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Dear Parishioners,

Martha and Mary are two sisters; they also have a brother, Lazarus, but he does not appear on this occasion. Jesus is passing through their village and, the text says, Martha received Him at her home. This detail enables us to understand that Martha is the elder of the two, the one in charge of the house. Indeed, when Jesus has been made comfortable, Mary sits at His feet and listens to Him while Martha is totally absorbed by her many tasks, certainly due to the special Guest.

We seem to see the scene: one sister bustling about busily and the other, as it were, enraptured by the presence of the Teacher and by his words. A little later Martha, who is evidently resentful, can no longer resist and complains, even feeling that she has a right to criticize Jesus: “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me”. Martha would even like to teach the Teacher! Jesus on the other hand answers her very calmly: “Martha, Martha”, and the repetition of her name expresses his affection, “you are anxious and troubled about many things; only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her” (10: 41-42). Christ’s words are quite clear: there is no contempt for active life, nor even less for generous hospitality; rather, a distinct reminder of the fact that the only really necessary thing is something else: listening to the word of the Lord; and the Lord is there at that moment, present in the Person of Jesus! All the rest will pass away and will be taken from us but the word of God is eternal and gives meaning to our daily actions.

Dear friends, as I said, this Gospel passage is more than ever in tune with the vacation period, because it recalls the fact that the human person must indeed work and be involved in domestic and professional occupations, but first and foremost needs God, who is the inner light of Love and Truth. Without love, even the most important activities lose their value and give no joy. Without a profound meaning, all our activities are reduced to sterile and unorganized activism. And who, if not Jesus Christ, gives us Love and Truth? Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us learn to help each other, to collaborate, but first of all to choose together the better part which is and always will be our greatest good.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



Just a reminder that it is critically important for those parishioners who have committed to the Renew and Rebuild Campaign to fulfill their pledges. To date we have collected \$180,000, of the \$460,000 committed. Of the \$180,000 the Archdiocese took the Cardinal’s Appeal for that year and 24% of what was left over. Currently we have over \$50,000 in our account, but we need at least \$190,000 to complete our next major project, which is to fix the rose window, all front windows in the Church and the windows in the Chapel.

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.

Liturgical Ministers for July 27/28, 2019

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	B. HECKMAN	J. FLYNN, W. PONDS	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
8:30am	M. LATINI	J. HENDRICK, J. TAYLOR, W. CARMODY	T. LAMOREAUX, D. GERARDO
11:30am	M. ESLING	T. MARION, D. FISHER, H. MARINARO	A. ST. LOUIS, S. AND I. CUELLO



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



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

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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

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



Announced Masses

- Monday, July 22 (Mary Magdalene)**
9:00am Jose Vega, by Ana Anaya
- Tuesday, July 23 (Bridget, religious)**
9:00am Matthew Avella, by Rosemarie and Steve Babey
- Wednesday, July 24 (Sharbel Makhluaf, priest)**
9:00am Matthew Avella, by Helen and Ed Eckes
- Thursday, July 25 (James, apostle)**
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks
Lori Mayer, by Helen Marinaro
- Saturday, July 27**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, July 28**
8:30am Joseph and Teresa Riordan, by the family
11:30am Edna Drasba, by Mark and Jean Fox
1:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Roland Larrison, by Paul and Rosemary Brislin

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, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman, Wayne DeMarco, and Pat Essing.

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.

We are happy to announce that the third 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

The collection for July 13/14 was \$4,394. Thank you for your continued generosity.