

✠ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR ✠

After Jesus was baptized by Saint John the Baptist, Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove (cf. Saint Luke III 21-22a). That same Spirit is still descending upon Freeport and *doing great things for us*. It is (as you can read in other places throughout this bulletin) moving local businesses like the Merrick Car Wash and Azuma Restaurant to offer discounts to parishioners. It is moving organizations like the *D’Brickashaw Ferguson Foundation* (as it did many parishioners as well) to donate funds to our “Lift Me Higher Initiative” which will soon provide access to and from the lower church for those amongst us who have trouble with the stairs. And it moved a Freeport family from Our Holy Redeemer to donate the inspirational outdoor Nativity Scene that has graced 175 Woodcleft Avenue during both the Advent and Christmas Seasons! (Here I need to offer thanks to God as well for the contributions made to that outdoor Nativity Scene by Mr. John Tolte, Mr. Les Endo, and Mr. Lee Sparaco.) In all these things it’s as if the Father is still saying to Our Holy Redeemer: “You are My beloved Son with You I am well pleased” (Saint Luke III:22b).



Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport is always looking for opportunities to please the Father; especially those “linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist”. That is why in 2009, inspired by Pope Benedict XVI and the Year for Priests, a 7:00 A.M. Mass was added to our Sunday Mass schedule. That is why in 2016, inspired by Pope Francis and the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, **a 5:00 P.M. Mass has been added to our Mass-schedule on the first Sunday of the month and an additional hour (4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.) of Confessions is being offered on Fridays**. It is my hope that many will *come home* for these Sacraments, hear “a voice from Heaven say: ‘You are My beloved son with you I am well pleased’” (Saint Luke III:22b) and in the words of Pope Francis: “obtain the true and generous forgiveness of the Father Who renews all with His Presence.”

To please the Father should be the goal of every one of us who at Baptism was anointed with the Holy Spirit. That aspiration will surface your Priests for an additional hour a week in the Confessional and an additional hour of the month at the Altar; which may turn into an additional hour a week as well. **It is the hope of your Priests that you too will aspire to please the Father and commit yourself to offering Him an additional hour a week of your time by *coming home* to our Perpetual Adoration Chapel.** “Your commitment to your Perpetual Adoration Chapel” (wrote Bishop Murphy on 6 January 2003 in commemoration of our Parish’s one hundredth anniversary) “is a testimony to the belief that all your activities as a parish flow from your life of prayer.” So it was in 2003; so it is now in 2016; and so it will be during the Jubilee Year (8 December 2015 – 20 November 2016) and beyond!

Please use today’s bulletin to select “a day of the week” and “a time of the day” when you can *come home* to “watch and pray” with Our Holy Redeemer in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. With your one hour in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, and our additional hours of Confessional Mercy and Holy Mass, together we will help – in the words of Pope Francis – “enable the celebration of the Holy Year to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God ... a living experience of the closeness of the Father ... a genuine experience of God’s mercy.”

In Union with Mary, Our Mother of Mercy,

Father Arcoleo+

MY TIME WITH HIM IN THE PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Yes, I will “spend one hour with Him” in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. I have indicated below when I commit myself to “watch and pray”.

PLEASE CIRCLE A DAY OF THE WEEK

Sunday ✕ Monday ✕ Tuesday ✕ Wednesday ✕ Thursday ✕ Friday ✕ Saturday

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12:00 Midnight – 1:00 A.M.

1:00 A.M. – 2:00 A.M.

2:00 A.M. – 3:00 A.M.

3:00 A.M. – 4:00 A.M.

4:00 A.M. – 5:00 A.M.

5:00 A.M. – 6:00 A.M.

6:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M.

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

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