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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's liturgy addresses to us Christians but also at the same time to every man and every woman the double question that one day Jesus put to his disciples. He first asked them: "Who do men say that the Son of man is?". They answered him saying that some of the people said John the Baptist restored to life, others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. The Lord then directly questioned the Twelve: "But who do you say that I am?". Peter spoke enthusiastically and authoritatively on behalf of them all: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". This solemn profession of faith the Church continues to repeat since then. Today too, we long to proclaim with an innermost conviction: "Yes, Jesus, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God!". Let us do so in the awareness that Christ is the true "treasure" for whom it is worth sacrificing everything; he is the friend who never abandons us for he knows the most intimate expectations of our hearts. Jesus is the "Son of the living God", the promised Messiah who came down to earth to offer humanity salvation and to satisfy the thirst for life and love that dwells in every human being. What an advantage humanity would have in welcoming this proclamation which brings with it joy and peace!

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". Jesus answers Peter's inspired profession of faith: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven". This is the first time that Jesus speaks of the Church, whose mission is the actuation of God's great design to gather the whole of humanity into a single family in Christ. Peter's mission, and that of his Successors, is precisely to serve this unity of the one Church of God formed of Jews and pagans of all peoples; his indispensable ministry is to ensure that she is never identified with a single nation, with a single culture, but is the Church of all peoples - to make present among men and women, scarred by innumerable divisions and conflicts, God's peace and the renewing power of his love. This, then, is the special mission of the Pope, Bishop of Rome and Successor of Peter: to serve the inner unity that comes from God's peace, the unity of those who have become brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

In the face of the enormous responsibility of this task, I am increasingly aware of the commitment and importance of the service to the Church and the world that the Lord has entrusted to me. I therefore ask you, dear brothers and sisters, to support me with your prayers so that, faithful to Christ, we may proclaim and bear witness together to his presence in our time. May Mary, whom we invoke with trust as Mother of the Church and Star of Evangelization, obtain this grace for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

Cardinal Dolan writes...

Dear friends in the Lord:

The COVID-19 pandemic concerned many countries and in several of them, preventive measures precluded the normal community celebration of Holy Week. The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and charitable structures that assist all citizens with Healthcare, education, and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest.

For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land, for the year 2020, take place on Sunday, September 13, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The celebration that commemorates the discovery of the Relics of the Cross by St. Helena also marks a new beginning of public worship in Jerusalem, with the construction of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. May it be a sign of hope and salvation after the passion to which many people are now associated, as well as solidarity with those who continue to live the Gospel of Jesus on the land where it "all began".

This offering allows God's people to inhabit the Holy Places and in so doing bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ. Your support helps the Franciscan friars to preserve the sacred shrines. I am asking you once again to be as generous as your means allow.

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.

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.

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. If you would like see a catalog, please stop by the parish office.

More information forthcoming!

All Masses will be in the Church

1. No sign of peace.
2. No holy water in the fonts.
3. No presentation of the gifts.
4. No collection baskets, kindly place your donation in the boxes in the narthex so designated.
5. Very limited congregational singing.
6. No clergy greeting at the end of Mass.
7. Please socially distance when you come enter the Church, if you come up for Communion, AND when you leave.
8. Confessions will still be held in the vesting sacristy.
9. Families kindly sit together, others please keep safe distance from others in each pew.

“To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.”

“Cualquier persona que necesite reportar algún incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diacono, religioso/a, o laico sirviendo en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se le pide que por favor contacte al coordinador de asistencia a las víctimas, Señora Eileen Mulcahy al 646-794-2949. Ella también pueden ser contactada vía correo electrónico: victimsassistance@archny.org. Para más información pueden visitar la página en la red de la arquidiócesis: www.archny.org. De acuerdo con las normas de la arquidiócesis sobre el respeto al abuso sexual de menores, esta información se provee para asegurar que nuestros niños permanezcan seguros.”

The collection for August 8th/9th was \$7,366.
The collection for August 15th/16th was \$3,319.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Announced Masses

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| Monday,
9:00am | August 24 (Bartholomew, apostle)
Dick & Jean Van Sickle, by Steve & Rosemarie Babey |
| Tuesday,
9:00am | August 25 (Louis; Joseph Calasanz, priest)
Intention of Our Lady, by Mary Connelly |
| Wednesday,
9:00am | August 26
Kara Hall, by a friend |
| Thursday,
9:00am | August 27 (Monica)
Victor Szpakowicz, by Sophie & Paul Rosso |
| Saturday,
4:00pm | August 29
The parishioners of St. Mary's |
| Sunday,
8:30am | August 30
Natalie Rimlinger, by Raymond Smith & Mary Rimlinger |
| 11:30am
1:00pm | Ida Lissner, by Michael and family
Charlotte Kiernan and David Jacobs, Jr., by Paul & Rosemary Brislin |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Donald Wolff, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeanine 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, Amelia Quinn, and Tonya Addy.

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The Cardinal's Appeal is still ongoing. Our goal is \$34,500. We have received pledges totaling \$18,905 from 95 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.