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Dear Parishioners,

Today we reaffirm with great joy our faith in the Eucharist, the Mystery that constitutes the heart of the Church. Corpus Christi, therefore, is a unique feast and constitutes an important encounter of faith and praise for every Christian community. This feast originated in a specific historical and cultural context: it was born for the very precise purpose of openly reaffirming the faith of the People of God in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is a feast that was established in order to publicly adore, praise and thank the Lord, who continues “to love us “to the end”, even to offering us His body and His blood”.

Corpus Christi is thus a renewal of the mystery of Holy Thursday, as it were, in obedience to Jesus’ invitation to proclaim from “the housetops” what He told us in secret. It was the Apostles who received the gift of the Eucharist from the Lord in the intimacy of the Last Supper, but it was destined for all, for the whole world. This is why it should be proclaimed and exposed to view: so that each one may encounter “Jesus who passes” as happened on the roads of Galilee, Samaria and Judea; in order that each one, in receiving it, may be healed and renewed by the power of His love. This is the perpetual and living heritage that Jesus has bequeathed to us in the Sacrament of His Body and His Blood. It is an inheritance that demands to be constantly rethought and relived so that, as Saint Pope Paul VI said, its “inexhaustible effectiveness may be impressed upon all the days of our mortal life”.

Precisely because this is a mysterious reality that surpasses our understanding, we must not be surprised if today too many find it hard to accept the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It cannot be otherwise. This is how it has been since the day when, in the synagogue at Capernaum, Jesus openly declared that He had come to give us His flesh and His blood as food.

This seemed “a hard saying” and many of his disciples withdrew when they heard it. Then, as now, the Eucharist remains a “sign of contradiction” and can only be so because a God who makes himself flesh and sacrifices himself for the life of the world throws human wisdom into crisis.

However, with humble trust, the Church makes the faith of Peter and the other Apostles her own and proclaims with them, and we proclaim: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”. Let us too renew this evening our profession of faith in Christ, alive and present in the Eucharist. Yes, “this is the truth each Christian learns, / bread into his flesh He turns, / to His precious blood the wine”.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



St. Mary’s Little Lambs in Port Jervis is hosting an Open House June 27 4-6 pm.

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.

Liturgical Ministers for June 29/30, 2019

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. LEGATO	A. WITKOWSKI, L. AVELLA	J. LEGATO, E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
8:30AM	M. LATINI	R. BABEY, T. CALVARIO, S. RIORDAN	M. REINHARDT, D. GERARDO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	T. MARION, N. SMITH	S. BHIKARRY, M. FEDRIZZI, A. ST. LOUIS

Congratulations to all the June Lottery winners. We are now selling tickets for the month of July and August.

All proceeds go to Church Improvement and reparations.

We are in need of 3 people to step up to be on the Parish Advisory Council for a 3 year term. We thank previous members Eileen Carmody, Michael Cuello, and John Kimberlin for their 3 years of service.

Please call the parish office to submit your name by June 25th.

We are looking for classroom aids for Religious Ed. We would like to have an aid per class, please contact Teresa Lothian, director of Religious Education or the parish office if you are interested. 858-4208/ 856-8212

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Kindly fill out and return the form below and return it to the parish office no later than July 14th.

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Please Maintain/Add to prayer list

Due by July 14, 2019

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To date our parish has received 109 pledges totaling \$17,438. Our goal is \$35,500. Any amount is welcome.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, June 24 (Nativity of John the Baptist)**
9:00am Bob Horan, by Ann Dilger
- Tuesday, June 25**
9:00am Helen Andreano, by Dick and Barbara Drew
Sherill Holley, by Eleanor Brady
- Wednesday, June 26**
9:00am Margaret Hart, by Barbara and Dick Drew
- Thursday, June 27 (Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Deceased members of the McCaffrey and Winters families, by Gregory and Chip Leier
- Saturday, June 29 (Peter and Paul, apostles)**
4:00pm Heinrich Haering, by Hannelore Kucher
- Sunday, June 30**
8:30am Renate and Joseph Cox, by Erika Cox and family
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
1:00pm Ruth and Frank Henninger, by Paul and Rosemary Brislin



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly in the Church this week, in memory of Donna Holmberg, by Donna and Ray Calvario.

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, 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, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Fran Doss, Joe Formisano, Nico Nicolette, Jaryd Viserta, and Steven Gaesser.

The collection for June 15/16 was \$3,772. Thank you for your continued generosity.