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Dear Parishioners,

The Liturgy on this 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time prepares us in a certain way for the Solemnity of Mary’s Assumption into Heaven, which we will be celebrating this Thursday the 15th of August. Indeed, it is fully oriented to the future, to Heaven, where the Blessed Virgin Mary has preceded us in the joy of Paradise.

In particular, the Gospel passage, continuing last Sunday’s message, asks Christians to detach themselves from material goods, which are for the most part illusory, and to do their duty faithfully, constantly aspiring to Heaven. May the believer remain alert and watchful to be ready to welcome Jesus when He comes in His glory.

By means of examples taken from everyday life, the Lord exhorts His disciples, that is, us, to live with this inner disposition, like those servants in the parable who were waiting for their master’s return. “Blessed are those servants”, He said, “whom the master finds awake when He comes”. We must therefore watch, praying and doing good.

It is true, we are all travelers on earth, as the Second Reading of today’s liturgy from the Letter to the Hebrews appropriately reminds us. It presents Abraham to us in the clothes of a pilgrim, as a nomad who lives in a tent and sojourns in a foreign land. He has faith to guide him.

“By faith”, the sacred author wrote, “Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go”.

Indeed, Abraham’s true destination was “the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God”. The city to which he was alluding is not in this world but is the heavenly Jerusalem, Paradise.

This was well known to the primitive Christian community, which considered itself “alien” here below and called its populated nucleuses in the cities “parishes”, which means, precisely, colonies of foreigners. In this way, the first Christians expressed the most important characteristic of the Church, which is precisely the tension of living in this life in light of Heaven.

Today’s Liturgy of the Word, therefore, desires to invite us to think of “the life of the world to come”, as we repeat every time we make our profession of faith with the Creed. It is an invitation to spend our life wisely and with foresight, to consider attentively our destiny, in other words, those realities which we call final: death, the last judgement, eternity, hell and Heaven. And it is exactly in this way that we assume responsibility for the world and build a better world.

May the Virgin Mary, who watches over us from Heaven, help us not to forget that here on earth we are only passing through, and may she teach us to prepare ourselves to encounter Jesus, who is “seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead”.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

**Thursday, August 15th is the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.**  
**Masses will be celebrated in the Church at 9am and 7pm**

*Liturgical Ministers for August 17th/18th, 2019*

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	P. CAL	J. FLYNN, A. WITKOWSKI	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
8:30am	J. HENDRICK	S. RIORDAN, N. SMITH, J. TAYLOR	T. LAMOREAUX, E. AND A. TRUJILLO
11:30am	H. MARINARO	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION	J. ENNIS, M. AND A. LAUTURE



*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.

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.

**Tell a friend!**

**This year's Parish Picnic will be at the Sparrowbush Firehouse on Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 1pm.**

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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.

**The 2020 Mass Book is now open. We still have daily mass intentions available for 2019.**

Anyone who would like to borrow the DVD of the "GOSENELL" movie please call Nancy Smith 845-856-4610.

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.

## Announced Masses

- Monday, August 12 (Jane Frances de Chantal, religious)**  
 9:00am Frank Caracciolo, by Agnes and Mary Albert Mickel, by Sophie and Paul Rosso
- Tuesday, August 13 (Pontian, pope and Hippolytus, priest, martyrs)**  
 9:00am Jacob Grunbacher, by Helen Marinaro Angela Portella, by Joyce Senkiew
- Wednesday, August 14 (Maximillian Kolbe, priest and martyr)**  
 9:00am Edward Sierra, by Toni Sierra
- Thursday, August 15 (Assumption of the BVM)**  
 9:00am Eileen Darcy, by her family  
 7:00pm Joseph Cox, by Grandma
- Saturday, August 17**  
 4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, August 18**  
 8:30am Luann McCarthy, by Mom and Dad  
 11:30am Edna Drasba, by Michael Fox

**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, Pat Essing, and Ryan O'Connor.

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



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

The collection for August 3rd/4th was \$6,735. Thank you for your continued generosity.