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Dear Parishioners,

The biblical Readings of Mass this Sunday invite us to meditate on a fascinating theme which can be summed up like this: “freedom and following Christ”. The Evangelist Luke tells us that “as the time approached when he was to be taken from this world”, Jesus “firmly resolved to proceed toward Jerusalem”. In the phrase “firmly resolved”, we can glimpse Christ’s freedom.

Indeed, He knows that in Jerusalem, death on a cross awaits Him, but in obedience to the Father’s will, He offers himself for love. It is in his very obedience to the Father that Jesus achieves his own freedom as a conscious decision motivated by love.

Who is freer than the One who is the Almighty? He did not, however, live His freedom as an arbitrary power or as domination. He lived it as a service. In this way he “filled” freedom with content, which would otherwise have remained an “empty” possibility of doing or not doing something.

Like human life itself, freedom draws its meaning from love. Indeed, who is the freest? Someone who selfishly keeps all possibilities open for fear of losing them, or someone who expends himself “firmly resolved” to serve and thereby find themselves full of life because of the love they have given and received?

The Apostle Paul, writing to the Christians of Galatia, today in Turkey, said: “You were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another”.

Living according to the flesh means following the selfish tendencies of human nature. Living according to the Spirit, on the other hand, means allowing oneself to be guided in intentions and works by God’s love which Christ has given to us. Therefore, Christian freedom is quite the opposite of arbitrariness; it consists in following Christ in the gift of self even to the sacrifice of the Cross.

It may seem a paradox, but the Lord lived the crowning point of his freedom on the Cross as a summit of love. When they shouted at him on Calvary: “If you are the Son of God, come down from the Cross!”, He showed His freedom as the Son precisely by remaining on that scaffold, to do the Father’s merciful will to the very end.

Other witnesses to the truth have shared this experience, men and women who showed that they remained free even in a prison cell and under the threat of torture. “The truth will set you free”. Those who side with the truth will never be slaves of any power but will always make themselves freely servants of their brothers and sisters.

Let us look at Mary Most Holy. A humble Handmaid of the Lord, the Virgin is the model of a spiritual person who is totally free because she is immaculate, immune to sin and all holy, dedicated to the service of God and neighbor. May she help us with her motherly care to follow Jesus, to know the truth and to live freedom in love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Liturgical Ministers for July 6th/7th, 2019.

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	T. WEBB	K. BOBISH, J. FLYNN	N. AND A. WEBB
8:30am	J. HENDRICK	T. CALVARIO, W. CARMODY, J. TAYLOR	A. AND E. TRUJILLO
11:30am	H. MARINARO	D. FISHER, T. MARION	K. EPPS, Z. ADAMCIK, J. ENNIS



Delani Ennis would like to thank everyone for all the help given to her to allow her to go on her mission.

There will be first Friday Adoration on July 5th after the 11:30am Mass. Please sign up for an hour in the Narthex.

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.

Congratulations to all the June Lottery winners. We are now selling tickets for the month of July and August.
All proceeds go to Church Improvements.

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

JERICO MARCH FOR LIFE, July 7th @ 7pm, 17 Noxon St., Poughkeepsie.
We will prayerfully march around Planned Parenthood 7x to prepare the ground for 40 Days for Life Campaign praying for the walls of the abortion industry to come tumbling down. Just like in the battle of JERICO.
Call Maureen 845-853-6529 or Dutchess NY4Life@gmail.com.

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Save the Date:
This year's Parish Picnic will be at the Sparrowbush Firehouse on Sunday, September 22nd at 1pm. More information forthcoming.



To date our parish has received 110 pledges totaling \$17,638. Our goal is \$35,500. Any amount is welcome.

The collection for June 22nd/23rd was \$4,114.50. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Announced Masses

- Monday, July 1 (Junipero Serra, priest)**
9:00am Alvin Ulbrich, Jr., by the Stierle family
- Tuesday, July 2**
9:00am Edward Sierra and Joe Soares, by Toni Sierra
- Wednesday, July 3 (Thomas, apostle)**
9:00am James Flynn, by the Russo family
- Thursday, July 4**
9:00am Anna Brink, by her daughters
- Friday, July 5 (Anthony Zaccaria, priest; Elizabeth of Potugal)**
11:30am Lucille and Gene Glynn, by Jack and Dorean Reilly
Matthew Avella, by Helen Marinaro
- Saturday, July 6**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, July 7**
8:30am Joseph Hartmann, by Betty Hartmann and family
11:30am Anna and Leo Gaille and family, by Darren and Mary Case



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the church, in memory of Alvin Ulbrich, Jr., by the Stierle family.

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, Steven Gaesser, Kacey Warner, and Sandra Ramsey.

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Please Maintain/Add to prayer list

Due no later than July 14, 2019

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