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Dear Parishioners,

Monday the 14th of September, we will be celebrating the liturgical Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. It invites us to meditate on the deep and indissoluble bond that unites the Eucharistic Celebration and the mystery of the Cross. Every Holy Mass, in fact, actualizes the redeeming sacrifice of Christ. “Every priest who celebrates Holy Mass”, our beloved Saint John Paul II wrote in the Encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, “together with the Christian community which takes part in it, is led back in spirit” to Golgotha and to the “hour” of his death on the Cross.

The Eucharist is therefore the memorial of the entire Paschal Mystery: the passion, death, descent into hell, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven; and the Cross is the moving manifestation of the act of infinite love with which the Son of God saved humankind and the world from sin and death. For this reason, the sign of the Cross is the fundamental act of our prayer, of Christian prayer.

Making the sign of the Cross - as we will do during the Blessing - means saying a visible and public “yes” to the One who died and rose for us, to God who in the humility and weakness of his love is the Almighty, stronger than all the power and intelligence of the world.

After the consecration of Holy Mass, the assembly of the faithful, aware of being in the real presence of the Crucified and Risen Christ, exclaims: “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again”. With the eyes of faith, the Community recognizes the living Jesus by the signs of his passion and with Thomas can repeat, full of wonder: “My Lord and my God!”.

The Eucharist is a mystery of death and of glory like the Crucifixion, which is not an accident on the journey but the way by which Christ entered into his glory and reconciled the whole of humanity, overcoming all enmity. This is why the liturgy invites us to pray with trusting hope: *Mane nobiscum, Domine! Stay with us, Lord, who has redeemed the world with your Holy Cross!*

Mary, present on Calvary beneath the Cross, is also present with the Church and as Mother of the Church in each one of our Eucharistic Celebrations. No one better than she, therefore, can teach us to understand and live Holy Mass with faith and love, uniting ourselves with Christ’s redeeming sacrifice. When we receive Holy Communion, like Mary and united to her, we too clasp the wood that Jesus with his love transformed into an instrument of salvation, and pronounce our “Amen”, our “Yes” to Love, crucified and risen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

We have various Mass Intentions available for 2020. If you would like a Mass Intention for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the

We will be opening the *2021 Mass Book* during the following hours:

Tuesday, October 13th from 9:30 until noon and from 5pm to 6pm
and on Wednesday, October 14th from 1pm to 3pm.

Monday Holy Hour resume on September 14th.

Confessions will be heard from 5:30pm until 6:15pm. Adoration will be from 5:30 pm until 6:30pm. All in the Chapel.



Banns of Marriage:
Taylor Groo
&
Christopher Garcia



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. The first day of Religious Instruction will be Sunday, October 4th.

The 2nd collection this weekend is the Good Friday collection that was unable to be collected during the Pandemic.

St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be Friday, September 18th from 10am until noon. If you or anyone you know needs help, please have them come during those times.

Boy Scout Troop # 173 will have their annual Clothing Drive and Car Wash on Saturday, September 26th from 9am until 3pm. They are accepting clothing, shoes, belts, and stuffed animals. Please bag like items alike. Clean out and help their Troop.

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Join us at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Wednesday, September 23rd for "Tailored Prayer: Finding the Way of Prayer that is Right for You" with Fr. Tim Ennis, O.Carm. Cost is \$10pp. Retreat will be held in the Shrine Church from 9:30 - 11:15am followed by Mass at 11:30am. Shrine is marked off for social distancing. Please wear a face mask and use hand sanitizer upon entering. Our picnic area will be available, weather permitting, for those who wish to enjoy the outdoor grounds and bring their own lunch. Gift Shop will be open until 4:00pm. The Shrine is located at 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director for reservations or further information at 845-343-1879.

Mount Carmel Society of Port Jervis NY will be having their famous Sausage and Pepper Curbside take-out Saturday September 19th 2020. Starting at 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM location will be at 21 First Street Port Jervis, NY at their hall. Thank you for your support.

The collection for September 5th/6th was \$7,892.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Announced Masses

Monday, 9:00am	September 14 (Exaltation of the Cross) Theresa Kavanagh, by Dan Kavanagh
Tuesday, 9:00am	September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows) Int. of Our Lady, by Mary Connelly
Wednesday, 9:00am	September 16 (Cornelius, pope and Cyprian, bishop and martyrs) Carol Springer, by the Hartmann family
Thursday, 9:00am	September 17 (Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor of the Church) Dick and Jean Van Sickle, by Mary Williams
Saturday, 4:00pm	September 19 The parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday, 8:30am	September 20 Francis Hartmann, by Betty Hartmann
11:30am	Joseph Portella, by Deacon Rich and Joanne Marino



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, in memory of Luann McCarthy, by Mom and Dad.

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, Amelia Quinn, Tonya Addy, Jackie Hamilton, Brandon Ulrichs, Ed Eckes, Helen Eckes, and Gloria Hicks.

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Please Add/Remove from prayer list:

Return no later than September 20, 2020.

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