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Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we find Jesus as a guest dining at the house of a Pharisee leader. Noting that the guests were choosing the best places at table, He recounted a parable in the setting of a marriage feast. “When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come, and say to you, “Give place to this man’.... But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place”. The Lord does not intend to give a lesson on etiquette or on the hierarchy of the different authorities. Rather, He insists on a crucial point, that of humility: “Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”. A deeper meaning of this parable also makes us think of the position of the human being in relation to God. The “lowest place” can in fact represent the condition of humanity degraded by sin, a condition from which the Incarnation of the Only-Begotten Son alone can raise it. For this reason Christ himself “took the lowest place in the world the Cross and by this radical humility He redeemed us and constantly comes to our aid”.

At the end of the parable Jesus suggests to the Pharisee leader that he invite to his table not his friends, kinsmen or rich neighbors, but rather poorer and more marginalized people who can in no way reciprocate, so that the gift may be given freely. The true reward, in fact, will ultimately be given by God, “who governs the world.... We offer Him our service only to the extent that we can, and for as long as he grants us the strength”. Once again, therefore, let us look to Christ as a model of humility and of giving freely: let us learn from Him patience in temptation, meekness in offense, obedience to God in suffering, in the hope that the One who has invited us will say to us: “Friend, go up higher”. Indeed, the true good is being close to Him. Saint Louis IX, King of France put into practice what is written in the Book of Sirach: “The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favor in the sight of the Lord”. This is what the King wrote in his “Spiritual Testament to his son”: “If the Lord grant you some prosperity, not only must you humbly thank Him but take care not to become worse by boasting or in any other way, make sure, that is, that you do not come into conflict with God or offend Him with His own gifts”

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

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 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 in the parish office 845-856-8212 ext 113. RCIA classes will begin on September 11 in the St. Peter & St. Paul meeting room at 6:30pm.

Religious Education classes will begin next Sunday, September 8th.

Liturgical Ministers for September 7th/8th, 2019

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	D. LEGATO	N. SMITH, J. SNELLINGER	J. LEGATO, S. BHIKARRY
8:30am	M. LATINI	R. BABEY, T. CALVARIO, J. HENDRICK	M. REINHARDT, D. GERARDO
11:30am	M. ESLING	T. MARION, B. DENNINGTON	A. EPPS, A. ST. LOUIS, Z. ADAMCIK

There will be First Friday Adoration on September 6 following the 11:30 Mass in the chapel. Benediction will be at 8pm.

Two adorers must be present at all times.

Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex.



To date our parish has received 113 pledges totaling \$17,803. Our goal is \$35,500. Any amount is welcome.

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We will have a fundraiser to help defray the cost of the bus to Washington, DC for the March for Life- White Ribbon precious feet campaign. Pins with baby feet will be sold next weekend. Requested donation \$3. They will be available at the parish office and in the narthex.

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 event information on the 40 Days for Life, please call our Right to Life coordinator, Nancy Smith at 845-856-4610.

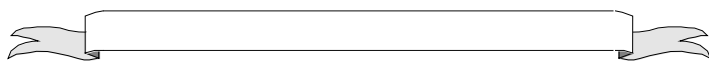


We will commence choir practice on Wednesday, September 4th. The children's choir will begin at 6pm followed by the adult choir rehearsal at 7pm. All are welcome.

When we sing we pray twice.

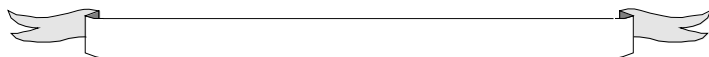
For more information contact [Jimrae Lenser](mailto:Jimrae.Lenser@archny.org) at 845-820-4284 or email jimrael@yahoo.com.

To report a complaint of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy or anyone acting in the name of the Church, recently or in the past, please contact the Director of the Archdiocese Safe Environment Office by email: emechmann@archny.org or call (212) 371-1000. You will be contacted within one business day.



Banns of Marriage

Michelle Becker ~ Colin O'Connell



Announced Masses

- Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)**
9:00am Matthew Avella, by Eric Vorwerk
Anne Marie Perkowski, by Joseph Perkowski
- Tuesday, September 3 (Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Dori Chrzanowski, by Helen Marinaro
- Wednesday, September 4**
9:00am Matthew Avella, by Eric Vorwerk
George and Elizabeth Anderson, by Rosemarie Konchan
- Thursday, September 5 (Teresa of Calcutta)**
9:00am Living and deceased members of the Radzikowski family, by Agnes and Mary
- Friday, September 6**
11:30 Matthew Avella, by Eric Vorwerk
- Saturday, September 7**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, September 8**
8:30am Patrick "Mickey" Reilly, by Nancy Harding, Linda Obermeyer, & family
11:30am Giuseppe Fiorillo, by Rosa Fiorillo

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.

The Sisters of Catholic Apostolate are hosting a women's retreat Sept. 14th through the 15th in the Vincent Pallotti Center in Monroe, NY. Join them for a retreat to meet the holy women who walked with Jesus, loved Him dearly and became his devout disciples.

Cost is \$75 and includes meals.

For more information contact:
Toni Kerins 845-492-5066

The collection for August 24/25 was \$4,492.50.
Thank you for your continued generosity.