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Dear Parishioners,

The main theme that emerges from the biblical Readings is that of the primacy of God and of Christ. In the Gospel passage from Saint Luke, Jesus himself frankly states the three conditions necessary for being His disciples: to love Him more than anyone else and more than life itself; to carry one’s cross and to walk after Him; to renounce all one’s possessions. Jesus sees a great crowd following him with His disciples and wants to make it quite clear to all that following Him is demanding and cannot depend on enthusiasm or opportunism. It must be a carefully considered decision taken after asking oneself, in all conscience: who is Jesus for me? Is He truly “Lord”, does He take first place, like the sun around which all the planets rotate? And the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom indirectly suggests to us the reason for this absolute primacy of Jesus Christ: in Him we find the answers to the questions of human beings in every epoch who seek the truth about God and about themselves. God is out of our reach and His plans are unknown to us. Yet he has chosen to reveal Himself, in creation and especially in the history of salvation, while in Christ He fully manifested Himself and His will. Although it remains true that “No one has ever seen God”, we now know His “name” and His “face” and even His will, because Jesus, who is the Wisdom of God made man, has revealed them to us. “Thus”, writes the sacred author of the First Reading, “men were taught what pleases you, and were saved by wisdom”.

This particular experience of Saint Paul with Onesimus can give rise to a broad reflection on the incentive to human promotion contributed by Christianity in the process of civilization and also on the method and style of this contribution, that are in conformity with the Gospel images of “seed” and “leaven”: within historical reality Christians, acting as individual citizens or in an association, constitute a beneficial and peaceful force for profound change, encouraging the development of the potentials inherent in reality itself. It is this form of presence and action in the world that is proposed by Church’s social doctrine, which always focuses on the development of consciences as a condition for effective and lasting transformations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

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.



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

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The parish picnic is Sunday, September 22nd at the Sparrowbush fire-house. If you plan on attending please contact the office as soon as possible.

***Liturgical Ministers for September 14th/15th, 2019***

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	L. AVELLA	J. FLYNN, H. ECKES	N. AND A. WEBB
8:30am	J. HENDRICK	S. RIORDAN, W. CARMODY, J. TAYLOR	A. AND E. TRUJILLO
11:30am	H. MARINARO	D. FISHER, T. MARION	M. AND A. LAUTURE, M. FEDRIZZI

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.



Choir practice has commenced. The children's choir will begin at 6pm on Wednesdays, followed by the adult choir rehearsal at 7pm. All are welcome.

***When we sing we pray twice.***

*For more information contact Jimrae Lenser at 845-820-4284 or email jimrael@yahoo.com.*



The 3rd annual Rosary Rally will be on Saturday, October 12th. More information forthcoming.

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.

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



*Banns of Marriage*  
*Michelle Becker ~ Colin O'Connell*



## Announced Masses

- Monday, September 9 (Peter Claver, priest)**  
9:00am Matthew Avella, by Eric Vorwerk  
Gerard Ennis, by the Adamcik family
- Tuesday, September 10**  
9:00am Matthew Avella, by Catherine Westfall
- Wednesday, September 11**  
9:00am H.G. Bischoff, by John, Mary Jane, and Andrew Millspaugh  
Luann McCarthy, mom and dad
- Thursday, September 12 (Most Holy Name of Mary)**  
9:00am Ralph Marino, by Deacon Rich & Joanne Marino
- Saturday, September 14**  
4:00pm Philip Niosi, by his loving family
- Sunday, September 15**  
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's  
11:30am Joy Cain, by Erika Cox and family  
1:00pm Catholic Daughters 110th Anniversary



*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in memory of Charles and Evelyn Westfall, by Catherine Westfall and family.*

**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, 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, Elizabeth Brennan, and Jerri Kavanaugh.

What if all our parishioners increased their weekly giving by the cost of something simple – like one cup of coffee a day or a takeout dinner per week? What a difference that would make for our parish! Join us at Mass to learn how we can all pitch in to strengthen our parish community: October 19: Saturday evening Mass October 20: Sunday Mass

The collection for Aug. 31/Sept. 1 was \$5505.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.