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Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday’s Gospel there is an expression of Jesus that always attracts our attention and needs to be properly understood.

While He is on His way to Jerusalem, where death on a cross awaits Him, Christ asked His disciples: “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division”. And He adds: “Henceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law”.

Anyone who has even the slightest knowledge of Christ’s Gospel knows that it is a message of peace par excellence; as Saint Paul wrote, Jesus himself “is our peace”, the One who died and rose in order to pull down the wall of enmity and inaugurate the Kingdom of God which is love, joy and peace.

So how can his words be explained? To what was the Lord referring when He said He had come - according to Saint Luke’s version - to bring “division” or - according to Saint Matthew’s - the “sword”?

Christ’s words mean that the peace He came to bring us is not synonymous with the mere absence of conflicts. On the contrary, Jesus’ peace is the result of a constant battle against evil. The fight that Jesus is determined to support is not against human beings or human powers, but against Satan, the enemy of God and man.

Anyone who desires to resist this enemy by remaining faithful to God and to good, must necessarily confront misunderstandings and sometimes real persecutions.

All, therefore, who intend to follow Jesus and to commit themselves without compromise to the truth, must know that they will encounter opposition and that in spite of themselves they will become a sign of division between people, even in their own families. In fact, love for one’s parents is a holy commandment, but to be lived authentically it can never take precedence over love for God and love for Christ.

Thus, following in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus, in accordance with Saint Francis of Assisi’s famous words, Christians become “instruments of peace”; not of a peace that is inconsistent and only apparent but one that is real, pursued with courage and tenacity in the daily commitment to overcome evil with good and paying in person the price that this entails.

The Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, shared until His martyrdom her Son Jesus’ fight with the Devil and continues to share in it to the end of time. Let us invoke her motherly intercession so that she may help us always to be witnesses of Christ’s peace and never to sink so low as to make compromises with evil.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Please be aware that Hospice is employing a chaplain named Father Billy Clark. He is not a Catholic priest; even though he claims to be. Please contact the office and Father Newcomb is more than willing to visit anyone that is ill or homebound. Kindly let friends and relatives know the truth about “Father Billy”.

Liturgical Ministers for August 24/25, 2019

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	B. HECKMAN	K. BOBISH, W. PONDS	J. LEGATO, M. FEDRIZZI
8:30am	M. LATINI	A. WITKOWSKI, R. BABEY, T. CALVARIO	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
11:30am	M. ESLING	T. MARION, D. FISHER, J. SNELLINGER	A. ST. LOUIS, S. AND I. CUELLO

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.

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Thank you to Joan Bell, Irina Bell, Teresa Bell, Emileano Bell for helping The Orange County Right to Life, and St. Mary's Respect Life at the National Night Out Against Crime. It was a great success for the "BABIES". A lot of literature was taken and feed back Positive.

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 #: _____

Please return the reservation form to the parish office BEFORE Thursday, September 5th

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



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 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.

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

Announced Masses

- Monday, August 19 (John Eudes, priest)**
9:00am William Simons, by Karen and Jack Flynn
Angela Portella, by Barbara and Dick Drew
- Tuesday, August 20 (Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Mary Anne Gaide, by Stephanie Gaide
Matthew Avella, by Carol Wittine
- Wednesday, August 21 (Pius X, pope)**
9:00am Mary Marino, by Deacon Rich and Joanne Marino
- Thursday, August 22 (Queenship of the BVM)**
9:00am David Latini, by Jack and Dorean Reilly
Nicolina Macchiarolo, by Maria Macchiarolo
- Saturday, August 24 (Bartholomew, apostle)**
4:00pm Heide Haering, by Hannelore Kucher
- Sunday, August 25**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Eugene Glynn, by Ray and Donna Calvario
1:00pm Beatrice and Edward Weiss, by Paul and Rosemary Brislin



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church in memory of Luann McCarthy, by mom and dad.

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, Ryan O'Connor, and Elizabeth Brennan.



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

The collection for August 10/11 was \$3,895. Thank you for your continued generosity.