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Dear Parishioners,

“Charity” - agape in Greek, caritas in Latin - does not primarily mean an act or positive sentiment; rather, it means the spiritual gift, the love of God that the Holy Spirit effuses in the human heart, moving it to give [this love] to God and to neighbor. Jesus’ entire earthly existence, from conception to death on the Cross, was a single act of love, so much so that we can summarize our faith in these words: Jesus Caritas, Jesus Love.

At the Last Supper, knowing that “His hour had come”, the divine Teacher offered His disciples the supreme example of love, washing their feet and entrusting to them the most precious inheritance, the Eucharist, where the entire Paschal Mystery is concentrated, as the Saint Pope John Paul II wrote in the Encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*.

“Take this and eat it, this is my body... all of you must drink from it, for this is my blood”. Jesus’ words in the Upper Room are a prelude to his death and manifest the awareness with which he faced it, transforming it into a gift of self in the act of love that gives completely.

In the Eucharist the Lord gives himself to us in His body, soul and divinity, and we become one with Him and with others. Our response to His love must then be concrete and expressed in an authentic conversion to love, in forgiveness, in welcoming one another and being attentive to the needs of everyone.

The kinds of service that we can render to our neighbor in everyday life, with a bit of attention, are many and varied. The Eucharist thus becomes the source of spiritual energy that renews our life each day, and in this way also renews the world in Christ’s love.

The saints are exemplary witnesses of this love; from the Eucharist they drew the strength of living a charity that was difficult and oftentimes heroic.

I think of Saint Vincent de Paul, whose liturgical memorial we would normally celebrate today . Saint Vincent de Paul said: “What a joy it is to serve the person of Christ in his poor members!”. And this he did with his entire life. I also think of Saint Mother Teresa, foundress of the Missionaries of Charity; she loved Jesus in the poorest of the poor, and received and contemplated Him every day in the consecrated Host.

Before and more than all the saints, divine charity filled the heart of the Virgin Mary. After the Annunciation, moved by the One she carried in her womb, the Mother of the Word-made-flesh hurriedly set out to visit and help her cousin Elizabeth. Let us pray so that every Christian, nourished by the Body and Blood of the Lord, may ever more grow in their love towards God and in generous service towards one’s neighbors.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



The Junior Catholic Daughters of America will be holding a Bake Sale at the Port Jervis Farmers Market on Saturday, October 3rd from 10 am - 2 pm. Please stop by to support this wonderful group of young women. They are raising money in order to be able to purchase Christmas presents for the family they will be adopting this year. If you would like to donate a baked good, please contact Eileen Carmody eileencarmody@rocketmail.com.

JCDA will be celebrating SOCKTOBER.

More information coming soon.



The 2nd collection this weekend is for St. Joseph’s Seminary.
Please give it your prayerful consideration.

There will be First Friday adoration on October 2nd following the 11:30am Mass. Confessions will be heard from 11am until 11:30am

The Blessing of the Animals will be next Sunday, October 4th at 1pm in the Church parking lot.



The Fall campaign for the 40 days for Life is a little less than three weeks away. For the first time in ten years, we will not have a 40 Days for Life Campaign at Goshen Planned Parenthood because since spring, Goshen Planned Parenthood has been closed! Praise God! As of now we do not know if this temporary or permanent. Please pray that their doors stay shut forever! If anyone would like to join Nancy in Newburgh, NY.



Anyone interested in helping with the Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10th call Nancy-845-856-4610. I will need 5 people to say a Decade of the Rosary, 2 people to carry banner (must be able to walk up hill on Sussex St.), a Pick up truck with driver to pick up and take back the cart from Mt. Carmel Society in Port Jervis, one person to take attendance at the rally and one person to push the cart with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima up the hill to Orange Square/ Veterans Me-

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.

St. Mary's Food Pantry is still available to all in our local and area communities. The next date will be Friday, October 2nd from 10am until noon. If you or anyone you know needs help, please have them come during those times.

Holy Hour has commenced on Mondays. Confessions will be heard from 5:30pm until 6:15pm. Adoration will be from 5:30 pm until 6:30pm.

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 1st day of Religious Instruction will be Sunday, October 4th.

Save the Date! Court Madonna #114 is hosting their annual appraisal day on Saturday, October 17th. For more information contact Kim Witkowski 856-2327. **More information forthcoming!**

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.

The collection for September 19th/20th was \$4,092. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Announced Masses

- Monday, September 28 (Wenceslaus, martyr; Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs)**
9:00am Magdalena Bosque, by the Capra family
- Tuesday, September 29 (Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels)**
9:00am Christine D'Alto, by the D'Alto fam.
- Wednesday, September 30 (Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Dr. Jane Brooks, by Ann Dilger
- Thursday, October 1 (Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Christine D'Alto, by the D'Alto fam.
- Friday, October 2 (Holy Guardian Angels)**
11:30am William R. McCann, by Lina and Pete Kowal
- Saturday, October 3**
4:00pm Josef Kucher, by Hannelore Kucher and fam.
- Sunday, October 4**
8:30am Rose Malanowski, by Sophie & Paul Rosso
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the Church, for the Intentions of Dick and Barbara Drew.

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, 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, Helen Eckes, Gloria Hicks, and Stephanie Gaide.

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.**