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Dear Parishioners,

Forty days after the Resurrection — according to the Book of the Acts of the Apostles — Jesus ascended into Heaven, that is he returned to the Father, by whom he had been sent into the world. The Ascension of the Lord marks the fulfillment of salvation that started with the Incarnation. After he had instructed his disciples for the last time, Jesus was taken up into Heaven. He, however, “was not separated from our condition”; indeed, in His humanity, He took man with Him into the intimacy of the Father and thus revealed the final destination of our earthly pilgrimage. As He descended from Heaven for us, and for us suffered and died on the Cross, so for us He rose and ascended to God, who, therefore, is no longer far away.

Saint Leo the Great explains that with this mystery “not only is the immortality of the soul proclaimed, but also that of the body. Today in fact, not only are we confirmed as possessors of paradise, but in Christ have also penetrated the heights of Heaven”. This is why the disciples, when they saw the Master rise from the ground and ascend upwards, they were not disheartened, as one might expect, instead, they were overcome with joy and felt compelled to proclaim Christ’s victory over death. And the Risen Lord worked in each of them, bestowing on each His own charism. Saint Paul writes further: “He gave gifts to men ... and His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers ... for building up of the body of Christ ... to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”.

The Ascension tells us that in Christ our humanity is brought to the heights of God; thus, every time we pray, earth is united to Heaven. And like incense, burning, its scent is carried on high, hence, when we raise our prayer to the Lord with confidence in Christ, it travels across Heaven and reaches God himself and is heard and answered by Him. In the well-known work by Saint John of the Cross, *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, we read that “in order to obtain the fulfillment of the petitions which we have in our hearts, there is no better way than to direct the energy of our prayer to the thing that most pleases God. For then not only will He give that which we ask of Him, which is salvation, but also that which He sees to be fitting and good for us, although we pray not for it”.

Finally let us beseech the Virgin Mary, that she may help us to contemplate the heavenly goods, which the Lord promises us, and to become ever more credible witnesses of his Resurrection, of true Life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

We are in need of 3 people to step up to be on the Parish Advisory Council for a 3 year term. We thank previous members Eileen Carmody, Michael Cuello, and John Kimberlin for their 3 years of service. Please call the parish office to submit your name before June 14th.



The Brechbiel family will be going to Lourdes and are willing to take petitions with them to place where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette. Forms are available at the parish office until June 14th.

The 2nd collection this weekend is for the Father’s Day Novena.

Liturgical Ministers for June 8th/9th, 2019.

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	H. ECKES, K. BOBISH	M. FEDRIZZI, J. MARCONE
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	D. MURO, J. TAYLOR, R. BABEY	T. LAMOREAUX, M. REINHARDT
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	B. DENNINGTON, T. MARION	A. ST. LOUIS, S. AND I. CUELLO

St. Mary's Little Lambs in Port Jervis is hosting Open Houses this spring; June 1 10-11:30 am, and June 27 4-6 pm. Pick the date that suits your family's schedule the best. Visit our classrooms, meet with staff, and learn how Little Lambs is raising standards in early childhood education. St. Mary's Little Lambs offers quality, affordable, Catholic preschool education for children of all denominations. Little Lambs is now registering for September 2019. Full and half day Pre-K3 and Pre-K 4 programs are available. For information contact director, Eileen Carmody at 845 858-4208, or visit the school, located at 44 Ball St. in Port Jervis.

There will be First Friday Adoration on June 7th after 11:30 Mass.

Please sign up for an hour in the Narthex.

The Port Jervis Police Department will be hosting a Family Self Defense and Awareness class on Saturday, June 15th from 10 am to 12 pm in Most Sacred Heart Hall. It will be presented by Master Mike Barnard and his wife Kim and staff from Han Ho Martial Arts and Secret Weapon MMA in Walden NY. This class is for adults and children 13 years and older. The event is free of charge. Call the parish office to sign up.



Save the Date!

Fruit of the Vine— Wine Appreciation 101.

Friday, June 21st 6pm until 9pm.

Tickets are available at the parish office \$25.

Each year the Archdiocesan Office for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith sponsors the Missionary Cooperative Appeal. This year our parish is pleased to welcome Monica Yehle who will speak to us on behalf of the Propagation of the Faith. Monica will be with us at all Masses June 8th/9th. She will speak to us about the many challenges missionaries face daily which we might take for granted. The 2nd collection that weekend will be sent to the Propagation office to support the needs of mission Dioceses and Religious communities. Evangelization is at the heart of the Church's mission throughout the world, and we ask you to be as generous as your means allow in this week's 2nd collection.

We are looking for classroom aids for Religious Ed. We would like to have an aid per class, please contact Teresa if you are interested. 858-4208.

The Tri-State Pregnancy Center is having an 80's themed dance fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 63 Seward Avenue, on June 8th from 6-9pm. Entrance is \$20 and includes food, water, and soda. BYOB.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, June 3 (Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs)**
9:00am Violeta Smadbeck, by Dr. Jane Brooks
William Gaide, by Stephanie Gaide
- Tuesday, June 4**
9:00am Living and deceased members of the Caraccillo family, by Agnes and Mary Ruth Iselin, by Anstead family
- Wednesday, June 5 (Boniface, bishop and martyr)**
9:00am Agustin Vega, Ana Anaya
- Thursday, June 6 (Norbert, bishop)**
9:00am Corina Rausch, by Eda Lapolt
- Friday, June 7**
11:30am William and Frank R. Gaide, by Stephanie Gaide
- Saturday, June 8**
4:00pm John and Mary Oliver, by the family
- Sunday, June 9 (Pentecost)**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Joseph John DiToto, by mother and brothers

Please Pray For the Sick: Angela Portella, Ramonita Irizarry, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Fuller, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Robert Witherow, J.D. Lipa, Nancy Crumley, Valentina Hall, Ryan O'Connor, Allen Lynch, Sarah Madison, Mary Ohl, Andrea Fedoruk, Donald Wolff, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Elizabeth Brennan, Susan Upton, Chris Marion, III, Walter Szpakowicz, Genevieve Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Carmella Balsamello, Wayne DeMarco, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Cinerar, Dennis Horner, Jackie Mundy, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Donetta S. Burley, James Lincoln, MaryLynn Beam, Antonino Mazzara, Ryan O'Connor, Arline Walsh, Kos Tocci, Florence Fink, John Hinkley Gloria Hinkley, Enid Decker, James E. Tirpak, James J. Tirpak, Carl Van Horn, Joe Williams, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Fran Doss, Joe Formisano, Nico Nicolette, and Jaryd Viserta.

Cardinal's Appeal

To date our parish has received 100 pledges totaling \$16,713. Our goal is \$35,500. Any amount is welcome.

The collection for May 25/26 was \$3,846.50.
Thank you for your continued generosity.