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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday’s Gospel contains some of the most typical and forceful words of Jesus’ preaching: “Love your enemies”. It is taken from Saint Luke’s Gospel but is also found in Saint Matthew’s, in the context of the programmatic discourse that opens with the famous “Beatitudes”. Jesus delivered it in Galilee at the beginning of his public life: it is, as it were, a “manifesto” presented to all, in which He asks for his disciples’ adherence, proposing his model of life to them in radical terms.

But what do his words mean? Why does Jesus ask us to love precisely our enemies, that is, a love which exceeds human capacities?

Actually, Christ’s proposal is realistic because it takes into account that in the world there is too much violence, too much injustice, and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with more love, with more goodness. This “more” comes from God: it is his mercy which was made flesh in Jesus and which alone can “tip the balance” of the world from evil to good, starting with that small and decisive “world” which is the human heart.

This Gospel passage is rightly considered the magna carta of Christian non-violence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil, as a false interpretation of “turning the other cheek” claims, but in responding to evil with good and thereby breaking the chain of injustice.

One then understands that for Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behavior but a person’s way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God’s love and power that he is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone.

Love of one’s enemy constitutes the nucleus of the “Christian revolution”, a revolution not based on strategies of economic, political or media power: the revolution of love, a love that does not rely ultimately on human resources but is a gift of God which is obtained by trusting solely and unreservedly in his merciful goodness. Here is the newness of the Gospel which silently changes the world! Here is the heroism of the “lowly” who believe in God’s love and spread it, even at the cost of their lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

**TODAY** Sunday, February 24th, members of SMART will be going iceskating. Everyone in the parish is welcome to join in the family fun. Meet at 1pm in the Church parking lot to go to Ice Time in Newburgh for their open skating from 2pm to 4pm. If you don’t skate there is no fee. Adults are \$10, kids are \$5.

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***Today is the All You Can Eat Breakfast. Bring a friend.***

***Liturgical Ministers for March 2nd/3rd, 2019***

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	C. WITTINE, T. WEBB	N. AND A. WEBB
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY, D. LIVINGSTON	T. LAMOREAUX, M. REINHARDT
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION	S. AND I. CUELLO, A. ST. LOUIS



Experience Lent through your child's eyes this year. You'll attend with your child on Sunday, March 3rd during Religious Education classes in the Most Sacred Heart Hall. Attendance will be taken and at least one parent must attend.

Fr. Newcomb will hold a class on the Presence Mystery of the Eucharist. Classes will be held on:

- 11 March Session 1: God is with us
- 25 March Session 2: The Story of the Eucharist
- 1 April Session 3: Bread of the Journey
- 8 April Session 4: Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist
- 6:30pm in the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Meeting Room

Drew United Methodist will once again have their Lenten Soup lunches on Wednesdays during Lent. Fr. Newcomb will be speaking on Wednesday, March 13th at Noon. Cost \$3.

**Fish and Chips Dinner Ticket Orders 2019**

#of Adult Tickets \_\_\_ x \$13.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Child Tickets \_\_\_ x \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Eat-In Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ # of  
Take-Out Dinners \_\_\_\_\_** *Pick-up your tickets  
at the door the night of the dinner.*

**Office Use only: Paid: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_**

The Kof C is having their annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16th from 5pm-9pm. Cost \$30/pp. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served along with beverages. DJ Steve Moglia will be the music entertainment. RSVP 856-4084.

Little Lambs is in need of 2 printers. If you have a used printer that you are not using please consider donating it to the school.

**S.M.A.R.T.** will be selling Palm Crosses the weekend of April 6/7 to be able to go to *Camp Veritas*. We appreciate your support.

The devastation of the Reproductive Health Act offers an opportunity for new growth and revitalization in our pro-life efforts within each parish of the Archdiocese. Sr. Virginia Joy, SV, Director of the Respect Life Office, and Sr. Pia Jude, SV, will be hosting a meeting for all parishes in the Orange County area to discuss ideas of how the Holy Spirit can be at work in moving us forward in building a culture of life. If you are interested in offering your time, talent, or treasure to assist in pro-life works, please come out on **Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:00PM at John S. Burke Catholic High School in Goshen, NY.**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

- Monday, February 25**  
9:00am Nancy Mills, by Agnes Devore
- Tuesday, February 26**  
9:00am Ruth Walters, by Guy Potocnik  
Michael Costescu, by Nenita Costescu
- Wednesday, February 27**  
9:00am James Dix, by Patricia Newcomb
- Thursday, February 28**  
9:00am Frances Bender and Rose Kelly, by Ellen McCarthy
- Friday, March 1 (World Day of Prayer)**  
11:30am Catherine and Jack Connelly, by Sheila Connelly Volker
- Saturday, March 2**  
4:00pm Franz Kucher, by Hannelore Kucher and family
- Sunday, March 3**  
8:30am Joseph Portella, by Olga and Andrea Fedoruk  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

***Please Pray For the Sick:*** Angela Portella, Walter Szpakowicz, Elizabeth Brennan, Michael Medaglia, Jackie Mundy, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Louis Harford, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Donald Wolff, Ramonita Irizarry, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Fuller, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Helen Andreano, Tito Rivera, Neil Stasilli, Josefina Rodriguez, Joseph Hinkley, Toni Sorrentino, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Susan Upton, Chris Marion III, Loretta Olenick, Layla Grace Foster, Roderick T. Esling, James Lincoln, Danielle Devore, Wayne DeMarco, Marge O'Connor, Mindy Walsh, Arieal Walsh, Raquel Maldonado, Tyrell Davis, Eppie Harford, Christine Nowak, Jesivel Abreu, Stacie Holman, Cody Bain, Robert Cinerar, Dominic Loffredo, Steven Gaesser, Robert Witherow, J.D. Lipa, Alva Bonet, Nancy Crumley, Valentina Hall, and Ryan O'Connor.

Ministers of the Holy Communion are needed to assist with the distribution of Communion to the patients of Bon Secours Community Hospital and St Joseph's Place residents. If you would like to be part of this rewarding ministry, contact the pastoral care office at 845-858-7000 X 6161 [Charlene\\_kuklis@bshsi.org](mailto:Charlene_kuklis@bshsi.org). Full training is provided.

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