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Dear Parishioners,

Today, the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Word of God spurs us to reflect on what our relationship with material things should be.

Although wealth is a good in itself, it should not be considered an absolute good. Above all, it does not guarantee salvation; on the contrary, it may even seriously jeopardize it.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus puts His disciples on guard precisely against this risk. It is wisdom and virtue not to set one’s heart on the goods of this world for all things are transient, all things can suddenly end.

For us Christians, the real treasure that we must ceaselessly seek consists in the “things above... where Christ is seated at God’s right hand”; St Paul reminds us of this today in his Letter to the Colossians, adding that our life “is hid with Christ in God”.

The Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord, which we shall be celebrating Tuesday, invites us to turn our gaze “above”, to Heaven. In the Gospel account of the Transfiguration on the mountain, we are given a premonitory sign that allows us a fleeting glimpse of the Kingdom of the Saints, where we too at the end of our earthly life will be able to share in Christ’s glory, which will be complete, total and definitive. The whole universe will then be transfigured and the divine plan of salvation will at last be fulfilled.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



This weekend we welcome our new music director Jimrae Lenser. Many of you know Jimrae already from attending the 4pm Saturday Vigil Masses. We thank Dan Bradley for his years of service to our parish and we look forward to the years ahead under Jimrae’s leadership.

The 2020 Mass book will be opening on Tues., Aug 6 from 9:30 –12 and Weds. , Aug. 7 from 9:30-12 and 5:30-6:30. As in previous years, only 5 intentions per person the first week.



*St. Mary’s Little Lambs*  
*“Let the Little Children Come to Me”*  
(Matthew 19:14)

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, Mary Carver at 845 858-4208, or visit the school located at 44 Ball St. in Port Jervis.

***There will be an Open House on August 8th from 4pm-6pm***

Take advantage of access to ***Formed!*** You can create your own account ***FREE*** of charge at:  
***stmarysportjervis.formed***

You can sign up with your own email and password to gain access to multiple programs, movies, ebooks, and audios.

***Tell a friend!***

**HELP WANTED!** We are in need of a part-time cleaner for Little Lambs. If interested contact Deacon Rich 856-8212.

***Liturgical Ministers for August 10/11, 2019***

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
4:00pm	T. WEBB	W. PONDS, J. SNELLINGER	N. AND A. WEBB
8:30am	M. LATINI	T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY, J. HENDRICK	T. LAMOREAUX, D. GERARDO
11:30am	M. ESLING	H. MARINARO, D. FISHER	A. EPPS, S. AND I. CUELLO

*The second collection next weekend will be for the Pastoral Solidarity in Africa. Please give it your prayerful consideration.*



*This year's Parish Picnic will be at the Sparrowbush Firehouse on Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 1pm.*

Please bring items that correspond to your last name:  
**A-G Dessert**  
**H-P Salad or Vegetable**  
**Q-Z Appetizer**  
**(Enough for 10 people)**

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

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Bringing: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Please be specific)**

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return the reservation form to the parish office BEFORE Thursday, September 5th**

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It's that time of year again! The Annual School Supply Drive. Through your support over the years we have been able to donate school supplies and backpacks to ASK, HBE and our Middle School for the last six years! Please take a red or green apple from the basket in the narthex beginning **August**

**3rd through August 17th.** Red apples will have specific supplies requested by the schools and green apples are for a monetary donation. Any amount is welcome.

Thank you for your generosity.

Anyone who would like to borrow the DVD of the "GOSENELL" movie please call Nancy Smith 845-856-4610.

Anyone interested, or know of anyone, that would like to be initiated into the Catholic faith or complete their sacraments is encouraged to contact Deacon Rich Marino. RCIA classes will begin on September 11.

National Shrine at OL of Mt. Carmel will be hosting a Summer Retreat Day Wednesday, August 7th. Cost \$25/pp includes conferences, breakfast and lunch. More information available at the parish office. 845-856-8212.

**Announced Masses**

- Monday, August 5 (Dedication to the Basilica of Mary Major)**  
 9:00am Matthew Avella, by Daniel Kavanagh  
 Angela Portella, by Eileen and Walt Carmody
- Tuesday, August 6 (Transfiguration of the Lord)**  
 9:00am Matthew Avella, by Jimmy Sauschuck and family  
 Donna Holmberg, by Eileen and Walt Carmody
- Wednesday, August 7 (Sixtus II, pope, and companions, martyrs; Cajetan, priest)**  
 9:00am Matthew Avella, by Erik Vorwerk  
 Edna Drasba, by a friend
- Thursday, August 8 (Dominic, priest)**  
 9:00am Matthew Avella, by Erik Vorwerk  
 John Mielnicki, by Helen Marinaro
- Saturday, August 10 (Lawrence, deacon)**  
 4:00pm Flo Williams, by Anne, Regis, and Jenny Foster
- Sunday, August 11**  
 8:30am Maryann and John Early, by Bill Schooley  
 11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Donald Wolff, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi Cotugno, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Andrea Fedoruk, Walter Szpakowicz, Carmella Balsamello, Alva Bonet, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Joe Formisano, Nico Nicolette, Jaryd Viserta, Steven Gaesser, Kacey Warner, Sandra Ramsey, Lorraine Mannarino, Antonino Mazzara, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Mary Lynn Beam, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Jose Brito, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Cinerar, Robert Witherow, Mary Ohl, Susan Upton, Theresa Fuller, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Chris Marion, III, Carmella Balsamello, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman, Wayne DeMarco, and Pat Essing.

We are happy to announce that the 3rd annual Port Jervis Area Life Chain is scheduled for Sunday October 13th from 1:00-2:30 PM.  
 For more information contact: Nancy Smith 856-4610



*To date our parish has received 112 pledges totaling \$17,703. Our goal is \$35,500. Any amount is welcome.*

The collection for July 27th/28th was \$4,840.50  
 Thank you for your continued generosity.