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Dear Parishioners,

“To the Holy Spirit and to us”. This is the Church: we, the community of believers, the People of God, with its Pastors who are called to lead the way; together with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Father, sent in the name of His Son Jesus, the Spirit of the one who is “greater” than all, given to us through Christ, who became “small” for our sake. The Paraclete Spirit, our Advocate, Defender and Consoler, makes us live in God’s presence, as hearers of His word, freed from all anxiety and fear, bearing in our hearts the peace which Jesus left us, the peace that the world cannot give. The Spirit accompanies the Church on her long pilgrimage between Christ’s first and second coming. “I go away, and I will come to you”, Jesus tells His Apostles. Between Christ’s “going away” and His “return” is the time of the Church, His Body. Two thousand years have passed so far, including these five centuries and more in which the Church has made her pilgrim way on the American Continent, filling believers with Christ’s life through the sacraments and sowing in these lands the good seed of the Gospel, which has yielded thirty, sixty and a hundredfold. The time of the Church, the time of the Spirit: the Spirit is the Teacher who trains disciples: He teaches them to love Jesus; He trains them to hear His word and to contemplate His countenance; He conforms them to Christ’s sacred humanity, a humanity which is poor in spirit, afflicted, meek, hungry for justice, merciful, pure in heart, peacemaking, persecuted for justice’s sake. By the working of the Holy Spirit, Jesus becomes the “Way” along which the disciple walks. “If a man loves Me, he will keep my word”, Jesus says at the beginning of today’s Gospel. “The word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me”. Just as Jesus makes known the words of the Father, so the Spirit reminds the Church of Christ’s own words. And just as love of the Father led Jesus to feed on His will, so our love for Jesus is shown by our obedience to His words. Jesus’ fidelity to the Father’s will can be communicated to his disciples through the Holy Spirit, who pours the love of God into their hearts.

The New Testament presents Christ as the missionary of the Father. Especially in the Gospel of John, Jesus often speaks of himself in relation to the Father who sent him into the world. At this moment, we are invited to turn our gaze to Him, for the Church’s mission exists only as a prolongation of Christ’s mission: “As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you”. The evangelist stresses, in striking language, that the passing on of this commission takes place in the Holy Spirit: “He breathed on them and said to them: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’”. Christ’s mission is accomplished in love. He has kindled in the world the fire of God’s love. It is Love that gives life: and so the Church has been sent forth to spread Christ’s Love throughout the world, so that individuals and peoples “may have life, and have it abundantly”. The Church considers herself the disciple and missionary of this Love: missionary only insofar as she is a disciple, capable of being attracted constantly and with renewed wonder by the God who has loved us and who loves us first. The Church does not engage in proselytism. Instead, she grows by “attraction”: just as Christ “draws all to Himself” by the power of His love, culminating in the sacrifice of the Cross, so the Church fulfills her mission to the extent that, in union with Christ, she accomplishes every one of her works in spiritual and practical imitation of the love of her Lord.

A Church totally enlivened and impelled by the love of Christ, the Lamb slain for love, is the image within history of the heavenly Jerusalem, prefiguring the holy city that is radiant with the glory of God. It releases an irresistible missionary power which is the power of holiness. Through the prayers of the Virgin Mary, may the Church be abundantly clothed with power from on high, in order to spread throughout this Continent and the whole world the holiness of Christ. To Him be glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

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 office until June 14th.

Liturgical Ministers for June 1st/2nd, 2019.

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	A. WITKOWSKI	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
8:30AM	M. LATINI	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

In observance of Memorial Day, the daily Mass on Monday will be at the cemetery. Please bring a lawn chair.

The parish office will also be closed.

The Catholic Daughter's meeting will be held on June 4th instead of June 11th, at 6:30pm.

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 preschool 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.

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.

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 this week's 2nd collection.

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

To date our parish has received 98 pledges totaling \$16,338. Our goal is \$35,500. Any amount is welcome.

There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of June 1/2 for the Father's Day Novena.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)**
9:00am All the Holy Souls buried at St. Mary's Cemetery
- Tuesday, May 28**
9:00am Intentions of Theresa Fuller, by Helen Marinaro
- Wednesday, May 29**
9:00am Intentions of Michael Fitzpatrick, by the Bell family
- Thursday, May 30 (Ascension of the Lord)**
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks
7:00pm Anthony Capra, by Maria Capra
- Saturday, June 1**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, June 2**
8:30am Living and deceased members of the Mooney family, by Eleanor Brady
11:30am David Latini, by Erika Cox



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, in memory of Janice Barry by Kathleen Osowick and family of Helena L. Mager.

Please Pray For the Sick: Angela Portella, Ramonita Irizarry, 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.

There will be First Friday Adoration on June 7th after 11:30 Mass.

Please sign up for an hour in the Narthex.

The collection for May 18/19 was \$4,242.50.
Thank you for your continued generosity.