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Dear Parishioners,

On this 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the liturgy presents a rare example of faith to us: a Canaanite woman who asks Jesus to heal her daughter who was “terribly troubled by a demon”. The Lord resisted her insistent entreaties and seemed impervious to them even when the disciples themselves interceded for her, as the Evangelist Matthew relates. In the end, however, confronted by the perseverance and humility of this unknown woman, Jesus consented: “Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass”.

“Woman, you have great faith!”. Jesus singles out this humble woman as an example of indomitable faith. Her insistence in imploring Christ’s intervention is an encouragement to us never to lose heart and not to despair, even in the harshest trials of life.

The Lord does not close his eyes to the needs of his children, and if he seems at times insensitive to witness of martyrs, closely associated with the redeeming sacrifice of Christ. In recent days, we have commemorated some of them: the Pontiffs, Pontianus and Sixtus II, the priest Hippolytus, Lawrence the Deacon with their requests, it is only in order to test them and to temper their faith. This is the witness of saints, this is especially the his companions, killed in Rome at the dawn of Christianity.

We have also commemorated a martyr of our time, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Edith Stein, Co-Patroness of Europe, who died in a concentration camp; and on this very day the liturgy presents to us a martyr of charity who sealed his witness of love for Christ in the bunker of starvation at Auschwitz: Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe, who willingly sacrificed himself in place of a father with a family.

I invite every baptized person and especially the young people who will be taking part in World Youth Day to look at this shining example of Gospel heroism. I invoke upon them all their protection and in particular, that of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, who spent several years of her life at the Carmelite convent in Cologne.

May Mary, Queen of Martyrs, whom we will contemplate tomorrow in her glorious Assumption into Heaven, watch over each one.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



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 23<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 10am-3pm.

Be sure to arrive at your assigned time and practice proper

The "Early Bird" Registration is over. You may still 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@reflectedES.com](mailto:MiriamS@reflectedES.com) if you would like to sign up or have any questions about all the available energy saving products.

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](mailto:deacon@stmarysportjervis.com).

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.

Save the Date! We will have an Avon fundraiser beginning October 14 to raise funds for the bus to Washington, DC in January for the March for Life.

More information forthcoming!

***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](http://Cardinalsappeal.org). All Donations can be mailed directly to : The Cardinal's Appeal PO Box 4020 NY, NY 10261. Our Parish number is **518**.

## Announced Masses

- Monday, August 17**  
9:00am Vicky Vicchiariello, by Helen and Ed Eckes
- Tuesday, August 18**  
9:00am Tom Sexton, by the Braun family
- Wednesday, August 19 (John Eudes, priest)**  
9:00am Peggy Klotz, by Mike and Carol Braun  
Mae Prill, by Teresa Lothian
- Thursday, August 20 (Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church)**  
9:00am Mary Marino, by Deacon Rich and Joanne Marino
- Saturday, August 22 (Queenship of the BVM)**  
4:00pm Minnie Parsons, by Georgy and Jim Soojian
- Sunday, August 23**  
8:30am Joseph Macchiarolo, by Maria Macchiarolo  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's



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

**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 Haberzettl, 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.

The collection for August 8th/9th will be reported next week.