

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS

WORLD MISSION DAY

Mission at the heart of the Christian faith

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, “the very first and greatest evangelizer” (Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 7), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?

Mission and the transformative power of the Gospel of Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life

1. The Church’s mission, directed to all men and women of good will, is based on the transformative power of the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6). He is the Way who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our Way, we experience Truth and receive his Life, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love.

2. God the Father desires this existential transformation of his sons and daughters, a transformation that finds expression in worship in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4:23-24), through a life guided by the Holy Spirit in imitation of Jesus the Son to the glory of God the Father. “The glory of God is the living man” (Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses* IV, 20, 7). The preaching of the Gospel thus becomes a vital and effective word that accomplishes what it proclaims (cf. Is 55:10-11): Jesus Christ, who constantly takes flesh in every human situation (cf. Jn 1:14).

(Please read the rest of Pope’s message on Vatican website.)

This weekend the second collection is for the World Mission Sunday. Please be generous.

MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSELIN

Dear Parishioners,

It was a great blessing that we had Franciscan missionaries serving most of the parishes in Sullivan County for many years. People loved them and they did a tremendous work in bringing people close to God. One of the reasons for their successful ministry was their community life. Even though they were taking care of many different parishes they lived in one community, prayed together, ate together and discussed things together. As many of you know, Fr. Joseph, Fr. David and I are from a Religious Order called the Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (MMI) and the community life is the essential part of our Religious Order. With your prayer and support we are also planning to lead a community life here in Sullivan County.

As a first step to this we had a meeting with Bishop Dominick Laganegro and discussed about reshuffling Mass Schedule in our Parishes and we came up with the new weekday mass schedule. The new weekday mass schedule is given below. If you have any questions, suggestions and comments please feel free to call me at any time. Your ideas are welcome.

Last week on Wednesday 18th we had calendar meeting in our Parish and we discussed about our parish programs for the year 2018 and it was a great meeting. From January 2018 at the beginning of every month we will be updating the program for the month. Thanks to all for your prayers and support for the improvement of our Parish. Special thanks to our Parish Council members for your hard work, ideas, time and energy.

God bless you!

Fr. Joselin Berkman

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

All Souls Day mass will be celebrated on November 02 at 8.30 AM. The souls of your loved ones will be remembered specially on that day. Please come and pray for the departed soul of your loved ones.

NEW WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	- 8.30 AM
Tuesday	- 8.30 AM
Wednesday	- No Mass
Thursday	- 7.00 PM
Friday	- 8.30 AM
Saturday	- No Mass
First Saturday	- 8.30 AM
