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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday’s Gospel presents Jesus to us absorbed in prayer, a little apart from His disciples. When He had finished, one of them said to Him: “Lord, teach us to pray”. Jesus had no objection, He did not speak of strange or esoteric formulas but very simply said: “When you pray, say: “Father’ “, and he taught the Our Father, taking it from His own prayer in which He Himself spoke to God, His Father. Saint Luke passes the Our Father on to us in a shorter form than that found in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, which has entered into common usage. We have before us the first words of Sacred Scripture that we learn in childhood. They are impressed in our memory, mould our life and accompany us to our last breath. They reveal that “we are not ready-made children of God from the start, but that we are meant to become so increasingly by growing more and more deeply in communion with Jesus. Our sonship turns out to be identical with following Christ”

This prayer also accepts and expresses human material and spiritual needs: “Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins”. It is precisely because of the needs and difficulties of every day that Jesus exhorts us forcefully: “I tell you, ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened”. It is not so much asking in order to satisfy our own desires as, rather, to keep a lively friendship with God who, the Gospel continues, “will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”. The ancient “Desert Fathers” experienced this, as did contemplatives of all epochs who became, through prayer, friends of God, like Abraham who begged the Lord to spare the few righteous from the destruction of the city of Sodom. Saint Teresa of Avila addressed an invitation to her sisters with the words: we must “beseech God to deliver us from these perils for ever and to keep us from all evil! And although our desire for this may not be perfect, let us strive to make the petition. What does it cost us to ask it, since we ask it of One who is so powerful? Every time we say the Our Father our voices mingle with the voice of the Church, for those who pray are never alone. “From the rich variety of Christian prayer as proposed by the Church, each member of the faithful should seek and find his own way, his own form of prayer... each person will, therefore, let himself be led... by the Holy Spirit, who guides him, through Christ, to the Father.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

***This year Fr. Joel Usman will be returning for the summer. As always, I ask you all to welcome him.***

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

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.

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You can signup with your own email and password to gain access to multiple programs, movies, ebooks, and audios. **Tell a friend!**

***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 August 3rd/4th, 2019.***

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	L. AVELLA	H. ECKES, K. BOBISH	J. MARCONE, M. FEDRIZZI
8:30am	J. HENDRICK	S. RIORDAN, R. BABEY, T. CALVARIO	T. LAMOREAUX, A. AND E. TRUJILLO
11:30am	H. MARINARO	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION, J. SNELLINGER	Z. ADAMCIK, K. EPPS, S. BHIKARRY



*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  
 (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 back packs 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.

**Cardinal Dolan will be at Bon Secours on Wednesday, August 28th at 10am. More information forthcoming.**

**Announced Masses**

- Monday, July 29 (Martha)**  
9:00am Christine Hoey, by DR. And Mrs. Craig Onofry and family
- Tuesday, July 30 (Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church)**  
9:00am James Hart, by Dick and Barbara Drew
- Wednesday, July 31 (Ignatius of Loyola, priest)**  
9:00am Matthew Avella, by Nancy Smith
- Thursday, August 1 (Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church)**  
9:00am Joseph and Marilyn Amato, by children and grandchildren
- Friday, August 2 (Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; Peter Julian Eymard, priest)**  
11:30am Charles A. Diehl, by Carol Wittine  
Angela Portella, by the Adamcik family
- Saturday, August 3**  
4:00pm Bryan Greenfield, by mom
- Sunday, August 4**  
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's  
11:30am Pauline, Peter, and Paul Ruggiero, by Darren and Mary Case

**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

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.



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

The collection for July 20/21 was \$3,669.50  
 Thank you for your continued generosity.