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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday’s Gospel describes the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves that Jesus worked for a great throng of people who had followed him to listen to him and to be healed of various illnesses. As evening fell the disciples suggested to Jesus that he send the crowds away so that they might take some refreshment. But the Lord had something else in mind: “You give them something to eat”. However they had “only five loaves... and two fish”. Jesus’ subsequent action evokes the sacrament of the Eucharist: “He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds”.

The miracle consists in the brotherly sharing of a few loaves which, entrusted to the power of God, not only sufficed for everyone but enough was left over to fill 12 baskets. The Lord asked this of the disciples so that it would be they who distributed the bread to the multitude; in this way he taught and prepared them for their future apostolic mission: in fact, they were to bring to all the nourishment of the Word of life and of the sacraments.

In this miraculous sign the incarnation of God and the work of redemption are interwoven. Jesus, in fact, “went ashore” from the boat to meet the men and women. Saint Maximus the Confessor said that the Word of God made himself present for our sake, by taking flesh, derived from us and conformed to us in all things save sin, in order to expose us to his teaching with words and examples suitable for us”.

Here the Lord offers us an eloquent example of his compassion for people. We are reminded of all our brothers and sisters in the Horn of Africa who in these days are suffering the dramatic consequences of famine, exacerbated by war and by the lack of solid institutions. Christ is attentive to material needs but he wished to give more, because man always “hungers for more, he needs more”. God’s love is present in the bread of Christ; in the encounter with him “we feed on the living God himself, so to speak, we truly eat the ‘bread from Heaven’.”

Dear friends. “in the Eucharist Jesus also makes us witnesses of God’s compassion towards all our brothers and sisters. The Eucharistic mystery thus gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbor”. Let us entrust our prayers to the Virgin Mary, so that she may open our hearts to compassion for our neighbor and to fraternal sharing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

The second collection next weekend, August 8th/9th is for the Church in Africa.
Please give it your prayerful consideration.

As Mass attendance continues to increase, please keep in mind that social distancing protocol is still in effect. When going up to receive, please be sure to provide the person in front of you a proper amount of distance.

St. Mary’s Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be Friday, August 7th from 10am until noon. If you or anyone you know needs help, please have them come during those times.

There will be First Friday adoration on August 7th from Noon to 8pm.
See the signup sheet will be in the Narthex.



St. Joseph’s Table will resume on Friday, September 11th from 5pm until 7pm. Proper protocol and precautions including temperature scanning, and no more than four (4) people per table unless it is a family sitting together, will be in effect. If you would like to continue to volunteer please contact Deacon Rich at the parish office (845) 856-8212 or via email: deacon@stmarysportjervis.com.

Manny, from Manny's Barber Shop in Port Jervis, is donating his time and talent to those who may need a haircut and not able to afford one.

If you or someone you know needs a FREE haircut please call Gina at St. Mary's Church (845) 856-8212 to reserve a time slot. No "Walk-ins". Date: Sunday, August 23rd Time: 10am-3pm. Be sure to arrive at your assigned time and practice proper social distancing.

If anyone interested in getting Pro-Life "Action Alerts" or interested in joining St. Mary's Respect Life Committee please call Nancy 856-4610.

St. Mary's Little Lambs is now accepting applications for their 3 and 4 year old programs for the Fall registration. **Limited** full-time and half day programs are available. Contact Mary Carver, director (845) 858-4208 or email: littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com to set up an appointment to tour the school.

We have various Mass Intentions available. If you would like a Mass Intention for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the parish office.

The Cardinal's Appeal is still ongoing. Our goal is \$34,500. We have received pledges totaling \$18,855 from 94 donors. You can visit Cardinalsappeal.org. All Donations can be mailed directly to : The Cardinal's Appeal PO Box 4020 NY, NY 10261. Our Parish number is **518**.

Congratulations to the June Lottery ticket winners. We are currently selling tickets for the month of August. They are \$10 each and gives you a chance to win multiple times every month. All proceeds go towards Church improvements.

You may drop off Religious Education registration forms at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:30 until 3 or during Religious Education office hours Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm-6pm.

Nexamp, a leading community solar provider, is committed to helping residents save money while being good stewards to the earth. Community solar is an extremely easy way to support local clean energy & save up to 10% on your electricity costs, without installing rooftop solar panels. No catch. No hidden fees. Just a smart way to reduce your electric bills & do right by your home and your community. Contact Miriam Stiefel via phone (201)638-3032 or email: MiriamS@reflectediveES.com if you would like to sign up or have any questions about all the available energy saving products.

Announced Masses

Monday, 9:00am	August 3 Matthew Avella, by the Avella family Luigi Fornaro, by Deacon Rich and Marino
Joanne Tuesday, 9:00am	August 4 (John Vianney) Peggy Klotz, by Nancy Smith
Wednesday, 9:00am	August 5 (Dedication to the Basilica) Richard Koch, by Paul and Sophie Rosso
Thursday, 9:00am	August 6 (Transfiguration of the Lord) Peggy Klotz, by the Adamcik family
Friday, 11:30am	August 7 (Sixtus II, pope & companions, martyrs; Cajetan, priest) Ernest & Frances Sartor, by their son
Saturday, 4:00pm	August 8 (Dominic, priest) The parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday, 8:30am	August 9 Emilio Macchiarolo, by Maria Macchiarolo
11:30am	Marianna and Luigi Cordsico, by the Lissner family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Donald Wolff, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Walter Szpakowicz, Carmella Balsamello, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Nico Nicolette, Jaryd Viserta, Steven Gaesser, Kacey Warner, Sandra Ramsey, Lorraine Mannarino, 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 Witherow, Theresa Fuller, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Chris Marion, III, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman, Wayne DeMarco, Ryan O'Connor, Elizabeth Brennan, Jerri Kavanaugh, Allan Garcia, Christine Habertzettl, Eric Hildebrandt, Rose Gotthardt, Georgia Gotthardt, John Olenick, John Hendrix, Stephen A. Odrechowski and fam., Scott Robertson, Eva Scopino, Jan Kaminski, Ana Anaya, Glenn Lagatol, Ellen Pentland, Shirley Simeone, Belinda Vazquez, Leticia Nuestro, Christina Nuestro, Vini Tankasali, Alice Drew, Catherine Scopino, and Amelia Quinn.

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The collection for July 25th/26th was \$5,415.
Thank you for your continued generosity.