do they ever admit that it might be a chemically induced aberration?

We were taught in school that our makeup was determined by our DNA; but there is a new science called epigenetics which is indicating that environmental effects may alter how our genes are expressed. While conservatives deny that there is a gay gene, per se, they may have to admit that there may be an epigenetic trigger.

This further introduces more moral issues, particularly to those who would decry homosexuals as willfully degenerate. It may not be a much of a choice as classic moralists might want to think.

Now, I happen to think homosexuality will destroy any society where it is unchecked. I am opposed to gay marriage, because it violates biology. I am also opposed to the media's glorification of homosexuality as the equivalent of normal orientation. It is not.

However, a considerable portion of the blame may be with the pharmaceutical companies which push these pills. Initial tests, done 50 years ago, seem to have shown what problems would arise. My boss' fearful predication told to me 30 years ago has come true.

No doubt, our culture and media compound the problem by encouraging homosexual behavior in individuals who might be easily persuaded to revert back to normal proclivities. However, we may have to address a frightening problem that even were we to re-Christianize our societal worldview – highly unlikely - there will be a considerable swath of individuals who were irrevocably damaged in utero; and who may be beyond complete re-adjustment.

The best that can be suggested is that women be fully informed of the dangers of taking hormonal birth control; and a certain degree of Christian charity – by which I do NOT mean approval – be tendered to those individuals who say they cannot change. In plain terms, society should not allow gay marriage, but should make provisions for individuals who cannot change.

Ideally, the withdrawal of hormonal birth control from the marketplace would be a solution, forcing women to revert to older barrier and prophylactic methods. However, our social engineers would remind us that this would result in poorer women – code word for blacks and minorities – having more unwanted babies, as they are too "uneducated" to know how to use simpler birth control methods which require a few seconds of extra effort.

And that is the real issue. Social engineers will continue to sacrifice generations of children to the moloch of gender dysphoria to keep the unwanted subterranean Morlocks of society at bay. The unintended consequence is that quite often the individuals hurt will not be in the poorer classes, but in the sections of society they would want to see reproduce.

Read more: <http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2017/09/>

birth_control_and_homosexuality_unintended_consequences.html#ixzz4sNr8G9HX

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

The second collection next weekend is for St. Joseph's Seminary. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

St. Mary's Day for the 40 Days for Life in Goshen, NY, will be on Saturday, September 30th. You can sign-up on September 16/17th & 23/24th of in the Narthex. Any questions call Nancy Smith 845-856-4610.



On **Sunday, October 1st** at 1:30pm, Fr. Newcomb will be doing the animal blessing in the church parking lot.

2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our Nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join St. Mary's Parish in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Orange Square on Pike St./Broom St., Port Jervis, NY. Please contact your Rosary Capt.-Nancy Smith at 845-856-4610 for more information.

The Lifechain this year will be at "Friendly's in Middletown on Rte 211 on October 1 from 2pm-3:30pm.

St. Mary's is pleased to introduce a confidential service available at a minimal fee to our parishioners. This program, the Parish Counseling Network (PCN), entitles parishioners to 6 sessions with a Professional Clinician who can help with a variety of individual and inter-personal issues. Please contact your parish priest or parish administrative staff for more information to access services.

A closing Mass for the 2017 Fatima Centennial Year will be held on Friday, October 13th at 11:00am at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY.

Bishop Dominick Lagonegro will preside at the Mass.

A Scriptural Rosary will be prayed beginning at 10:00am, followed by the Mass and a light lunch. Please call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director, at 845-343-1879.

We have begun a weekly holy hour on Mondays 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 five minutes, it will not be a wasted five minutes.



St. James the Greater in Montague is having an **All You Can Eat** Spaghetti and meatball dinner, Sat. Oct. 14th. Bring your own drinks. Call for tickets 973-293-7031 or email wjr218@optonline.net

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, September 25**
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks
- Tuesday, September 26 (Cosmas and Damian, martyrs)**
9:00am Lilyan Mulvaney, by Dorean and Jack Reilly
- Wednesday, September 27 (Vincent de Paul)**
9:00am Lillian Mink, by Eleanore Roll
- Thursday, September 28 (Wenceslaus, martyr; Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs)**
9:00am Ruth Heater, by Catherine Westfall
- Saturday, September 30 (Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church)**
4:00pm Charles and Evelyn Westfall, by Catherine Westfall
- Sunday, October 1 (Respect Life Sunday)**
8:30am Intentions of the Ponterio family, by Ann Cali
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's Eleanor Kowal, by Helen and Ed Eckes



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly in the Church this week in memory of Joseph Piccolo, Jr., by Anthony Ziffino.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Donald Wolff, Sue Fitzsimmons, Barbara Straub, Robert Cinerar, Sandy Osbourne, Theresa Kavanagh, John McKean, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Elizabeth Brennan, Walter Szpakowicz, 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, Kaitlyn Smith, Kathy Barnes, Jerome Smith, Joseph Fritts, Patricia Meinhold, Susan Upton, Devin Upton, Kathy Drane, Jenna Smith, Danielle Devore, and Jennifer Utz.

Port Jervis Area Life Chain— Sunday, Oct. 15 from 1-2:30pm on East Main Street. Contact Nancy: 856-4610

The collection for Sept 16/17 was \$5,018.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for Sept. 30/Oct. 1, 2017

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	H. ECKES, J. FLYNN, J. SNELLINGER	N. AND A. WEBB, A. WITKOWSKI
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	S. RIORDAN, T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY	T. LAMOREAUX, E. AND A TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	D. LIVINGSTON, T. MARION, H. MARINARO	DJ PERRIN, Z. ADAMCIK, A. EPPS