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Dear Parishioners,

It is a challenging and uplifting invitation that Jesus addresses to those to whom He says: "Follow me!". He invites them to become his friends, to listen attentively to his word and to live with him. He teaches them complete commitment to God and to the extension of His kingdom in accordance with the law of the Gospel: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (Jn 12:24). He invites them to leave behind their own narrow agenda and their notions of self-fulfilment in order to immerse themselves in another will, the will of God, and to be guided by it. He gives them an experience of fraternity, one born of that total openness to God (cf. Mt 12:49-50) which becomes the hallmark of the community of Jesus: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35).

It is no less challenging to follow Christ today. It means learning to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, growing close to Him, listening to His word and encountering Him in the sacraments; it means learning to conform our will to His. This requires a genuine school of formation for all those who would prepare themselves for the ministerial priesthood or the consecrated life under the guidance of the competent ecclesial authorities. The Lord does not fail to call people at every stage of life to share in His mission and to serve the Church in the ordained ministry and in the consecrated life. The Church is "called to safeguard this gift, to esteem it and love it. She is responsible for the birth and development of priestly vocations" (John Paul II, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Pastores Dabo Vobis, 41). Particularly in these times, when the voice of the Lord seems to be drowned out by "other voices" and his invitation to follow him by the gift of one's own life may seem too difficult, every Christian community, every member of the Church, needs consciously to feel responsibility for promoting vocations. It is important to encourage and support those who show clear signs of a call to priestly life and religious consecration, and to enable them to feel the warmth of the whole community as they respond "yes" to God and the Church. I encourage them, in the same words which I addressed to those who have already chosen to enter the seminary: "You have done a good thing. Because people will always have need of God, even in an age marked by technical mastery of the world and globalization: they will always need the God who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ, the God who gathers us together in the universal Church in order to learn with Him and through Him life's true meaning and in order to uphold and apply the standards of true humanity.

Please join us Monday's as we pray for vocations from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Boy Scout Troop #173 is having a Chili Takeout Fundraiser after all Masses Saturday 4pm and on Sunday, February 4th (Boy Scout Sunday) in the Most Sacred Heart Hall after all Masses from 9:30am-1pm. \$8 a Quart.

The next series that will continue on Monday's in the Saint Peter and Paul Meeting Room at 6:30pm is on Evangelization.

- 22 January: Why Study Acts
- 29 January: Clothed With Power
- 12 February: Proclaiming the Kerygma
- 19 February: Signs and Wonders
- 26 February: How Jesus Makes an Evangelist
- 5 March: Sacraments and the Spirit
- 12 March: Leadership in the Church
- 2 April: Charisms of the Spirit
- 9 April: Joy in Persecution
- 16 April: The Belly of the Beast

Court Madonna No # 114
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Tricky Tray

Date: Sunday, January 14th, 2018
Place: Most Sacred Heart Hall
48 Ball Street

Doors open at 12 Noon ~ Drawing begins at
2pm

Tickets are 25 for \$1!

For more information contact:
Debbie DiToto, Regent 845-856-8996 or
Barbara Drew, Chairperson 845-856-2624
All proceeds to benefit Community Charities

We will have our Spiritual Adoption program starting in January 2018. The Rosary Rally took its place in October. We will end our program in October 2018. We will have our Baby Shower in May of 2018. Sign-ups will be this weekend Jan. 13/14th. For more info. contact: Nancy Smith 845-856-4610.

We are happy to announce that we have access to **Formed** for another year! You can create your own account **FREE** of charge at Formed.org and use our parish access code *WXXXVJT* to gain access to multiple programs, movies, ebooks, and audios.

F.A.I.T.H. is sponsoring Family Movie Night Saturday, January 20th 1st showing at 12:30pm 2nd showing at 6:30pm.

Open House at St. Mary's Little Lambs In celebration of Catholic School Week, St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center invites current, prospective, and alumni families to attend an Open House on Monday, January 29 from 5-7pm. Snow date is Monday February 5. Visit classrooms, meet with staff, and learn how Little Lambs is raising standards in Catholic education. Little Lambs will begin accepting registrations for the 2018-19 school year at Open House. For more information, parents of prospective students are encouraged to contact director Eileen at 845-858-4208 or littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com

Just in time for Lent-Stock up on Frozen Cheese Pizza Kits for your meatless Friday. St. Mary's Little Lambs Annual Little Caesar's Fundraiser begins NOW! Go to PizzaKit.com, click on "Products", then "Shop". Enter our online Fundraiser ID # 343314 and start shopping! Orders are due by Thurs., Feb 1. All products can be shipped directly to you, or you can pick up at Little Lambs on Mon, Feb 12 between 11:45 and 2:30. Orders can also be placed at the parish office.

Capuchin Youth Leadership Training Jan 19-21, 2018: Be Bold, Be a Leader! Join the thousands of high-school teens CYFM has helped acquire leadership and teamwork skills, communication and confidence, project planning tools, critical thinking and decision-making, goal setting, emotional intelligence and conflict resolution training, knowledge and experience working with different personality types. Participants Gain: real accomplishments they can put on their resume, new and valuable friendships, practice reading, writing, presenting, Christ-like Leadership, and other important skills. CYFM's Leadership training empowers teens with skills useful in school, youth group, parishes, CYFM & in life! \$125 inc. materials, meals & lodging; all paperwork & non-refundable \$60.00 deposit must be received by registration deadline, Jan. 16. For info and application contact CYFM or visit our website: www.cyfm.org and click on "events" Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY (845) 424-3609

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, January 15
9:00am Kathleen Wright, by Scott and Donna Taylor
Raul Gonzales, by Jim Froehlich

Tuesday, January 16
9:00am Julia Olenick, by Paul and Sophie Rosso
Michael R. Fuller, by Theresa Fuller

Wednesday, January 17 (Anthony, abbot)
9:00am George Fertig, by Elaine Palvis

Thursday, January 18
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks

Saturday, January 20
4:00pm John Oliver, by the family

Sunday, January 21 (Ecumenical Sunday)
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Ruth Heater, by Jean and Mark Fox



The Sanctuary lamp will burn brightly this week in the church in memory of Michael Kowal, by Diane Stierle and Suzanne Ryerson.

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, Jerome Smith, Joseph Fritts, Patricia Meinhold, Susan Upton, Devin Upton, Kathy Drane, Wayne DeMarco, Danielle Devore, Jennifer Utz, Jacqueline Hamilton, Tonya Cannon, Ryan O'Connor, Peter Billman, Helen Andreano, Tito Rivera, Maryann Gasko, Chris Marion III, Carson Fuller, Neil Stasilli, Luis Medina, Debi Cotugno, Salvatore Sedatto, Jr., Guy Gouchenour, Lori Corwin, and Tyler Lynch.

The collection for January 6/7, 2018 was \$6,272.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for January 20/21, 2018

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	K. BOBISH, W. PONDS	N. AND A. WEBB
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	W. CARMODY, T. CALVARIO, S. RIORDAN	D. TRUJILLO, M. LAUTURE
11:30AM	M. ESLING	T. MARION	S. CUELLO, A. ST. LOUIS, K. EPPS