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Dear Parishioners,

We are in the Easter Season which is the time of Jesus’ glorification. The Gospel we have just heard reminds us that this glorification is brought about in the Passion. In the Paschal Mystery, passion and glorification are closely bound together and form an indissoluble unity. When Judas leaves the Upper Room to carry out his scheme of betrayal that will lead to the Master’s death, Jesus says: “now is the Son of man glorified, and in Him God is glorified”: the glorification of Jesus begins at that very moment. The Evangelist John makes it quite clear: he does not in fact say that Jesus was glorified only after His Passion, through His Resurrection; rather he shows that precisely with the Passion His glorification began. In it Jesus manifests His glory, which is the glory of love, which gives itself totally. He loved the Father, doing His will to the very end, with a perfect gift of self; He loved humanity, giving his life for us. Thus He was already glorified in his Passion and God was glorified in Him. But the Passion as a very real and profound expression of His love is only a beginning. This is why Jesus says that His glorification is also to come. Then, when He announces his departure from this world, the Lord gives His disciples a new commandment, as it were a testament, so that they might continue His presence among them in a new way: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another”. If we love each other, Jesus will continue to be present in our midst, to be glorified in this world.

Jesus speaks of a “new commandment”. But what is new about it? In the Old Testament, God had already given the commandment of love; but this commandment has become new now because Jesus makes a very important addition to it: “As I have loved you, that you also love one another”. What is new is precisely this “loving as Jesus loved”. All our loving is preceded by His love and refers to this love, it fits into this love and is achieved precisely through this love. The Old Testament did not present any model of love; it only formulated the precept of love. Instead, Jesus gave Himself to us as a model and source of love a boundless, universal love that could transform all negative circumstances and all obstacles into opportunities to progress in love. And in this City’s Saints we see the fulfillment of this love, always from the source of Jesus’ love.

In giving us the new commandment, Jesus asks us to live His own love and on His own love, which is the truly credible, eloquent and effective sign for proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God to the world. Clearly, with our own strength alone we are weak and limited. In us there is always a resistance to love and in our existence there are very many difficulties that cause division, resentment and ill will. However, the Lord promised us that he would be present in our lives, making us capable of this generous, total love that can overcome all obstacles, even those in our own hearts. If we are united to Christ, we can truly love in this way. Loving others as Jesus loved us is only possible with that power which is communicated to us in the relationship with him, especially in the Eucharist, in which His Sacrifice of love that generates love becomes really present: this is the true newness in the world and the power of a permanent glorification of God who is glorified in the continuity of the love of Jesus in our love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

The second collection this weekend is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Liturgical Ministers for May 25th/26th, 2019.

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	J. SMITH	A. WITKOWSKI	E. AND A WITKOWSKI
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	R. BABEY, T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY	D. GERARDO, M. REINHARDT
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	N. SMITH, T. MARION, J. SNELLINGER	S. AND I CUELLO, A. ST. LOUIS

*This Sunday, May 19th is the
All You Can Eat Breakfast
This will be the last one until
September 2019!*

St. Mary's Little Lambs in Port Jervis is hosting three Open Houses this spring; May 20 4-6 pm, June 1 10-11:30 am, and June 27 4-6 pm. Pick the date that suits your family's schedule the best. Visit our classrooms, meet with staff, and learn how Little Lambs is raising standards in early childhood education. St. Mary's Little Lambs offers quality, affordable, Catholic pre-school education for children of all denominations. Little Lambs is now registering for September 2019. Full and half day Pre-K3 and Pre-K 4 programs are available. For information contact director, Eileen Carmody at 845 858-4208, or visit the school, located at 44 Ball St. in Port Jervis.

St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center holds a **Summer Day Camp** for children ages 3-8, with the theme, "Sightseeing With Jesus." Daily activities include Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and water play. This year's camp will be held the weeks of June 17-21, June 24-28, July 1-3, and July 8-12. Children can attend half or full day, part or all week. Registration for Summer Camp will close on Friday, May 31. Late registrations will NOT be accepted. Registration packets are now available at the Little Lambs office, or by emailing littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com. Space is very limited. For more information contact director, Eileen Carmody at 845 858-4208.

The Brechbiel family will be going to Lourdes and are willing to take petitions with them to place where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette. Forms are available at the parish off. until June 14th.

The Port Jervis Police Department will be hosting a Family Self Defense and Awareness class on Saturday, June 15th from 10 am to 12 pm in Most Sacred Heart Hall. It will be presented by Master Mike Barnard and his wife Kim and staff from Han Ho Martial Arts and Secret Weapon MMA in Walden NY. This class is for adults and children 13 years and older. The event is free of charge.

Save the Date!

Fruit of the Vine- Wine Appreciation 101.

Friday, June 21st 6pm until 9pm.

Tickets are available at the parish office \$25.

K of C Councils #471 & 13935 are hosting a Charity Golf Outing on Wednesday, May 22nd. Fee \$120 Contact: Steve Riordan 629-3642, Mike Braun 283-7461 or Warren Ponds 914-443-3475.

Each year the Archdiocesan Office for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith sponsors the Missionary Cooperative Appeal. This year our parish is pleased to welcome Monica Yehle who will speak to us on behalf of the Propagation of the Faith. Monica will be with us at all Masses June 8th/9th. She will speak to us about the many challenges missionaries face daily which we might take for granted. The 2nd collection that weekend will be sent to the Propagation office to support the needs of mission Dioceses and Religious communities. Evangelization is at the heart of the Church's mission throughout the world, and we ask you to be as generous as your means allow in next week's 2nd collection.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, May 20 (Bernardine of Siena, priest)
9:00am Intentions of Vilma Feliciano, by Ruby Feliciano

Tuesday, May 21 (Christopher Magallanes, priest and companions, martyrs)
9:00am Catherine Kodgis, by Mischelle Eckes

Wednesday, May 22 (Rita of Cascia, religious)
9:00am Gladys Kestrson, by Dr. Jane Brooks

Thursday, May 23
9:00am Eva Torres, by Ruby Feliciano

Saturday, May 25
4:00pm Susan Hinkley, by James Hinkley and family

Sunday, May 26
8:30am Alda Petrie, by Bill Schooley
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
1:00pm Rose and Adam Mozek, by Paul and Rosemary Brislin



The Sanctuary lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, in memory of Fritz Klostermeier, by the family.



The Sanctuary lamp will burn brightly this week in the Chapel, in memory of Robert R Case, Jr., by Dolores Case and family.

Please Pray For the Sick: Angela Portella, Ramonita Iri-zarry, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Fuller, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Robert Witherow, J.D. Lipa, Nancy Crumley, Valentina Hall, Ryan O'Connor, Allen Lynch, Sarah Madison, Mary Ohl, Andrea Fedoruk, Donald Wolff, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Elizabeth Brennan, Susan Upton, Chris Marion, III, Walter Szpakowicz, Genevieve Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Carmella Balsamello, Wayne DeMarco, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Francis Cruz, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Cinerar, Dennis Horner, Jackie Mundy, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Donetta S. Burley, James Lincoln, MaryLynn Beam, Antonino Mazzara, Ryan O'Connor, Arline Walsh, Kos Tocci, Florence Fink, John Hinkley Gloria Hinkley, Enid Decker, James E. Tirpak, James J. Tirpak, Carl Van Horn, Joe Williams, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Fran Doss, and Joe Formisano.

To date our parish has received 96 pledges totaling \$16,283. Our goal is \$35,500. Any amount is welcome.

*The Baccalaureate Service will be held at our parish on
Sunday, June 2nd at 7pm.*

The collection for May 11/12 was \$4,008.50.
Thank you for your continued generosity.